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Shell Museum Makes Two Big Announcements



The museum hopes to add 10 to 15 live aquarium tanks as part of its remodeling project image courtesy Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

by Jeff Lysiak

n the heels of a landmark announcement of a major renovation project, officials with the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum unveiled a historic accomplishment last Wednesday evening in front of a select audience of board members, supporters and sponsors that may prove to be even more compelling to shell enthusiasts and scientists alike.

Following a short video which described some of the ideas for refurbishing the front entrance to the museum and adding several large-scale aquariums on the first floor of

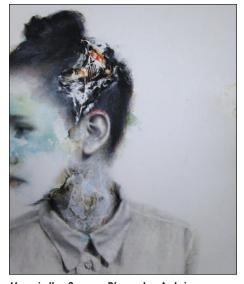


Rare image of a live junonia, photographed by Marine Biologist Rebecca Mensch, taken while the mollusk was moving photo courtesy Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

the structure, Executive Director Dorrie Hipschman proudly proclaimed, "We are building an aquarium for mollusks, which has never been done before."

Rebecca Mensch, one of the museum's

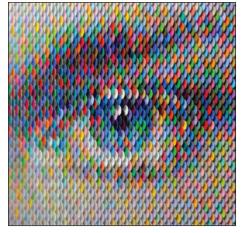
marine biologists, explained that in conjunction with the plan to add between 10 and 15 live aquarium tanks to the Sanibel attraction, she looked at three of the most continued on page 6



Here is the Square Blouse by Antoine Cordet images provided

Contemporary Exhibit On Captiva

Robert Fontaine Gallery of Miami Beach returns to the Captiva Civic Center with Island Contemporary IV, a new exhibition of emerging, midcareer, established and master artists ranging in historical scope from the



Private Eye by Peter Combe

origins of American Pop Art to the most current evolutions of digital media. Fontaine grew up on Captiva and Sanibel islands and is a former Captiva Civic Association Scholarship recipient.

The exhibition is open to the public and will be on view through April 19 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling 472-2111. A portion of the proceeds from artwork sales benefits the Captiva Civic Association.

Artists on view include Luis Lazo, continued on page 22

Canadian String Quartet Wraps Up Season For Music Festival



St. Lawrence String Quartet

The St. Lawrence String Quartet, renowned for the intensity of its performances, will conclude the Sanibel Music Festival on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the intimate setting of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

This acclaimed Canadian string quartet returns with a fresh format for the first half of the concert, called Haydn Discovery. Before Haydn, in string quartets the first violin was

photo provided

primary and the other three instruments were mostly accompaniment. Haydn was the inventor of the modern string quartet, in which all four voices are equal. Geoff Nuttall, first violinist and founding member of the quartet, will explore a Haydn quartet from various perspectives, and then the quartet will perform the work in its entirety. Other quartet members are Owen Dalby, violin; Lesley Robertson, viola; and Christopher continued on page 15

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Antique Clocks On Display



A sampling of the antique and vintage clocks on display

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Tnspired by the recent change to daylight saving time, clocks from the early 1900s are on display at the Sanibel Historical

"The display crew at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village has dusted off some vintage clocks and put them on display in each of the buildings," said Deb Gleason, chair of the display committee and chair of the City of Sanibel Historical Preservation Committee. "Many of the clocks are from the collection of islander Dale McGinley, who donated them to the village some years ago. The handsome cases are constructed of mahogany, oak and walnut and most date from the early 1900s.

Clocks are on display in every village building with descriptive plaques, and scattered among them are various quotations regarding the use of time:

"Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.

– H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Time is what we want most but what we use worst." – William Penn

More than a dozen clocks are on display, one of which was a wedding gift, marked Ingersoll Striker, Escape Wheel, English Oak Case, circa 1940. An engraved plaque on the front says, "Presented to Miss Marjorie Baker by the Directors of Ingersoll LTD, London, on the occasion of her marriage." Another English clock in an oak case is dated 1935 and marked, "Westminster chime."

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access. Admission is \$10 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are admitted free.

For more information, call 472-4648 during museum hours or visit www. sanibelmuseum.org.以

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Easter Egg Hunt At Sanibel Church

Church. There will be outdoor games, crafts, preschool games, a bounce house, storytelling and a free lunch. New this year will be the life-size Family Candy Land Adventure in Fellowship Hall. The finale will be age appropriate egg hunts, with 2,500 pre-filled eggs and prizes.

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Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.



Young girl collecting colorful eggs

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Author Shares Stories With Volunteers

uthor, historian and long-time historical **L**village volunteer Jeri Magg enlightened and entertained Sanibel Historical Village volunteers with an hourlong discussion of Captiva history, filled with fun stories and interesting facts.

Magg told stories of William Binder, who was shipwrecked in a storm off Boca Grande around 1860. The only survivor, he couldn't swim and clung to driftwood as the tides took him to Captiva.

John and Julia Dickey arrived in 1904 on Sanibel, but found it was quite a trip from the bay to the beach they loved, there being no Periwinkle Way or Lindgren Boulevard. They found narrower Captiva Island better met their needs. The Dickeys had three sons. Their teacher, Reba Fitzpatrick, came with them, and the boys built Reba a house. Today, the

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Jeri Magg with a vintage photo of Dessa and Andy Rosse photo provided

dining room of 'Tween Waters Inn is all that remains of her house.

In 1898, George Carter, his wife and five children came to homestead 160 acres continued on page 8



Captiva Day

photo courtesy Captiva Island Historical Society Archives

Captiva Island Historical Society

Looking Back: Captiva Day 1986

his week's image was taken on the beach on Captiva on March 27, 1986. That date was declared Captiva Day.

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 www.captivaislandhistoricalsociety. org/archives/research to view many more images to bring you closer to Captiva.





The Community House



The Allegrini Wine Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 29 photo provided

Foodies And Yogis

This specialty program will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. It 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. The topic for this class is Rosemary and Restorative Yoga. Cost is \$49 per person. Call or go online to register.

Potluck Wednesday

The next potluck will be held on Wednesday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. The guest speaker is Nikki Rood of the Sanibel Sprout. She will be speaking about plant based power meals. Bring a dish to share that can serve approximately eight people.

Allegrini Wine Dinner

The Allegrini Wine Dinner Fundraiser for The Community House will be held on Thursday, March 29, hosted by Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's. Cost is \$125 per person.

There will be a seven-course plated dinner matched with seven different Allegrini Estate wines. The Allegrini family hails from Italy where they were awarded Winery of the Year in 2016 by Italy's premier wine rating guide. Robin Shay, brand ambassador of Allegrini, will share his unique perspective on wine. Reservations are limited and aternative diet requests should be made at the time of reservation. To register or for more information, go to https://sanibelcommunityhouse.net/calendar/allegrini-wine-dinner.

Kids Cooking First Mondays

Kids Cooking First Mondays goes to Mexico on April 2 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes the meal prepared in class with Resident Chef Jarred Harris. Register by March 27.

On May 7, cooking inspiration comes from Thailand.

Couples Cooking With Loretta And Jarred

On Tuesday, April 3 from 5 to 8 p.m., chefs Loretta Paganini and Jarred Harris will collaborate on a hands-on

cooking event, themed Taste of Napa Valley.

The menu will include Heirloom Tomato, Beet and Micro Green Salad with Goat Cheese Vinaigrette, Lobster Ravioli with Lemon Butter Sauce and Wagyu Teres Major Medallions, and Passion Fruit Crème Brulee'. Cost is \$75 for members and \$95 for quests.

Children's Theater Shows

Support the islands' young performers as they present *Aladdin Jr.* April 5 through 8. Tickets are \$10 for those under 18 years and \$15 for adults and are available online at http://ctw.life/product/aladdin-jr.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are offered on Monday and Thursday from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. See website for details.

Colorful Sips Painting

Colorful Sips with Sissi Janku will be held on Wednesday, April 4 beginning at 7 p.m. No experience is required. Students will explore new ways to paint with acrylics. Bring your favorite snack or beverage. Registration can be completed online. Cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for guests.

Color Your Life Interior Design Workshop

The final workshop in this series, directed by the Sanibel design team of Decorating Den Interiors, will be held on Monday, April 9 from 12 to 2 p.m. The workshop will begin with a luncheon prepared by Resident Chef Jarred Harris. Cost is \$30 per person. The workshop runs from noon to 2 p.m. Register by 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 online at www. sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.

Art By You With Jenny

Make Alcohol Ink coasters with artist Jenny Licht on Wednesday, April 11. Cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-member. Call or go online for details.

Coming Soon

There will be a hog roast on Saturday, April 14 and a shredding day on Saturday, April 21.

Annual Meeting Notice

The Sanibel Community Association (SCA) annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25 beginning at 5 p.m. Appetizers and beverages will follow the report. Call 472-2155 for reservations. Ballots will be emailed; mailed only if no email is on file. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to either the building or operating fund, visit the website or stop by.

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





Artistic rendering of the new exterior of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

image courtesy Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

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Shell Museum

popular local shell species - the junonia, Scotch bonnet and lion's paw — and how they might be featured within the upcoming project.

However, there was a dilemma.

"I couldn't find any photos of a live junonia," said Mensch. "And how do we know if the depiction of a live junonia we have on display in the museum is accurate?'

After consulting with Dr. Jose H. Leal, the museum's science director and curator, Mensch soon learned that finding images of live junonias was rather difficult. It took Leal two days to find any photographic evidence of the rare deepwater mollusk

here," she noted.

Hoping to gain some more insight into the biology of live junonias, Mensch had recently been invited to participate in a research cruise fronted by Dr. Greg Herbert, associate professor at the University of South Florida School of Geosciences and USF's Florida Institute of Oceanography. Dr. Herbert, who is also on the museum's board of trustees, is engaged in a project mapping the mollusk community of the Florida Gulf shelf. The expedition, which ran from February 22 to 26, performed 30 dredges of marine material around the clock some 100-plus miles out into the Gulf of Mexico at depths of 65 to 1,100 feet.

Sometimes you get nothing, and sometimes there's a lot," Mensch told the



The discovery of a live junonia specimen is groundbreaking news for shellers and scientists photo courtesy Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

A Monumental Discovery

During the four-day excursion, Mensch and other research scientists found three live junonias amongst the marine materials pulled up from the bottom of the gulf. She was able to document the landmark find on video and in several high-resolution

After pointing out some of the physical features of the mollusks in action, Mensch also shared a number of other revelations:

Junonias lack an operculum, but do have an epipodium covered in small papillae;

The mottled coloring of the junonia body probably helps it camouflage;

Junonias have a short siphon which does not protrude out of the sand when they bury themselves.

So if you look at the junonia display

here at the museum, we actually got it right," Mensch added.

Those attending the March 14 announcement were thrilled to hear the news of this groundbreaking achievement and to see pictures and video of the live junonias. However, the surprise of the evening came when Mensch declared that the three specimens are currently on loan to the museum for research purposes, thanks to Dr. Herbert.

Then, stepping back to her right, Mensch pulled the cover off an aquarium containing all three live junonias. At that point, the crowd gasped in awe before breaking into applause.

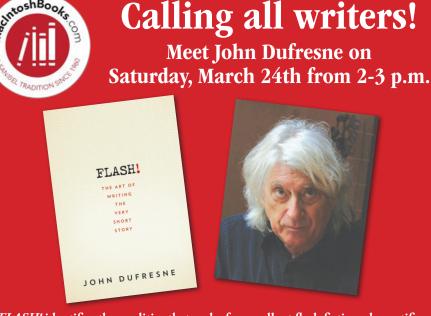
"This is very exciting. We've been talking about this project for two years,' said Mensch, glancing towards the tank "We consider these mollusks specimens –



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John Dufresne is the author of six novels, two of which were New York Times Notable Books of the Year, two short story collections and two books on creative writing. He is a regular at the Sanibel Writer's Conference and teaches in the MFA program at Florida International University in Miami.

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we'll be studying lighting needs, temperature needs, substrate, water flow and water quality needs. These mollusks kinda bury themselves in the sand, so how would you display that without stressing them out?"

While the live junonias won't be on public display at the museum, they will be featured in videos and photo galleries posted on the museum's website, located at www.shellmuseum.org/junonia.

Renovation Details

People attending the museum's Under the Sea fundraiser on February 3 saw a sneak preview of the renovations being planned for the facility via three artist renderings.

The first image features the new exterior of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, with extended glass windows and relief renderings of mollusks and ocean animals carved into the walls. A second image includes a drawing of people interacting with multiple live aquarium displays. The third rendering shows visitors interacting with touch tanks and other hands-on displays.

"The idea behind this started with our touch tanks," Hipschman explained. "Rebecca Mensch built an eight-foot tank, which we installed on the first floor in 2015. But we learned very quickly, with more than 60,000 visitors every year, that it just wasn't going to be possible to do everything we wanted to do. The Touch Tank demonstrations are very popular; in fact, for many people it's life changing. People come here thinking shells are just rocks, but when they learn that they're living things, it really opens their eyes."

Initially, museum leaders discussed the idea of adding a large aquarium within The



The museum's interactive touch tanks will be enhanced and expanded

image courtesy Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

Great Hall of Shells, located on the second floor. However, given the terrific weight such an amenity would require, as well as the limited space available, other options began being explored.

"We had to think about how we could maximize the space within our building," said Hipschman. "We can't expand the footprint of our building, so we had to look into how we could use our ground floor hest."

Hipschman and other museum officials met with architect Amy Nowacki and City of Sanibel Building Department official Harold Law. During that meeting, Law pointed out that because the building is supported by columns rather than walls, none of the interior walls of the structure were load-bearing.

"As long as the aquariums are contained underneath the extension of our roof, we can add them to our first floor,"

Hipschman explained. "We're going to be replacing some of our exterior walls, some of which will be covered with rolldown hurricane doors and insect screens."

Preliminary plans call for "between 10 and 15" live aquarium tanks – with capacities between 100 and 1,000 gallons – to be installed at the museum.

"We're planning to build a natural ecosystem of mollusks, fish and other marine creatures that you might not know that much about or haven't seen before," said Hipschman, who offered that the tanks might be occupied by cuttlefish, Horse Conchs, giant clams, nautilus, sea bunnies, squid and octopus. "We want people to look closely – we want them to be amazed."

According to a museum press release, this will be the first aquarium in the world devoted exclusively to mollusks of all species and geographies. There will be



Rebecca Mensch holding one of the live junonias photo courtesy

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum aquariums filled with mollusks as well as animals from Southwest Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. There will also be many opportunities for hands-on educational programs for visitors of all ages, especially children, at the new state-of-the-art touch tank

The museum hopes to have the project started sometime in 2019. Details on the cost for the renovation, along with the forthcoming capital campaign, will be announced shortly.



More Fun Than A Barrel Of Monkeys

he children in the LOGOS family ministry program at Sanibel Community Church were monkeying around all night long on March 14. Every child had a barrel of monkeys to link together. Then, representatives from each table displayed their skills with a larger barrel of monkeys. This mid-week family ministry happens each Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m. for families with children ages 3 years old through fifth grade.☆



Caroline Muddell was able to link up her monkeys faster than her table parent Janet McBee photos provided



Miss Wacky (Terri Kirchner) was "aping" around with preschoolers Keeva Clark and Finley

Officers Find 25 Marijuana Plants On Sanibel Boat

by Jeff Lysiak

fficers from the Sanibel Police Department, while responding to a call for diesel fuel leaking from a boat docked behind a Bay Drive residence, discovered a grow house aboard the vessel.

On March 18, police arrested Erik James Brown, 34, after they discovered 26 marijuana plants being grown aboard the boat. During their investigation, officers also found 15 Xanax along with multiple drug paraphernalia devices.

Along with the Sanibel Police Department, the United States Coast Guard responded to the scene to investigate the diesel fuel leak. Following the discovery of the marijuana plants, Coast Guard officials seized the vessel for evidence.

Brown, a resident of Captiva with a long history of arrests, was charged with drug trafficking, possession of cannabis over 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Lee County Jail and remained in custody as of Tuesday morning. His trial date has been scheduled for April 23.

Rec Center Fun Day March 30

egister your child for the upcoming Fun Day at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Friday, March 30. There will be a variety of athletic games, craft projects and entertainment for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bring lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

Middle schoolers can plunge into some outdoor fun in a variety of waterrelated island activities ranging from

fishing (poles provided), beach games, swimming and a pizza lunch. The city van will depart at approximately 9 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Bring sunscreen, swimsuit, towel and water.

Register by March 23 for the "early bird" rate of \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members; on or after March 24, registration is \$36 for members and \$48 for non-members.

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

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Stories

on what is now part of South Seas Island Resort. The Carter grandchildren loved life on the plantation. The boys loved to skinny dip - and smoke. One boy put his pipe in his pants before taking a dip and found his pants on fire after returning to shore. None of his cousins would lend him some pants, so he was forced to dash through his mother's prayer group in the living room naked.

'We all love listening to Jeri tell these and many more stories," said Executive Director Emilie Alfino. "It's not only educational, but Jeri makes it fun. We're very happy to be able to hold these sessions for our volunteers.'

Magg is the author of Historic Sanibel & Captiva Islands: Tales of Paradise and Remarkable Women of Sanibel & Captiva. Both books are sold at the Sanibel Historical Village store.

At the next Volunteer Update on April 2, village volunteers will hear from Ann Walter of the old Harbor House Restaurant.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults over 18; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access at the village. For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit www.

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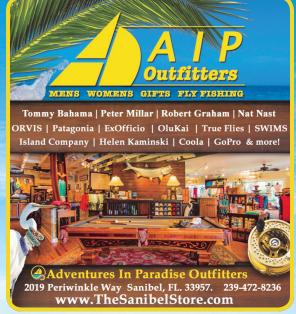
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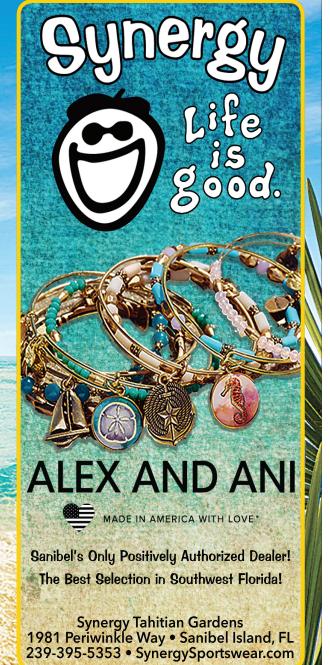


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CARD OF THANKS

he 81st Annual Sanibel Shell Festival, co-hosted by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Sanibel Community Association, was a great success, and the two organizations wish to express their appreciation to everyone who supported and attended the event.

The following generously provided donations to the Sanibel Community Association raffle: Sailor's Valentine designed and created in the traditional style by artist Constance Marshall Miller; Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts - one week vacation; Shell box covered with shells from around the world designed by award-winning artist Susan Lloyd; Solid brass desk clock by Chelsea Clocks from its Embassy collection donated by Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery; Large specimen shell donated by Larry Strange of Sanibel Seashell Industries in a lucite case donated by Ann Arnoff, Charles Lister and Bill Schecker; Shelligram calligraphy with Sanibel shells designed by Sanibel artists David and Jo Stark.

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club would like to extend a special thank you to our Scientific Judges, John Slapcinsky and Gary Schmelz, PhD, and our Artistic Judges, Phyllis Gray and Shannon Webster; to Dorrie Hipschman and her

staff for the use of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum for our Judges' Awards Reception and for giving free admission to everyone who gave the \$5 donation to enter the Shell Show; and to nature photographer Melanie Moraga for allowing us to use her photography without charge for the Shell Show awards and the Shell Festival magazine.

The club would like to thank the following businesses for making major financial contributions to the Sanibel Shell Show. There are two Angel Wing sponsors, the Island Inn and The Fields family; Heart Cockle level sponsors include Island Sun, Three Crafty Ladies, Bailey's General Store, Karl Kotasek and She Sells Sea Shells. Congress Jewelers presents a special pin that is awarded to the winner of the Shell Show's Anne Joffe Sanibel Superstar Award. We

thank them for their support.

Besides these major sponsors, the following businesses and individuals sponsored the trophies and the awards that were given to the winners of the Scientific Division and Artistic Division competitions of the Shell Show:

King's Crown level sponsors include the Sanibel Community Association and the Shell Crafters, the Weinstein family, Bonnie Ford, Shalimar Cottages & Motel, the Edinburg family, the McGowan family, the Lesinski family,

the Clifford family, Goz Gosselin, Sanibel Seashell Industries, Bank of the Islands, West Wind Inn, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, the Neujahr family, Congress Jewelers, Jerry's Foods, Delaware Museum of Natural History, Conchologists of America, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, Joyce Matthys, Norm Zeigler's Fly Shop, the Sexauer family, Gene Everson, Eugene C. Spencer, Casa Ybel Resort, Mary Burton, Matzaluna and The Timbers Restaurant, and Doug and Kathy Kapp.

In addition to the many items provided by our members, the Shell Club also thanks Publix, Jerry's Foods, Costco, The Great White Grill, The Sanibel Deli and Coffee Factory, Subway, Bank of the Islands, and Jim and Sharon Ellen. Those who worked the whole day at the Shell Show greatly

appreciated your donations.

The Shell Club thanks its members and those who prepared the "thank-you bags" given at the Shell Show entrance. We thank the authors who participated in book signings at the Authors Table. And a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave so tirelessly of their time and efforts, and the exhibitors whose incredible scientific or artistic exhibits continue to make the Sanibel Shell Show the largest and most prestigious show in the country.

Thank you to the Island Sun, The Islander/Island Reporter and the Santiva Chronicle newspapers for providing great coverage with stories and photos before and during the festival. The Island Sun's magazine was beautifully done and mailed to all households on the island. A special thank you to the following local TV stations that provided live coverage of our event: WINK TV, FOX-4 and

A special thank you goes to the Sanibel Community Association Executive Director Teresa Riska-Hall and her staff for the many tasks they performed for the Shell Club and Shell . Crafters throughout the Shell Festival.

A huge thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who tirelessly worked to make the Shell Festival such a great success: the Sanibel Community Association Shell Crafters who create the lovely artistic and whimsical items with shells throughout the year; the "Shelling Bees" who sort and prepare the shells to sell at the Shell Tent; the Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary club members who helped daily with parking.

Thank you to the City of Sanibel and the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce for their assistance and support. Appreciation is directed to the island businesses that promoted the festival. And most importantly, a huge thank you is extended to the community of Sanibel-Captiva for helping to make the 81st Annual Shell Festival a success, and to you, the attendees for your interest and patronage.

Planning is already under way for next year's festival. The dates are March 7, 8 and 9, 2019 at The Community House. Plan to come and again be amazed!

- Sanibel Shell Festival Co-chairs, Mary Burton, Joyce Matthys and Sue Schoenherr‡

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HOLY WEEK March 24th - April 1st

PALM SUNDAY - THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Saturday, March 24th - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, March 25th - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK – 6:00 p.m. "A Visible Truth"

Explore with Dr. Anne-Marie Bouché the artistic and spiritual relationship between the Incarnation and the Passion of Christ.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 5:00 p.m.

Washing of the Feet, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY – 12:00 p.m. with Communion

HOLY SATURDAY – 5:00 p.m.

with Communion

Following the service, there will be a potluck supper.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER – Saturday - 8:00 p.m.

Kindling of the new fire, lighting of the Paschal Candle, Lessons, and Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday Eucharist

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

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Holy Week Services at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY

SUNCOAST BRASS and Chancel Choir – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services Parade of Palms at 9:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. John H. Danner preaching

MARCH 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Tenebrae & Holy Communion - 7:30 p.m. Special music by the Chancel Choir

MARCH 30 - GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL SERVICE - Noon

With a dramatic monologue, "You Don't Know Him," by the Rev. Deb Kunkel as the wife of Judas

APRIL 1 - EASTER SERVICES - 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Special music by the Chancel Choir The Rev. Dr. John H. Danner preaching



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From left, Isla Mendez, Jaclyn and Emily Walsh, Henry Kaffould and Summer Mendez at Picnic with Parents Day photo provided

Preschoolers Have A Picnic With Their Parents

he preschoolers of Summit Christian Preschool enjoyed a picnic with their parents on the playground of Sanibel Community

Church on March 6. It was a beautiful afternoon to spend together while having peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, watermelon, chips and juice boxes.

Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year has begun. For information about registration or for a tour of the school, contact Andy Reidsma at the main campus at 482-7007. A

Church Presenting Musical Drama

n Maundy Thursday, March 29 and Good Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. each evening, Sanibel Community Church will present a dramatic presentation of the Passion of The Christ: Stations of The Cross drama with music. This powerful drama takes participants back to the night of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in the portrayal of 10 of the stations of the cross. It will be a service of gratitude and hope because of what Jesus accomplished on that first Good Friday.

Come and see the Stations of The Cross come alive in this meditation service reflecting upon the gracious work of God on the cross.

Participants will have the opportunity to contribute to the support of persecuted Christians around the world. In fact,

Amy Sbarra at the cross

photo provided

preaching the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ is illegal in 53 countries. A love offering will be received for Voice of the Martyrs.

Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-denominational congregation with the church campus at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call



Celebrative Music with Brass Ensemble, Chancel Choir & Contemporary Praise Team!
8 a.m. - Dr. Ed VanderHey preaching: "Easter Fool" - Traditional Service - Historic Chapel
9 & II a.m. - Dr. Daryl G. Donovan proclaiming: "The Risen One is Returning!" - Main Sanctuary
Special "Kid's Church" time for children infant through third grade in the Family Life Building during the 9 & II a.m. services.

Please Pre-check in your children prior to the Worship Service time.

OBITUARY



TIMOTHY HAYS VOLLMER

n Thursday, March 2, 2018, Tim Vollmer of Baltimore, formerly of Sanibel Island, Florida, passed away. He was the beloved son of William and Mary (nee Hays) Vollmer; dear brother of Jeff Vollmer and his wife Shannon; devoted grandson of Julia K. Hays; loving uncle of Will, Lila and Jack Vollmer; cherished nephew of Thomas A. Hays VI.

Tim grew up on Sanibel Island where he played little league and other youth sports, enjoyed summer recreation and spent time fishing and canoeing with his

family. He attended Sanibel Elementary School and the Canterbury School in Fort Myers before graduating from the Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, Massachusetts. At Eaglebrook, Tim excelled at snowboarding and was a member of the school's competitive snowboarding team. He also learned how to create stained glass. After he graduated from Eaglebrook, Tim attended The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. At Lawrenceville, Tim played football, wrestled and served as president of his dormitory (Kinnan) during his senior year. Tim graduated from Lawrenceville in 2000 and matriculated at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. At Ithaca, Tim majored in English and continued to develop his lifelong love of reading and

After he graduated from Ithaca in 2005, Tim's life led him to a wide range of experiences in different corners of this country. He lived on Sanibel, where he became part of the Lazy Flamingo family and developed a passion for wakeboarding. Tim lived in Tucson, Arizona, where he studied the art of jujutsu at Martial Arts of Tucson and earned the nickname "Blood" from his friends. Most recently, Tim lived in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was born. There, he became part of the Petit Louis Bistro family, and continued to pursue his athletic interests at Crossfit Arenal. Over the years, he also spent time with his family in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and joined his brother for adventures in fishing, camping, golfing and Guns N' Roses concerts.

Tim loved dogs, movies, books, music and games. He taught himself to play acoustic guitar and never stopped writing creatively. He will be missed.

A Service of Remembrance will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church on Sanibel Island in Florida on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please remember Tim with memorial contributions to the Kolmac Foundation, 3919 National Drive, Suite 300. Burtonsville, MD 20866. Donations can be made at: www.kolmacfoundation. org.₩

Theological Studies Courses

od, Guns and the Good Old USA, a course by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, will be presented in identical sessions at both 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through March 28 at Sanibel Congregational United Church of

Then, on April 11 and 18, the Rev. Dr. Ran Niehoff will collaborate with Dr. Danner to present a course entitled The Stewardship of Creation. This course also be at presented at both 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. each week.

Theological Studies classes are in Fellowship Hall at the church, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, and are free and open to the public.

Gods, Guns and the Good Old USA will cover the history of gun rights and gun control in the United States. Pastor Danner will explore the origins of the Second Amendment and various ways it's been interpreted over the last two centuries; how theological language has been used in the debates over gun control; and possible ways to address gun violence in the United States as well as the positions taken by various religious

organizations."

This course deals with an issue at the crossroads of societal concerns and morality," said Dr. Danner. "We will explore some of the basic historical, scientific, psychological and sociological issues surrounding gun violence; but we will be focus especially on the theological conundrums presented by this volatile issue. The temptation is always to see issues as 21st century concerns, as matters that have only become important/relevant in our own day. But the reality is we human beings have been wrestling with violence from the beginning of human history."
He further explained, "Lent is

a season of reflection, a season of contemplation. And while it might seem a bit odd to be exploring this issue in the season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, I propose that this is exactly the right time. Our faith is rooted in the story of Jesus, who died in a most violent way, and has from the beginning included questions about violence, and how to make sense of them. It's therefore appropriate that we ask such questions of our own day and our own lives.

For information about these and other education opportunities, call 472-0497 or visit www.sanibelucc.org.☆

One Act of Injustice

Parishioners For Justice was formed to fight for Fr. Senk, but as faithful Catholics they never anticipated the chain of events that followed would lead to a struggle to save their church, as well as shake their belief in the Catholic Church as a whole. EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED IS THE RESULT OF ONE ACT OF INJUSTICE.

The turmoil began on October 28, 2016, when Fr. Senk, Pastor of St. Isabel Catholic Church, was unexpectedly placed on administrative leave by Bishop Frank Dewane. Using a dismissed, meritless case as his justification, a case that had been closed by the Lee County Sherrif's Dept. and the State Attorney's Office months before, Bishop Dewane banished Fr. Senk from the St. Isabel property. Vehemently denying the false accusations against him, Fr. Senk is resisting Bishop Dewane's attempt to remove him from the priesthood. That is why over 500 parishioners supporting Fr. Senk formed Parishioners For Justice. As a group they have hired canon and civil lawyers to defend Fr. Senk against the actions brought against him by Bishop Dewane. In June 2017, Bishop Dewane sent the case to Rome seeking to permanently end Fr. Senk's 41 years as a priest.



Bishop Dewane's actions not only caused Fr. Senk undue humiliation and the loss of his right to perform his duties as a priest, but have resulted in the gradual destruction of the faith community parishioners cherished. Parishioners now dissatisfied and spiritually unfulfilled by the temporary "priest in residence", have chosen to go off-island to other Catholic churches or attend the more welcoming St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Sanibel. A widely shared sentiment is that the church is no longer a joyful community without Fr. Senk.

Other changes have happened at the church that have now caused parishioners and visitors to stop attending Masses at St. Isabel Church. The forced resignation of the talented music director and changes made by the "priest in residence" and the office manager have created an unpleasant atmosphere. It is difficult to imagine that those responsible for what has been taking place at St. Isabel don't realize that their actions only aggravate an already devastating situation. Some parishioners who still attend St. Isabel maintain that they are "fine", but church officials cannot deny that attendance is drastically diminished. Declining numbers might also explain the shortened office hours, continuing the summer hours year-round with the staff only available to parishioners four days a week for a total of only 24 hours. This season, the annual Orchid Ball fund raiser, which always "sold out" with 200+ under Fr. Senk, was attended by only a fraction of that number, even with complimentary tickets being given to some parishioners. THE RESULT OF ONE ACT OF INJUSTICE

Understandably upset by what has happened to Fr. Senk and to their beloved parish, parishioners have expressed their discontent by withholding financial support, 26% of which is taken by Bishop Dewane and the diocese. In the 14 years that Fr. Senk was at the church its collections always exceeded its needs. This year's financial report states the church missed its needs by \$97,292. Surely this deficit indicates how many parishioners believe what Bishop Dewane did to Fr. Senk was unjust. Some parishioners have reluctantly stopped performing their personal ministries due to the actions of the "priest in residence" and office staff, and most social and charity functions have been canceled because of new restrictions imposed by the staff and diocese. However, unwilling to cease their charitable work, a group of Sanibel Catholics is now holding their events at other locations. THE RESULT OF ONE ACT OF INJUSTICE.

While Bishop Dewane and the parish staff work against Fr. Senk and his supporters, Parishioners For Justice continue to fight for Fr. Senk and their Parish. If you would like to find out more about Fr. Senk's case, go to parishionersforiustice.com. Sign up to be a Follower and receive current notifications about the Tuesday morning Prayer Services for Fr. Christopher and many other topics pertaining to his case.

Paid for by a group of Sanibel Catholics

(updated 3-23-18)







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Youth Group Fun Night At Church

20, the Sanibel Community Church youth ministry, held a small ■group fun night on March 7. Small group fun nights help build and strengthen relationships between leaders and students. These nights are times of fellowship and fun where small group leaders take their students on adventures, or engage in fun activities with them – activities that they otherwise might not have time to do on a normal Wednesday night.



H2O boys group

H2O Student Ministries is a youth ministry program for young men and women, grades six through 12. H2O meets on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for middle school students and from 6 to 8 p.m. for high school students, and on Sunday mornings from 11 a.m. until 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 and is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market).☆

Easter Baskets In The Works For Island Neighbors In Need

NSH of SanCap staff and volunteers will be assembling Easter dinner and bunny baskets for those needing assistance during the holiday. The dinner basket for families contains everything needed for a healthy, festive Easter dinner. FISH will also be assembling Easter bunny baskets filled with books, a medium-sized stuffed animal, small gifts, candy and, of course, a chocolate bunny.

Easter baskets are one of several community service projects provided by FISH. Demand for holiday baskets has increased and this year, FISH will provide approximately 80 Easter dinner baskets and 40 Easter bunny baskets.

To learn more about the programs



FISH volunteers assembling Easter baskets

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and services provided by FISH, contact Maggi Feiner, president and CEO, at 472-4775 or visit www.fishofsancap.org.☆



What's Happening At The House

Sun., March 25, 4 - 6pm

Foodies & Yogies \$49/Person "Rosemary & Restorative Yoga"

Wed., March 28, 6 - 8pm

Potluck

Speaker: Nikki Rood • Sanibel Sprout

Thurs., March 29, 6pm

Wine Dinner Fundraiser Allegrini Wines \$125/Person. Limited Space.

Mon., April 2, 2:30 - 5:30pm

Kids Cooking \$35

Tues., April 3, 5 - 8pm

Chefs Loretta & Jarred Hands On Cooking \$95/Person Sponsor: The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company

Wed., April 4, 7pm

Colorful Sips with Sissi \$50/Members, \$60/Guests

Thurs., April 5-8pm

Children's Theatre \$10/under 18, \$15/adults CTW.Life

Sat., April 21, 9am - Noon

Community Shredding Day

For Full Schedule of ALL **Happenings** visit www.SanibelCommunityHouse.net

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CARD OF THANKS

anibel Uncorked, the 2018 Food and Wine Festival, was an Outstanding success, held by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club at Lily & Co. Jewelers. Co-hosts Bailey's General Store and Sanibel Catering Company, and Lily & Co. along with The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company were event supporters. Many thanks are due to Richard Johnson of Bailey's General Store and their staff of chefs and servers, and to Dan Schuyler, Karen Bell and all the wonderful people at

Lily's for sharing the day.
Student Enrichment Sponsors were John and Martha Wolf.

Catering sponsors were The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, and John and Beth

Safety Officer Sponsors were Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post 123, John Grey Painting, Doug and Sherry Gentry, Nu Way Concrete Forms, YOLO Watersports, Doc Ford's Sanibel and The Pakat Group (Island Insurance).

Table sponsors were Island Management, Tarpon Bay Explorers, John F. Jones and Florida Keys

Thanks are also due to the following who provided support in many ways: Quebbie Music System, Island Sun newspaper, Island Graphics, Southern Wine & Spirits of South Florida, Johnson Brothers Liquor Co. of Florida, Bailey's General Store liquor

department, Breeze Newspapers, New Belgium Brewing Co. and all the Optimist Club volunteers and all our

Cooking demonstrations were performed by island celebrity Chef Karl Hamme of Sanibel Catering Company

The following provided generous donations and/or items for the silent auction: Lily & Co. (a dozen beautiful items), The Timbers' Chef Teh Peng, Sanibel Catering Company's Chef Karl Hamme, George and Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Florida Repertory Theatre, Island Cinema, Sanibel Blues and Jazz Festival, The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, Jungle Golf, South Seas Island Resort, West Wind Inn, She Sells Sea Shells, Marit Hansen Mouchou and OYA, Jensen's Cottages & Marina, Key West Express, Zoomers Amusement Park, John Grey Painting, Sanibel Double D Taxi, Joey's Frozen Yogurt, Floral Artistry, Jerry Edelman Ceramics, CC Caldwell Original Paintings, Versace/Rosenthal
– Medusa Lumiere, Royal Copenhagen - Denmark, and wines from Johnson Brothers Liquor Co., Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits of Florida, and Bailey's General Store.

A number of wine distributers brought a variety of wines to try. Canapés were prepared and served by Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's. Incidental music was provided by Frans Kox with Quebbie.

Many thanks to all the generous folks who bought entry donation tickets. Additional thanks goes out to anyone

we missed – thank you! Donated funds made it possible for the Optimists to maintain six four-year college scholarships including replacement of two vacated by graduating recipients. Funds also continue the Optimist's Junior Anglers summer fishing adventures, an archery group (through the Sanibel Recreation Center), to sponsor a kids' summer basketball league (also through the rec center) and to continue a number of other charitable endeavors for kids.

Plan on coming next year and joining the fun. The date and time will be announced later in the year.

– Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club☆

Rabbi Speaks At St. Isabel Church



Rabbi Stephen Fuchs addresses the photo provided

t. Isabel Women's Guild was honored to have Rabbi Stephen Fuchs of Bat Yam Temple of Islands at their meeting on March 15. Rabbi Fuchs is a world-renowned teacher and speaker who has written many books. He identified six women who were instrumental in the Passover story which was extremely well received.\$



Response to the ad placed by "a group of Sanibel Catholics"

As a member of St. Isabel Catholic Church, I have watched the happenings in our community since October 28, 2016 when Fr. Christopher Senk was placed on administrative leave. Like most of the members of our parish, I felt shock, disbelief and sadness.

A year and a half has passed and Fr. Chris' situation has not been resolved. However, more disturbing and disheartening for me has been to stand by and watch the response of "The Parishioners for Justice." You have chosen to express your resentment toward the bishop and his decision to remove Fr. Chris with acts of "defiance." These acts have been leveled at our current spiritual leader, Fr. Joseph Gates and the administrative staff. I don't understand this thinking. For me, the issue is between Fr. Chris, Bishop Dewane and God. In no way did Fr. Joseph or he administrative staff cause or contribute to Fr. Chris' situation.

In your ad you write that "many parishioners, dissatisfied and spiritually unfulfilled by the temporary 'priest in residence' have chosen to go off-island to other Catholic churches." You say some have decided to worship in other faith communities. I have to ask, was your faith and spirituality founded in the person of Fr. Chris or in your faith in Jesus Christ and the church He established? When you attended Mass, were you spiritually fulfilled by the presence and preaching of Fr. Chris, or by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist performed by an ordained priest of God?

Change is always uncomfortable. You say there have been "other changes that have happened at the church that have also caused parishioners and visitors to stop attending Mass at St. Isabel Church." Again I ask, what changes have been so great and vital to your faith to cause you to stop attending Mass at St. Isabel? Have you witnessed blasphemy? Grave acts of disrespect toward the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist? Drastic changes in the celebration of Holy Mass as ordained by the Catholic Church? My sense is that these "changes" you mention have been minor and not essential to the practice of our faith.

So many of you are people that I have loved and admired over my years as a member of St. Isabel Church. I ask you as one who comes to you humbly and with a loving heart to reexamine your actions and your motives. Have your actions brought forth "good fruit" or have they been tainted with a false sense of loyalty and pride?

Submitted and payed for by Carol Bradshaw

Several Services Offered During Holy Week



Suncoast Brass Quintet

ot only will Holy Week services at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ be full of music; they will also offer a wide variety of sermons and styles.

The Suncoast Brass Quintet will play at the 9 and 11 a.m. services on Palm Sunday, March 25. The sermon, delivered by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, will be Branches and Blessings. The Chancel Choir will sing Hosanna, Lord Hosanna at both services, and children at the 9 a.m. services will participate in a parade of palms.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m., Pastor Danner will lead a Tenebrae and Holy Communion service. The Chancel Choir will sing Here O Now I See Thee.

At the vigil service at noon on Good Friday, March 29, the Rev. Deb Kunkel, associate pastor, will present a dramatic monologue, You Don't Know Him. In this presentation, she will adopt the

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persona of the wife of Judas.

On Easter, April 1, Pastor Danner will preach at 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m. The sermon is entitled Open Ended Questions. The choir will sing Empty Now and Thine Be the Glory at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

The church offers Chapel Service at 7:45 a.m. on Sundays, with a prelude played by pianist John Fredericks. There is a blended worship service each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. with music provided by the trio of song leader and saxophonist Shawn Allison, pianist Abbey Allison and guitarist Dave Dust. The 11 a.m. service is a traditional format. The choir is directed by Dr. Elwood Smith and accompanied by organist Norm Libby.

Beginning on May 1, service times change to 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. The public is always welcome. For more information, call 472-0497.

Nerf Night With Youth Ministry Group

20, the Sanibel Community Church youth ministry, will be having Nerf Night on Saturday, March 24. The event will be held in the youth room from 6 to 8 p.m. If you can, bring your own Nerf equipment; however, if you do not have any, there will be extras available.

H2O Student Ministries is a youth ministry program for sixth grade 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. until 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 and is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For more information, call Pastor Kevin Schafer at 472-2684 or email kevin@ sanibelchurch.com.☆

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String Quartet

Costanza, cello.

Alex Ross of *The New Yorker* magazine wrote: "The St. Lawrence are remarkable not simply for the quality of their music making, exalted as it is, but for the joy they take in the act of connection.

The program: Haydn Discovery, with Haydn Op. 20 No. 5, discussion and

performance; Tchaikovsky Quartet No.

Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each by calling 344-7025, or online at www.sanibelmusicfestival.org Tickets may also be purchased at the door one half hour before the performance or at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle

Way. Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way.딿

Saint sabel Catholic Church

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY March 25 Saturday, 5:00 PM Sunday, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

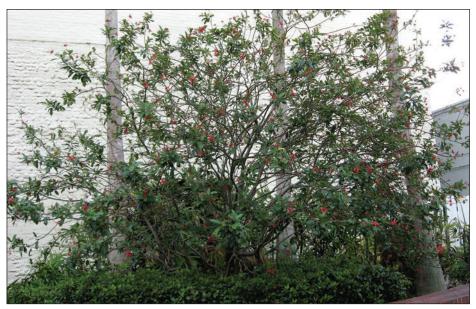
HOLY THURSDAY March 29 Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY March 30 Celebration of the Lord's Passion Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY March 31 The Great Vigil of Easter 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY APRII. 1 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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Peregrina usually takes the form of a small tree with a wide spread photos by Gerri Reaves Plant Smart

Peregrina

by Gerri Reaves

eregrina (Jatropha intergerrima) is an ornamental tree or shrub native to Cuba and the West Indies.

Despite its non-native status, even native-plant and butterfly enthusiasts appreciate it as a nectar plant. This member of the spurge family can grow up to 15 feet tall with a wide spread, developing a slender trunk and branches. However, it usually reaches only about eight or nine feet.

The large evergreen leaves are about

six inches long and vary widely in shape. Some are shaped like a fiddle, and others are irregularly lobed or even have three pointed lobes.

The bright red clusters of flowers bloom throughout the year. Five-petaled and about an inch across, they attract hummingbirds and butterflies such as monarchs, swallowtails and zebra

The flowers' vivid color gives the plant another common name, firecracker. It is also called simply jatropha.

The six-lobed fruit is round or oval and less than an inch long. When dry, it explodes and disperses the speckled seeds that are very toxic to humans.



Peregrina has evergreen leaves and showy flowers that bloom all year and attract humminabirds and butterflies

The milky sap is toxic too and can irritate the skin, so be careful when handling the plant.

Avoid planting peregrine in an area where children or pets have access.

Give it a well-drained spot in full sun or partial shade. It adapts to a range of soil conditions and is drought tolerant but not salt tolerant.

It can be trained to grow on a wall or lattice or used as a container plant.

Sources: 500 Plants of South Florida by Julia F. Morton; Florida, My Eden by Frederic B. Stresau; The World of Tropical Flowers by Laurie Perrero; www. edis.ifas.ufl.edu; and www.floridata.com.

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Audubon 'Ding' Darling Bird Walk

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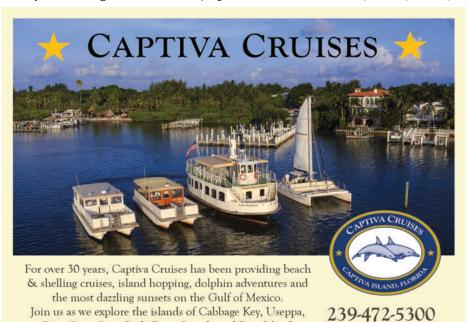
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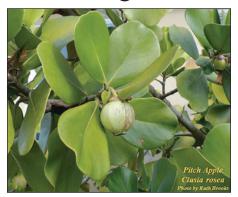
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City Of Sanibel Vegetation Committee Confusing Clusia



Pitch apple (Clusia rosea)

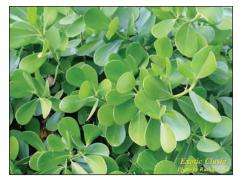
photos by Ruth Brooks

here are more than 300 species of clusia in the world. Clusia is often referred to as the autograph tree because any etching will remain on the leaf until it falls, or pitch apple after the black material surrounding the seeds, which was used to caulk the seams of boats. Clusia is a low maintenance plant that has thick, leathery leaves and a low branching pattern which makes it a nice choice for a hedge. It's also drought and salt tolerant with few pests, making a perfect plant for Sanibel. Only one species however, Clusia rosea, is native to Florida.

Clusia rosea has the biggest leaves and a unique fruit. Consideration must be made when planting this native species because it is temperature sensitive below 35 degrees. In the past, cold fronts on Sanibel have led to die-offs of these trees.

Several non-native species of clusia have notably smaller leaves. Their flowers and fruits are not easily seen on Sanibel, perhaps because they are kept as hedges and trimmed regularly, which discourages flower development. They also have the leathery, paddle-shaped leaves common to the *Clusia* genus. These dwarf or "small leafed" varieties have been planted with the misunderstanding that they are native plants. Why is this important to know?

As a community, we have defined Sanibel as a "barrier island sanctuary, living in harmony with the island's wildlife." The Sanibel community also decided they wanted "our development to reflect the predominance of natural conditions and characteristics" (Sanibel Vision Statement). Therefore, when any development or substantial redevelopment occurs on the island, the City of Sanibel Land Development





Native and non-native clusia

Code requires that 75 percent of the plants (in three categories: trees, shrubs and groundcovers) on the property be native.

If a clusia hedge is planted with a non-native species of clusia, it is required that enough native trees and shrubs be present on the property to meet the 75 percent native requirement. If this is not the case, it would require the installation of additional native trees to meet the required native to exotic ratio. In other words, three native trees would have to be planted for every one exotic clusia. This may be a problem, depending on the size of the property.

There are many native plants that make wonderful hedges including coco plum, Florida privet, Walter's viburnum and Simpson's stopper. If a native hedge is planted, not only do you have plants that are attractive to wildlife and need no watering or fertilizing, but by choosing to go native, you add to the goal of preserving the community as a sanctuary island.

Where can you learn more about native plants on Sanibel? The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee hosts free plant walks from November to April at city hall to view and discuss the use of native plants. Everyone and their questions are welcome.

Go native with the right help. To view pictures of the Invasive continued on page 20



Walter's viburnum and Simpson's stopper

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Back To A Winter Fishing Pattern Yet Again



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Tet again, plunging water temperatures brought on by another cold front totally switched our fishing back to a winter pattern even though the calendar says its

spring. Just as water temperatures had begun to rebound, a few really cold days quickly dropped it back to a chilly winterlike 62 degrees in the sound. Although this cold weather brings the snook bite to a complete stop, other species turned on and kept the action going.

Sheepshead and black drum became our target species again while hiding from the wind and trying to stay warm and comfortable. Fishing with chunks of shrimp in areas around the passes and docks caught lots of keeper-sized sheepshead. One surprise this week was finding a new

dock that produced lots of black drum of all sizes. One cold blustery day, we manage to catch four legal-sized black drum ranging from 16 inches to 24 inches while fishing this dock. The smaller black drum are great to eat and put up a good battle on light tackle. We caught these black drum for three days in a row when returning back to this same dock.

With a colder than average March playing out for us, shrimp fishing will remain the daily go-to until our water temperatures rebound. During the few days that we experience south winds and warmer weather just before the passing of a cold front, it's worth giving shiners or pinfish a try. Until our water temperature creeps back into the high 60s, shrimp are going to give you the best action. Both live shrimp and shrimp chunks are giving my anglers the best opportunity to not only catch a wide variety of species but to go home with dinner too. Every species of fish that swims in our waters will eat shrimp and, during these cold water periods, a small profile bait like a shrimp will get a bite when simply nothing else will.

Some of the week's best action came

while fishing with chunks of fresh shrimp. Breaking of the tail of the shrimp and threading it on the hook backwards before pinching off the head not only makes a very small compact offering but also puts



Jenna and John Scott from Chicago caught sheepshead and black drum with Capt. Matt

scent in the water. Although I'm seeing lots of bigger sheepshead in the clearer water areas, the better bite has come in the more churned-up water closer to the passes. Look for some of the better sheepshead fishing around the docks within close proximity of the passes. While fishing these docks, you may get surprised with a variety of other species including drum,

redfish and pompano.

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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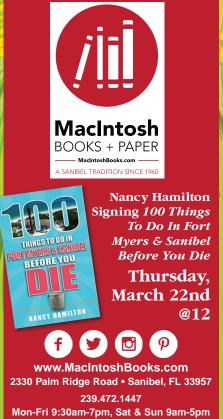
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Chalky Pitar



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

ne of the least known local mediumsized clams, the Chalky Pitar, Pitar simpsoni (Dall,

1895) has a mostly whitish clam-shaped shell, with a polished surface and crowded growth lines. The Chalky Pitar generally resembles its gaudier cousin, the Lightning Pitar (Pitar fulminatus (Menke, 1828), also found locally), but lacks the strong brownish "lightning" markings seen on this latter species. The Chalky Pitar is also smaller, having a "higher" shell, with stronger hinge. Learn more about local mollusks at www.shellmuseum.org/shells/ southwest-florida-shells.

Shell Museum Events



The Chalky Pitar, Pitar simpsoni, from Sanibel photo by José H. Leal

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From page 17 The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, www. Clusia mysanibel.com, offers information on native plants, a listing of licensed contrac-Exotic Plants Worst of the Worst or the tors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and city's The Alien Invasion brochure, visit codes, and the Environmental Reference

www.mysanibel.com/Departments/ Handbook prepared by the city's Natural-Resources/Vegetation-Information/ vegetation committee. The committee Exotic-Vegetation/Other-Invasive-Exoticalso offers free native plant tours. For more information, call 472-3700.☆ Vegetation or contact the city's Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.

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Paddling Fanatics: An Interview With Todd Bishop



by Walter Cheatham

odd Bishop is a United States Marine and former National Park Service ranger who is also a Level 3 ACA-Certified Paddleboard Instructor Trainer.

He has represented Dagger Kayaks and is now the founder and owner of Bishop Boards. Bishop is the quintessential paddling fanatic – he spends countless hours on the water with his students and his family, is truly passionate about safe paddling, and takes every opportunity to educate people about the sport. Though he is a native Floridian, he has paddled in many places around the country and the world.

Q: How many years have you been paddling?

A: 40

Q: What type of paddle craft do you

currently paddle?
A: SUPs, kayaks (long, short, SOT), canoes, surfboards and anything else I can find (floating logs, yoga fitness

Q: What was your first paddling experience?

A: Canoeing with my father, many miles on day and overnight trips all over Florida.

Q: What is your favorite place to paddle?

A: Anywhere time allows. I enjoy almost everywhere, but Florida's hidden freshwater springs hold a special place in my heart.

Q: What piece of gear do you always take paddling?
A: My PFD/life vest, except when I

am in the surf.

Q: Who taught you to paddle?

A: My father initially, although mostly through experiences and challenges. After that, self-exploration, experimentation and analysis helped me hone my skills.

Q: What is your most memorable paddling experience?

A: Wow, too many to list. Most any day in the water with my wife and kids, sharing this with them is so special to me. The Boundary Waters and Altamaha River, Georgia are close seconds.

Q: Why do you love to paddle?

A: It is in my soul. I am an adventurer and thrive in a changing environment. The water is challenging, fickle, dynamic and resilient... all at the same time.

Walter Cheatham is an experienced paddler and ACA-Certified Paddling Instructor. Ocean Tribe Paddlers helps the Southwest Florida paddling community better explore, enjoy and understand the ocean. Visit oceantribepaddlers.org or follow on Facebook to learn more.

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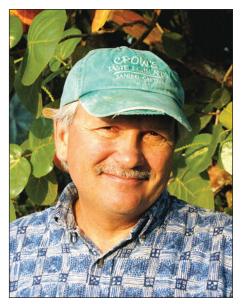
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Charles Sobczak

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Lecture On The Great Florida Invasion

n Wednesday, March 28, Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will be giving his new lecture, The Great Florida Invasion – From Pythons to Pepper, at the Captiva Memorial Library, located at 11560 Chapin Lane. The presentation will be held in the Captiva Civic Center main room adjacent to the library. Admission is free and the lecture is open to the public. The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. and will be followed



Florida alligator encountering a Burmese python

by a brief question and answer session. Copies of the author's Nature Guides books will be available after the presentation.

The Great Florida Invasion takes a fascinating look at the many invasive species that have arrived in Florida throughout recorded history. Starting with the abandoned medieval swine that arrived in Florida circa 1521 through the recent introduction of Burmese pythons into the Everglades, this presentation delves into the environmental and financial costs of

these various exotic species. From fire ants to cattle egrets, lionfish to green iguanas, Sobczak explores how various species arrived to the Sunshine State and what might be done to keep these invasive populations in check. If you live in Florida, this is a PowerPoint presentation you won't want to miss.

Sobczak is a featured speaker with the Sanibel Road Scholar program. He has appeared on Book TV and has given lectures to such diverse groups as The Harvard Club, the JN "Ding" Darling Lecture Series and the Cape Coral Newcomers Club. For a list of where you can see this and other lectures by Sobczak, visit www.

Shell Found



Karen Schneider

photo provided

n March 13, Karen Schneider of Lansing, Michigan found her first fully intact junonia on the beach on Captiva between Blind Pass and 'Tween Waters Inn. The shell was sitting on a pile of shells near the swash zone at low tide about 7:30 a.m.

"I have been shelling since I was a second grader and have been combing the Sanibel-Captiva beaches for the last 35 years without finding a whole junonia," said Schneider, who noted it had been a standing joke in her house that each time she would leave to go shelling, her husband would say, "Find a junonia for



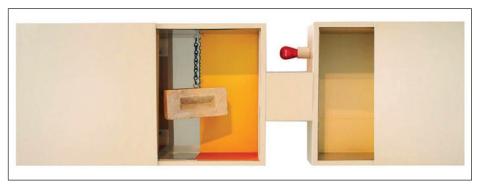
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Golisano Children's Hospital is a state-of-the-art, 128-bed children's hospital that is already changing the lives of children and families, as well as innovating in the health care industry:

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- Leapfrog Group "Top Children's Hospital"

While new patients are treated at the hospital every day, the job is not over. Golisano Children's Hospital needs our ongoing support to create critical new programs, sustain the many services already in place, and provide the highest-quality health care possible to the children of Southwest Florida.



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The need for a comprehensive pediatric behavioral and mental health program is staggering:

- In Florida, suicide is the third-leading cause of death for 10-to-24-year-olds.
- 20 percent of 13-to-18-year-olds, and 13 percent of 8-to-15 year-olds in the U.S. live with a behavioral or mental health condition. Applying those figures to our community, it's estimated upwards of 50,000 children in Southwest Florida are dealing with behavioral or mental health issues.
- 50 percent of all lifetime cases of mental illnesses begin by age 14.
 However, many cases go untreated due to misdiagnosis and/or lack of access to care.

"There is a tidal wave approaching," says Armando Llechu, the chief administrative officer at Golisano Children's Hospital. "We know we have a serious lack of pediatric behavioral and mental health services in Southwest Florida. If we don't treat the tens of thousands of children today in need of that care, we will become inundated with negative societal impacts when these children grow to be adults."

With support from the Islands communities, there is hope. Golisano Children's Hospital is poised to be a leader, and in just a few months, the hospital has already brought in additional mental health practitioners and plans to add many more. It is working with community pediatricians and partner agencies to streamline diagnosis and access to care. The hospital is also educating our community to break down the stigma around mental illness and behavioral problems.

"We can help this community grow and thrive and become a national leader in addressing behavioral and mental health issues," says Llechu. "We are so thankful to SanCap Cares and the Islands community for joining us on this critically important journey."



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- Pediatric counseling sessions-\$250 pays for one counseling session; typical patients have 16 sessions
- Pediatrician REACH Conferences educating local pediatricians to be first-responders for diagnosis and management of pediatric mental health needs
- Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) devices for local schools even one use saves a life
- Adolescent and Young Adult cancer follow up
- A Sensory Room for calming emergency and surgical patients as well as enabling anxious patients to control their environment
- Mental health first aid kits and training for adults working with youth in schools, sports, camps, etc.

If you can't attend the event but would like to make a bid on any of the Live Auction items or the Silent Give to Give items, please call Jeff Muddell at (239) 984-0381.

CROW Case Of The Week: Limpkin



by Bob Petcher

he limpkin (Aramus guarauna) is an odd-looking bird that also goes by the name crying bird, most likely for its unmistakable piercing wails. It is also called carrao or courlan.

While a full-sized limpin looks more like a heron or ibis, its skeletal makeup more closely resembles a crane. It has tall, long legs with a long beak. It is distinguishable by its mostly brown body that sports white spots throughout. One can usually see this type of bird in marshes and swampy forests.

What makes the limpkin unique is its diet. It feeds almost exclusively on apple snails, which are regularly found in the aquarium trade but are also wild in Florida ditches and ponds. The limpkin's long and heavy bill helps pry shells of apple snails apart then cuts through the muscle to pull the snail out in a quick process that generally takes less than half a minute. While apple snails are the limpkin's preferred primary source of food, they can also dine on frogs, lizards, worms, insects and other crustaceans if needed.

While the limpkin is not on the country's birds watch list, it is regarded

as a species of "high concern." It was hunted to near extinction some 100 years ago, but legal protection aided in its species revival.

At CROW, an adult limpkin was admitted with... a limp. The bird was initially brought to one of the clinic's drop-off locations. The finder noted that the bird was found "caught in fishing line," but no location of where the bird was found was provided.

Upon examination at intake, the limpkin's left foot was noted to have swelling over the metatarsophalangeal joint. X-rays showed the left foot had no fractures and no obvious joint involvement.

'The metatarsophalangeal joint is the joint just above the foot, which looks like an ankle on people, but actually correlates to the joints between the foot and the toes," said Dr. Malka Spektor, CROW veterinary intern. "The joint is used in birds to stand and move the feet.'

CROW medical staff also noticed one of the patient's toes on its right foot had a P3 amputation.

While the toe amputation was questioned as a causal effect of the monofilament line, Dr. Spektor stated that was not the case.

"The amputation appears to be an old injury that is fully healed," she said. "It is just missing a portion of one toe, which should not hinder the patient.

An infection may cause a delay in the limpkin's recovery process.

The next step for the patient is to reduce the swelling in the foot, and to ensure it does not affect the joint. A



Patient #18-0551 walks gingerly around its inside enclosure

photo by Brian Bohlman

major concern is an infection present in the area, even though one was not present on initial testing," said Dr. Spektor. "The limpkin is on antibiotics and pain medication to target the swelling and hopefully improve it.

The patient was provided with fluids, pain medications and soft footing in its enclosure. It was also provided with apple snails.

"The foot is still swollen this weekend," said Dr. Spektor on March 18. "A regional limb perfusion (to treat the infection) is planned to focus the

antibiotics directly to the area. Once the swelling is controlled, the patient will be moved outside to regain strength prior to

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





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CROW Calendar Of Events

he 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 Saturday. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Friday, March 23, 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.

Friday, March 23, 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 admitted to the hospital

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Friday, March 23, 2 p.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.

Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge - Baby Care at CROW (daily presentation).

Wildlife parents are devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them. Juveniles found "abandoned" might actually be in a natural stage of develop.m.ent. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided supportive care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves.

Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge - Species Profile:



Snakes of Southwest Florida (daily presentation).

Florida is home to 46 species of native snakes, only six of which are venomous. Although there is a widespread fear and misunderstanding of this animal, most species are harmless to humans and form vital links in the ecosystem. Snakes are extremely valuable because they are efficient at monitoring pest populations without relying on chemical pesticides which can degrade the environment and harm other animal species. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Monday, March 26, 11 a.m. to **12:30 p.m.**, \$25 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital

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Monday, March 26, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge - Patient Profiles Virginia Opossums (daily presentation).

Virginia opossums are the only marsupial, or pouched mammal, native to the United States. They are highly adaptable animals and can live in a variety of habitats, both natural and human made. Although it may not be obvious to some people, opossums are a unique member of Florida's wildlife, playing an important role in the function of a healthy ecosystem. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be

Monday, March 26, 2 p.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge - Wild About Rehabilitation (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. This supportive care is necessary to ensure success during the final step in the rehabilitation process. Ask the staff how they work their magic. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Tuesday, March 27, 11 a.m. to **12:30 p.m.**, \$25 per person, advance registration required - Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff (hospital tour).

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Tuesday, March 27, 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 ambassadors will be present.

Tuesday, March 27, 2 p.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, March 27, 4:15 p.m., adults \$10, teens \$5, age 12 and under no charge, advance registration recommended – Speaker Series: Wildlife on the Great Calusa Blueway (seasonal program) presented by Mike Hammond, coordinator for the Great Calusa Blueway.

The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail is a 190-mile marked canoe and kayak trail that meanders through the coastal waters and inland tributaries of Lee County. It attracts everyone from first-time kayakers to advanced paddlers and is home to abundant marine life, shore birds and crustaceans. This presentation will cover the history of the Blueway, points of interest for paddlers and wildlife commonly seen along the trail, with live animal encounters.

Wednesday, March 28, 11 a.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge - Wildlife Rescue 101 (daily presentation).

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Wednesday, March 28, 12 to **1:30 p.m.**, \$35 per person, advance registration required - Lunch & Learn with Dr. Barron (seasonal program).

Spend part of an afternoon on CROW's campus and join the hospital director for lunch. Learn about how CROW's work is vital to Southwest Florida and beyond. Hear wildlife patient stories and end the program with a behind-the-scenes tour of the hospital.

Reservations include a boxed lunch catered by the Sanibel Deli and concludes with a tour of CROW's

hospital and rehabilitation grounds.

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Thursday, March 29, 2 p.m., adults \$12, ages 4 to 12 \$7, age 3 and under no charge - Species Profile: American Alligators (daily presentation).

The American alligator is a large aquatic reptile and is one of two crocodilians native to Florida. Although it is hard to believe, this species was once on the road to extinction. With the help of conservation efforts over the last few decades, alligators have made a drastic comeback. This program discusses how this iconic species contributes to the overall health of Florida's ecosystems and economy. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.₩

European Team Returns For Tarpon Tournament



Team Fish & Chips takes off for a day of tarpon fishing at the 2015 tournament photo provided

our journalists from Scotland, ■ England and Denmark will return to fish and cover the 7th annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on Friday, May 11. Already the overseas jibes have begun between the European Fish & Chips team - which last fished the 2015 tournament - and its U.S. counterparts.

"It's a real shame our American friends have to fly a team across the Atlantic to show them how to catch tarpon," joked Paul O'Hare with BBC Scotland.

Good to see the tournament sold out so quickly when the locals heard the 'European Dream Team' were on their way back," quipped Jim Patrick from the UK, who writes for the daily Sun newspapers. "We wouldn't expect anything else. Our American friends showed us a great time before, but we hope they're ready to bring their A game to the water in May. They're gonna need

In 2015, the team took fifth place, despite having never fished for tarpon before. "We upset the odds in 2015 and are confident we can do so again," jibed O'Hare. "Bring it on."

Joining O'Hare and Patrick, teammate Paul Fenech is features editor for the UK's Sea Angler Magazine. Niels Lagergaard Pedersen from Denmark writes for the monthly Fiske Avisen. The combined circulation of the team's news and fishing publications exceeds 2.3 million readers.

We just hope their writing is better than their fishing," jested Team Sportfisha, which beat Team Fish & Chips to first place in 2015. "Looked to us like the Fish & Chips were down. I hope they're brushing up their skills for handling a real fish."

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

"The reporters are all avid anglers, but their first experience with tarpon was in 2015," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director and event organizer. "They proved themselves that year. The international element makes the tournament just that much more exciting."

DDWS sponsors the tournament along

with title sponsor Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille and other local businesses and individuals. The tournament is unique locally because it pays out 100 percent of the entry fee as tournament awards. Registration this year for the 55 boats filled within two hours.

Tournament proceeds benefit wildlife and conservation education at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

"Last year we raised \$80,000 for the refuge as a result of sponsorships, donations and auction proceeds," said Miller. "We're so grateful to Doc Ford's and our other sponsors for this huge effort in our behalf.

For more information on the tournament, visit www. dingdarlingtarpontourney.org. Anyone interested in becoming a tournament sponsor should contact Sarah Lathrop at 472-1100 ext. 4.

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Ocean Tribe To Host Sunrise Paddle March 31

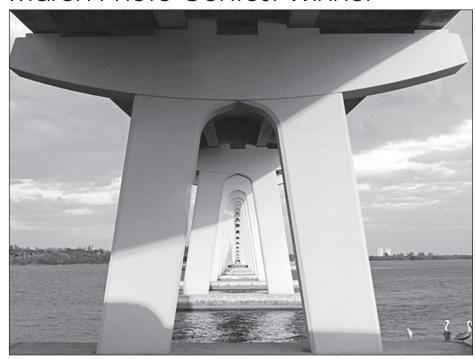
anibel Sea School's Ocean Tribe Paddlers, a local club for paddling enthusiasts, will host a Sunrise Paddle on Saturday, March 31. Participants will enjoy sunrise views over San Carlos Bay, guided by Sanibel Sea School's paddling instructor Walter Cheatham.

'Paddlers will be treated to a colorful sky over the water," said Cheatham. "It's not often that many of us wake up before

the sun rises, so hopefully this group event will provide the motivation to set your alarm clock and join us for a special experience.

To participate, meet at Causeway Island A at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 31. This event is free for first time attendees, and free parking is also available. Please bring your own vessel - all kayaks, SUPs and other paddle-powered vessels are welcome. A limited number of vessels are available to borrow, but please make a request via email to oceantribepaddlers@sanibelseaschool.org in advance. Any weather-related changes will be announced via the Ocean Tribe Paddlers Facebook page on the day before the event.₩

March Photo Contest Winner



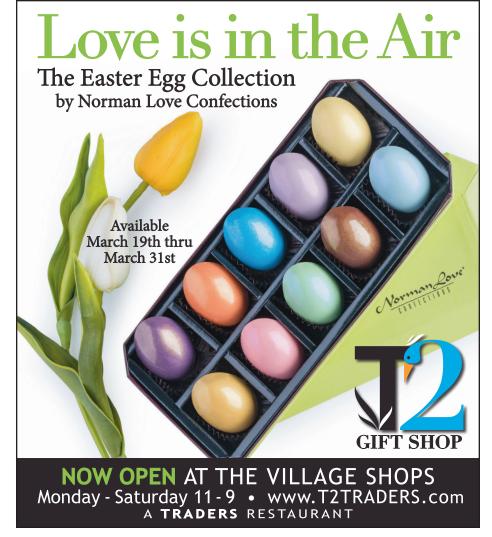
Winning photo by Patricia Disbrow

will receive a \$50 gift certificate to In The Garden. Honorable Mentions go to Laurie Hafener, James Kuharich, Logan Hart and

John Wysocki.

he winner of the RS Walsh Landscaping March photo contest is Patricia Disbrow. The theme was The Islands in Black and White. Submitted photos were posted on the RS Walsh In The Garden Facebook page and at the company's Sanibel garden center. Visitors to the Facebook page and the garden center were able to vote on their favorites. Disbrow's photo from underneath the causeway received the most votes. She

The theme for the April contest is Bird Watching and the deadline is April 2. Submissions should include the photographer's name, phone number, location of the photo and a short story behind the picture. Submissions can be sent via email to inthegarden@rswalsh.com.\$





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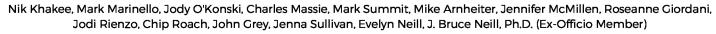


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An extra special thank you to our emcee and auctioneer, Victor Mayeron, and our Honorary Co-Chairs, Chip and Nancy Roach.

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Professional naturalists and Florida natives Blair and Dawn Witherington have authored five books on natural history topics. On Friday, March 30, the husband-wife team will be presenting two free programs at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., part of the 2018 "Ding" Darling Lecture Series at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

The Witheringtons recently released second edition of Florida's Living Beaches: A Guide for the Curious Beachcomber updates the first edition, which was widely praised by those who enjoy exploring the nature of beaches. This comprehensive guide has even more to satisfy the curious beachcomber, including expanded content and additional accounts with more than 1,800 full-color photographs, maps and illustrations. The expanded Florida's Living Beaches now identifies and explains more than 1,400 curiosities with lavishly illustrated accounts.

Blair Witherington, a conservation programs manager for Disney's animal programs, holds a master's degree in biology from the University of Central Florida and a doctorate in zoology from the University of Florida. She is a graphic design artist and scientific illustrator trained at the Art Institutes of Colorado and Ft. Lauderdale. Her art and design appear in natural history books, posters, exhibits and a line of sea-themed greeting cards.



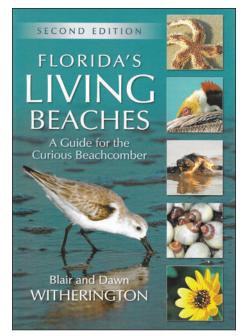
Dawn and Blair Witherington

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The Witheringtons will sign copies of their books, available in the Refuge Nature Store, following the two lectures. Proceeds from Nature Store sales directly benefit refuge wildlife, education, and research.

HighTower/Thomas & Swartz Wealth Management sponsors the 12-lecture series with support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). The free lectures are held twice each Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The season's remaining schedule follows.

Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis. Early arrivals can save one extra seat each with personal items and then may explore the



Visitor & Education Center or Indigo Trail before the lecture starts. Saved seats must be filled 15 minutes before lecture time.

As usual, Wildlife Drive closes on Friday, but visitors are welcome to explore the free Visitor & Education Center, Indigo Trail and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

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

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.

dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

April 6 – Mote Marine Researcher Dr. Erinn Muller, Coral Restoration

April 13 – Avian researcher Dr. Kenneth Meyer, Swallow-tailed Kites: 10,000 Miles to Survival.☆

American Legion Post 123

n Sunday, March 25, barbecued ribs and chicken are on the menu from 1 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Post 123. Cost is \$12 to \$14.



The Ladies Auxiliary is holding a bake sale on Saturday, March 24 from noon until the items sell out. Stop by for homemade cookies, pies, breads, brownies, cakes and other baked goods.

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.❖





Fish Caught



Dwight Dunlap

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apt. Dwight Dunlap caught a 19-inch sheepshead on March 17 aboard the Liquid Asset. Dunlap caught the fish in San Carlos Bay using a jig and shrimp.☆

Shell Found



Sarah Jasinski

photo by A. Ziehl

arah Jasinski, 24, visiting from Vermilion, Ohio, found a junonia on Lighthouse Beach while staying in Cape Coral. After finding the rare shell, Jasinski said, "I cried... a lot." な

Shark Caught



Dylan Erickson and Mary Carlson

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innesotans Dylan Erickson and Mary Carlson caught this 5-foot-plus black tip shark on March 18 off the beach along West Gulf Drive using Spanish





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Performing on opening night at the Herb Strauss Theater were, from left, singers Dick Brown, Harold Stevelman, Ed Mosel, Jack Kennedy and accompanist Erik Entwistle (not pictured)

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Community Chorus Spring Concerts Coming

Tive members of the BIG ARTS
Community Chorus entertained
theater-goers at the premier
performance of *Dames At Sea* on March
8 at the Herb Strauss Theater with a
thoroughly-enjoyable performance of
There Is Nothin' Like A Dame from
South Pacific. The "sailors" were quite
handsome in their sailor hats, and the

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"swabbies" were complete with mops and brooms.

This sneak-peek performance was just a taste of the enjoyment in store for audience members who attend the BIG ARTS Community Chorus Spring Concerts on Wednesday and Thursday, April 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. in Schein Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and are available online at www.bigarts.org or at BIG ARTS, located at 900 Dunlop Road. Reserve early as tickets sell out quickly.

There will be more songs and skits from South Pacific as well as an

eclectic variety of choral music including early madrigals, classical composers, a rousing gospel number and Randall Thompson's *The Road Not Taken*, based on the poem by Robert Frost.

The BIG ARTS Community Chorus is just one of many workshop opportunities offered that allow you to explore varied interests.

"This season, our chorus includes

over 80 voices," said Director Ellen Whitten. "All voices work together to create a joyful sound that includes first time choral members and long time experienced singers. There is room for everyone."

If you are interested in singing in a community choir, visit www.bigarts. org or stop by the office at 900 Dunlop Road **

Musical Play On Frank Sinatra At Shell Point

hell Point Retirement Community closes out its 2017-18 Performing Arts Concert Series program with My Sinatra at the Village Church at Shell Point on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

My Sinatra stars Cary Hoffman, who translates his celebrated PBS special into a hilarious biographical one-man musical play. His poignant and high-energy performance centers on the love and admiration he holds for his hero, Frank Sinatra, and explores the perils of wanting to become somebody else.

Hoffman will captivate audiences with his personal account of growing up fatherless with three musician uncles, who played on some of Sinatra's greatest recordings, turning Sinatra into a fantasy father. Throughout the performance, Hoffman weaves in more than 20 classic Sinatra songs, creating a musical score about his lifelong obsession



Cary Hoffman

photo provided

The Village Church at Shell Point is located at 15100 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www. shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.

Documentary Advocates For Elimination Of Plastic Straws

The documentary STRAWS wraps up the 6th annual free "Ding" Darling Wednesday Film Series on April 4 at 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

An official selection for film festivals around the world, STRAWS is a 30-minute documentary about plastic straw litter and how we can effect a sea of change – one straw at a time. It points out that United States consumption of straws in a single day could circle the earth 2.5 times.

With colorful straw history animation and segments narrated by Oscar winner Tim Robbins, STRAWS, which premiered in April 2017, leaves audiences with a clear understanding of the problems caused by plastic pollution and empowers individuals to be part of the solution.

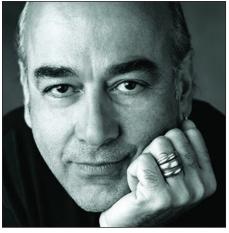
"Ding" Darling Wildlife

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosted the free seven-film,

Plastic straws are rarely recycled and often end up in the ocean, where they cause injury, illness and death to wildlife photo provided

biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis. A short discussion will follow the film to allow visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched.





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World-Renowned Jeweler Returns To Sanibel

urhan brilliantly handcrafts designs wrought from pure 24-karat gold and each piece of exquisite jewelry bears signs of his craftsmanship. The internationally-renowned designer will be a special guest of Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery on March 23 and 24 with a cocktail reception on Friday, March 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

"The cocktail reception is a wonderful chance to be introduced to Gurhan and his exceptional work," said Dan Schuyler, who co-owns Lily & Co. with Karen Bell. "We are delighted to have him visit us; he is a wonderful, personable man with a true



Gold Pointelle cuffs by Gurhan

gift for designing pure gold jewelry."

It was in the early 1990s when Gurhan was handed a sheet of pure 24-karat gold during a casual trip to Istanbul. He was immediately drawn to its warmth and sensuality. After locking himself in his Grand Bazaar workshop for nearly four years, Gurhan emerged with his first fine jewelry pieces using the unique material.

Before him, pure gold jewelry had not been made since ancient times, which led him to reject modern techniques and study those used by ancient goldsmiths. Gurhan reincarnated the ancients, bringing their craft into today's modern world.

Twenty years after discovering pure gold, Gurhan continues to defy traditional iewelry design boundaries and evolve with his three different lines created from three different metals. He has become a leader in both the fine jewelry and fashion

Meet the man behind the jewelry at the Friday night cocktail reception or during the open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 24.

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

Top Ten Books

- 1. If the Creek Don't Rise by Leah
- 2. Caribbean Rim by Randy Wayne
- 3. Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton
- 4. Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark
- 5. On Turpentine Lane by Elinor
- 6. Beach, Breeze, Bloodshed by John Keyse-Walker
 - 7. Alice Network by Kate Quinn
- 8. Little French Bistro by Nina George 9. Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly 10. My Husband's Wife by Jane Corry Courtesy of MacIntosh Books and Paper.☆

Dates Set For Songwriter Fest

he 5th annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest will return to a number of tropical venues from September 21 to 30.

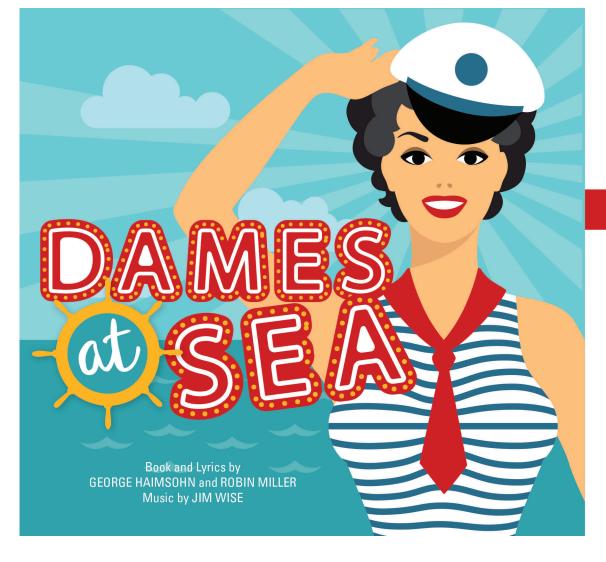
The festival enables participants a chance to hear popular songs they've heard on country radio performed by the actual songwriters.

"Island Hopper brings people closer to the music, giving visitors the chance to see and meet top songwriters in some of our destination's most spectacular island settings," said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

The festival kicks off on Captiva Island from September 21 through 23, then moves to historic downtown Fort Myers from September 24 through 27, and wraps up on Fort Myers Beach from September 28 through 30. The lineup of festival headliners and songwriters will be announced at a later

"We're already hard at work putting together the lineup for our fifth Island Hopper Songwriter Fest, and it's shaping up to be our best year yet," said Louis Kaplan, senior vice president of programming for iHeartMedia. "It's become one of the best festivals of its type in the country, so it's exciting to find artists reaching out to participate and guests returning to enjoy the music.";

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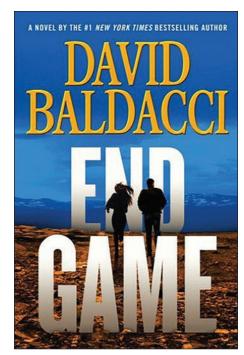


by Di Saggau

Parid Game,
David
Baldacci's
explosive new
thriller brings
back two of his
best characters,
Will Robie and
Jessica Reel. Reel
is sarcastic and is
not afraid to get

into someone's face. Robie is quiet, sensitive and will hold back. Sometimes her abrasive behavior has adverse effects but they seem to feed off one another in a cohesive partnership. It's obvious that they care a lot for each other.

As the book begins, Robie is on a mission in London where he has to single-handedly take out a Jihadist terrorist cell, and Reel is in Iraq doing sniper duty for the military. Once these missions are completed, the two are asked to find their handler, The Blue Man, Roger Walton, who has gone missing in Grand, Colorado, Robie and Reel are two of the most lethal people alive. They're the ones the government calls in when the utmost secrecy is required to take out those who plot violence and mass destruction against the United States. Finding Blue Man is their highest priority. With no communications since he took a rare vacation to go fly fishing in his



hometown, they can't help but fear the worst.

As Robie and Reel arrive in the small town of Grand, they discover that it has its own share of problems. The local economy is stagnant, the police force is understaffed and the small community has become a magnet for crime, drugs and a growing number of militant fringe groups. Lying in wait is a bigger threat, one that could shake the very foundation of America. Investigating hideaways for the super wealthy, in case the world implodes, pits the duo against

an adversary with superior firepower and a home-court advantage. He was inspired by the TV show *Breaking Bad* so you get the picture.

End Game is a novel with a fastaction story. There's plenty of action, dealing with terrorists on both the domestic and international front. Robie and Reel have to use all their senses to confront and defeat the bad guys. Fans will not be disappointed in this thriller. The good news is, you know there's going to be another Robie and Reel book in the near future.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

ear Readers, Kids with learning and attention issues need a great deal of support, sometimes more than a parent has the time and energy

to give. Some recent research indicates that assistive technology (AT) may provide extra support at home for struggling students and their parents. Remember AT is generally defined as any device, piece of equipment or system that helps a person with around his/her challenges for better functioning. Jaime Martin, an assistive technology consultant, who specializes in finding AT solutions for students and adults with dyslexia, has identified numerous ways that a home assistant device, like the Amazon Echo or Google Home can make everyday tasks easier for kids who struggle with learning and attention.

Once you understand how these voice-activated and hands-free home assistant devices operate, you can ask them questions or give them commands to help with reading, writing, math and executive functioning skills. Here are some great tips from Mr. Martin.

Home assistants can help with spelling. When kids are writing, they can ask how to spell a word they have trouble with. If it's a word that has more than one spelling like deer vs. dear, it's a bit trickier, but kids can clarify which spelling they want. For example, they can say, "How do you spell the animal deer?"

Home assistants can give definitions and synonyms. Kids with reading issues can also ask home assistants for the meaning of words they don't recognize. Kids can ask for synonyms if they want to change words in their writing.

Home assistants can help sound out words. Kids who struggle with decoding can ask how to pronounce a word by spelling it out. With Google Home, they can say, "OK Google, how do you pronounce p-h-o-n-e?" With Amazon Echo, they can use a skill called Pronunciations and say, "Alexa, ask Pronunciations how to say r-o-u-g-h."

Home assistants can read books aloud. For hands-free listening to books, Amazon Echo has two options. If you have an Audible account, your child can listen to an audiobook just by saying, "Alexa, read

Alice in Wonderland." Alexa can also read aloud Kindle books that are text-to-speech compatible. Kids just have to say something like, "Alexa, read Fish in a Tree in Kindle Books." Right now, Google Home does not read books aloud.

Home assistants can help students who struggle with math. Kids can ask for basic calculations by saying, "What is the square root of 25?" or "What is 32 percent of 500 dollars?" If kids need help with unit conversions, they can say something like, "OK how many degrees Fahrenheit is 25 degrees Celsius?" If kids forget math formulas, they can get a reminder by saying, "How do you find the area of a circle?" Kids can even practice math by using an interactive tool called 1-2-3 Math. It asks various math problems in a quiz format. It's available as an Echo skill and as a Home action.

Home assistants can set timers, alarms and create to-do lists. Kids who have trouble staying on task for a certain amount of time can ask for a timer to be set for a certain number of minutes and then take a break and start again. Kids can ask for a reminder to start their homework at a specific time as well. Kids who have trouble keeping track of school assignments and chores can use a home assistant to create a to-do list. With Echo, kids can add tasks to their list with a command like, "Alexa, put practice trumpet on my to-do list." To access the list, they can say, "Alexa, what's on my to-do list?" With Google Home, kids can use third-party apps to create and keep track of a to-do list.

Home assistants can manage calendar events. Keeping track of due dates and events can be tricky for kids with executive functioning issues. Home assistants let kids manage calendars by voice. They can add events with the command, "Add calendar event." To hear what's coming up, kids can simply say, "What's on my calendar for Sunday?"

The potential of home assistants is just emerging but it's clear that these devices will soon become an important tool for kids and adults to get extra support for learning. As always parental guidance and supervision is required.

Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.



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April Programs At Captiva Memorial Library

The Captiva Memorial Library is offering the following free programs for adults, children and teens in April. All programs are available during normal library operating hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult Programs

Coloring for Grownups, April 3 to 28 – The repetitive motion involved in coloring has a calming effect and adults have found this childhood activity a refreshing way to reduce anxiety, create focus or bring about more mindfulness. This is a fun, relaxing activity. Participants may bring their own materials or use those provided.

Checkers, April 3 to 28 – Play classic checkers or try other versions such as Fox and Geese, Give Away, Shifting Pyramids, Corner Checkers or Goban. Instructions included. Reverse the field and play Tic Tac Toe or Super Tic Tac Toe.

Children's Programs

April Showers Bring May Flowers, April 3 to 7 – Drop in any time for reading and creating in the Children's Room. See a picture book display about rain and have fun making an umbrella craft Checkers, April 3 to 28 – Play classic checkers or try other versions such as Fox and Geese, Give Away, Shifting Pyramids, Corner Checkers or Goban. Instructions included. Reverse the field and play Tic Tac Toe or Super Tic Tac Toe.

Spring Into Reading, April 10 to 14 – Explore the springtime book display with activity sheets to complete. Make a bird in a nest craft.

Earth Week, April 17 to 21 – See a nonfiction book display about saving the planet. Complete activity sheets and plant seeds in an ice cream cone.

Sports and Games, April 24 to 28 – See the book display with sports and game books. Make a pop bottle ball game to take home.

Teen Programs

Checkers, April 3 to 28 – Play classic checkers or try other versions such as Fox and Geese, Give Away, Shifting Pyramids, Corner Checkers or Goban. Instructions included. Reverse the field and play Tic Tac Toe or Super Tic Tac Toe.

The Captiva Memorial Library is located at 11560 Chapin Lane in Captiva. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4890. Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.

Fort Myers High Student To Speak At Ceremony

ahlia Dry, an 11th grader at Fort Myers High School, has been selected to be a Junior and Senior Outstanding Narratives (JASON Colloquium) speaker during the opening ceremonies of this year's 63rd annual State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida in Lakeland.

Dry was selected through a state-wide nomination process to present a three-minute speech to up to 1,000 attendees of the opening ceremony fair on Tuesday, March 27 at the Youkey Theatre in Lakeland. She will be one of a handful of student competitors honored at the State Science Fair speaking to inspire students to achieve positive academic goals.

Dry is a two-time Best of Fair – Physical Science winner (2018 and 2017 Kiwanis Science Fair) and traveled to the state science fair last year, where she received a Third Place Mathematics & Computational Sciences category award. She also represented the Kiwanis Science Fair as an International Science Fair Finalist in Los Angeles where she attained two awards (4th Place Category and Mu Alpha Theta scholarship.)

Dry started her research project during her sophomore year of high school because she wanted to teach herself how to code using Python



Dahlia Dry

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programming language so that she could analyze local weather data and better predict optimal conditions for sailing – a hobby and passion of hers.

Thirty-one finalists from the Kiwanis Science Fair will be representing Lee and Charlotte counties at the State Science Fair beginning March 27. Dry's speech on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. will be broadcast live on the Thomas A. Edison Regional Science and Inventors Fair Twitter account (@EdisonFairs).



Young Chefs Mastering Their Skills



Preson Hanni and Kayce Nette

photos provided

This month, the Young Chefs international cooking classes took students to Germany. Chef Jarred Harris at the Culinary Education Center taught them how to make potato croquettes, stuffed cabbage rolls, chicken schnitzel, turkey sausages, apple strudel and pistachio ice cream. The Community House program is offered after school every month. The next class will be held on Monday, April 2 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Call 472-2155 for more information.



From left, Preston Hanni, Kayce Nette, Chef Jarred and Alexander Erickson



Anne Cooper and Gavin Klos



From left, Chef Joe, William Erickson, Pierce Farhat



From left, Chef Jeff, Audrey Mulka, Preston Faarhat and Kennedy Hanni



From left, Preston Hanni, Kayce Nette, Alexander Erickson and Ronan Maughan



From left, Kennedy Hanni, Audrey Mulka, Preston Farhat and chef Jeff

Food Trucks Announced For SCCF Fundraiser

he Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) reminds you it's time to buy your tickets and plan to come hungry to this year's Beer in the Bushes.

The 7th annual Beer in the Bushes will take place on the grounds of SCCF's Nature Center on Saturday, March 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. Local food trucks under the coordination of Catering by Leslie Adams will offer a variety of dining options.

"We have a great lineup of food trucks offering a good variety of dining options," said SCCF event producer Jeff Siwicke. "We really appreciate the role Catering by Leslie Adams is playing to help make Food Truck Alley a success again this year.'

The food trucks prepared to accept Trux Bux this year are:

Rollin' Raw Bar - Oysters and other seafood:

Red Roc Cravings - Mexican fare

such as burritos and bowls; Sweet Cheesus – Gooey gouda raclette on top of varied menu items; Gator John's BBQ – for barbeque

Sizzle Truck - Cheesesteaks, po boys, and Greek souvlaki and salad;

Taco Tummy – with South of the Border favorites.

Tickets at \$70 are likely to sell out



Jeff Siwicke and Leslie Adams raise a glass to the upcoming fundraiser

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and must be purchased in advance by visiting www.sccfbeer.eventbrite.com. All tickets include \$10 in TruxBux redeemable for dinner choices from any of the trucks.

SCCF gratefully acknowledges all the sponsors for this event, including but not limited to, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company as Presenting Sponsor, Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina as Band Sponsor, Richard and Feyza Shipley as Travel Sponsor and Doc

Ford's Rum Bar & Grille. Event proceeds support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Cheryl Giattini at 395-2768 or cgiattini@sccf.org.☆

Workshops And Seminars

BIG ARTS Corner

IG ARTS is offering the following workshops and seminars. Clothed Model Open Studio with Eleanor Gause, Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon

Creating with Polymer Clay with Martha Grattan, Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m. March 27

Adult Tap with Bobby Logue, Tuesday, 12:30 to 2 p.m. March 27.

Glass Fusing (no class April 11) with Petra Kaiser, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 28 to April 25; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 29 to April 26.
Clay 101/201: How to be Creative

with Clay with David Hoggatt, Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon March 29 to May 3.

Intermediate Tap with Bobby Logue, Friday, 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. March 30.
Instructed Life Drawing with Francesco

Gillia, Monday, 9:30 a.m. to noon April 2 to 23.

Creating with Polymer Clay with Martha Grattan, Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m. April 3.

Acrylics for Beginners & Intermediate Painters with Jane Hudson, Friday, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. April 6 to 27. 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 email info@bigarts.org."



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Garlic





by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

very professional kitchen usually has garlic somewhere on the premises. Garlic is used in every type of cuisine. It is an essential ingredient used in flavoring soups, sauces, stews or roasted and eaten on its own.

Garlic is a member of the lily family and related to chives, green onions, shallots and leeks. Garlic originated in China and is one of the oldest food flavorings. It is considered both an herb and a vegetable.

The word garlic comes from two

Anglo-Saxon words; "gar" meaning spear and "lac" meaning plant.

There are over 300 different varieties of garlic grown worldwide. China produces two-thirds of the worlds garlic while California produces the majority of the garlic grown in the United States.

The ancient Egyptians used garlic for both medicinal and culinary purposes. They flavored their food with garlic and used it in rituals. Garlic was also fed to their slaves for strength and endurance

while building the pyramids.

During World War II, garlic was given to soldiers and known as Russian penicillin because of its excellent antibacterial properties.

Garlic is one of the healthiest foods you can consume and can be used to treat cold and flu symptoms. This delicious herb has anti-cancer properties and can lower blood pressure. It also reduces cholesterol and ĥelps fight heart disease.

Garlic contains antioxidants and minerals that are good for you such as vitamins B and C, iron, calcium, potassium and beta carotene. It also contains magnesium, zinc, copper, manganese and selenium.

If you don't like garlic because of the way it makes your breath smell, you might want to reconsider because of the health benefits. Here is a simple recipe to try.

Roasted Garlic and Butternut Squash Hummus with Goat Cheese

Serves 4 to 6 Ingredients

2 pounds butternut squash

4 tbsp. olive oil, plus extra to rub on the squash and garlic and to serve

2 whole garlic bulbs Zest and juice of 1 lemon 2 tbsp. tahini

10 sprigs of fresh yhyme (leaves removed)

Half bunch of flat-leaf parsley (finely chopped)

2 ozs. goat cheese Salt and black pepper

Preheat oven to 375F. Cut the butternut squash in half and remove the seeds. Rub it with olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper. Bake in the oven for 45 to 60 minutes, or until tender.

Split the garlic into individual cloves but keep the peel on. Rub them with a little olive oil and bake for around 20 to 25 minutes beside the squash. Keep an eye on the garlic cloves - they should be tender and golden, not hard and burned

When everything is done, scoop out the flesh of the butternut squash and peel the garlic cloves. Place both in a blender and add the lemon zest and juice and tahini. Pulse until the garlic and squash are well combined. Transfer to a bowl.

Add half the chopped parsley and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve with crumbled goat cheese, a splash of olive oil and the rest of the parsley scattered on top.

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.☆

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 with Woody Brubaker and Marvilla Marzan. Dusk Duo performs on Saturday and Wednesday, Woody Brubaker plays on Sunday. Mike Arnone performs on Monday. Woody Brubaker Duo plays on Tuesday. On Thursday, it's Busted Stuff.

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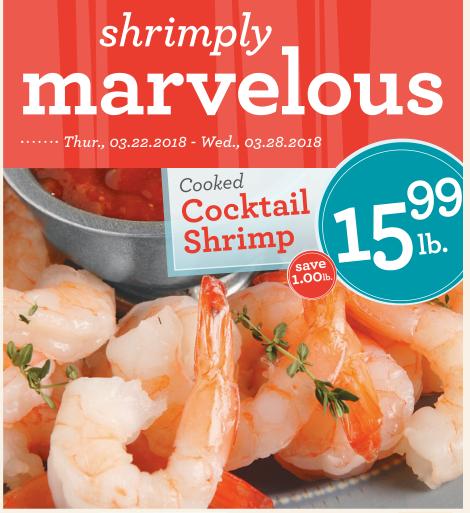
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Jeweler Supports Tennis Fundraiser

ily & Co. Jewelers returned as a Grand Slam Sponsor of the 10th annual Madisen's Match, which was held on March 18 and 19 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club in Fort Myers. Lily & Co. donated a Beny Sofer 10-carat diamond tennis bracelet for the auction to acknowledge the 10th anniversary of the event.

"We think that is a very worthy cause to support and are pleased to be a part of this terrific charity tennis event," said Dan Schuyler, who owns Lily & Co. with Karen Bell. "The funds raised from Madisen's Match stay locally here in Southwest Florida, and go directly to helping cancer patients and their families."



Beny Sofer 10-carat diamond tennis bracelet donated by Lily & Co. for Madisen's Match

Madisen is the niece of Madisen's Match founder Duane Chaney. She was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor at the age of 3, and the inspiration for event. Madisen's Match uses the game of tennis and brings the community together to raise money to help other adults and children being treated for cancer. In its nine-year history, Madisen's Match has grown tremendously and raised more than \$650,000 to benefit national and Southwest Florida based cancer treatment

Since 2011, the funds raised from Madisen's Match have exclusively gone to support Barbara's Friends, the Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Center Fund and the Brain Tumor Navigator Program at Lee Health Regional Cancer Center. For more information, visit www.madisensmatch.com.



Vinevard arapes

Fine Dining At Allegrini Wine Dinner Fundraiser

anibel's first ever wine dinner fundraiser will be held on Thursday, March 29 at The Community House. Robin Shay of Allegrini Wine Estates will be joining the islands' wine lovers for a fine wine tasting and dinner to benefit The Community House.

As a certified sommelier and Allegrini's brand ambassador, Shay will lead guests through the award-winning wine selection. Each wine will be accompanied by a dish created especially for the evening by Chef Karl Hamme of Sanibel Catering Company.

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While maintaining the surprise menu for the evening, Chef Hamme hinted at some of the components of this rustic Italian-inspired meal. Attendees will taste dishes featuring boar and duck alongside traditional Italian fare. The wines paired with these menu items include a selection of Allegrini's award-winning wines -Solosole Vermentino, Valpolicella, Palazzo Della Torre, Sondraia, Amarone della Valpolicella, La Grola and La Poja. The Amarone della Valpolicella is known as the "poster child" of the Valpolicella region.

This event is only possible with the help of sponsors Island Inn and Floral Artistry.

Tickets are likely to sell out and 100 percent of the \$125 ticket price supports the future of The Community House. Purchase tickets by calling 472-2155 or visiting https://sanibelcommunityhouse. net/calendar/allegrini-wine-dinner.☆



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First Friday Stories For Grownups



Dr. Sidney Simon

r. Sidney B. Simon, one of the all-time favorite storytellers on Sanibel, will be the final storyteller this season at First Friday Stories for Grownups at The Community House on Friday April 6 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Dr. Simon, who was the winner of the Angels of the Arts Award as the Lee County Literary Artist of the Year in 2011, is known for his column Theater Notes. Back when he was professor emeritus at the University of Massachusetts, he was internationally known for his work in Values in Values Clarification and Forgiveness.

A reporter, in his review of an earlier

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Simon program wrote: "Whether the stories were long, or short, each one elicited laughs and familiar feelings due to Simon's magic as a storyteller. The effortless way in which he wove tales endeared themselves to him along the way had the audience amused and awed."

Simon tells for the first half hour, and then he draws out stories from those present, usually triggered by one of his stories. You don't have to tell a story, but if one occurs to you, you

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from his own life with stories that have

might get the chance to share it. For more information, call 472-

Blues Benefit To Support Heights Children

lues by the Bay, an evening of live music, food and drinks, will be held at the St. Charles Yacht Club on Tuesday, March 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Guests will be treated to samplings from the area's finest restaurants, fine wines, a signature Blue Bay Martini, Champagne and live music by a rockin' blues band.

Live auction items will be offered and all proceeds will benefit the School Success programs for at-risk children in the Harlem Heights neighborhood in Fort Myers. Event sponsors include Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands and Entech. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

Dress is resort casual.
"Our School Success programs include our charter school, academic tutoring, after school and summer camp programs, scholarship and college access assistance, school supplies and tuition support," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation. "Each program is geared to meet the specific needs of children and young adults who seek to further their education."

Tickets are now on sale for \$125



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each and space is limited. Guests can upgrade to VIP level and receive tickets to the exclusive pre-party at a private home in St. Charles Yacht Club as well as VIP benefits.

St. Charles Yacht Club is located at 15900 St. Charles Harbour Boulevard in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www. heightsfoundation.org/blues or call Karen Lesza at 482-7706.☆



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A Sold-Out Opening Night At The Herb Strauss Theater



Sidney Picker and Barbara Stevelman attended the sold-out opening night performance of Dames at Sea at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater on March 8. The show runs through April 7. photos provided



From left, Amy Wainright, Valerie Tutor and Elizabeth Fancher



From left, BIG ARTS Community Chorus members Dick Brown, Harold Stevelman, Ed Mosel, Jack Kennedy and Erick Entwistle entertained theater-goers on opening night with a rendition of *There is Nothin' Like A Dame* from *South Pacific*



George Wright and Ann Nieman



From left, Elize Green, Richard Green, Laurie Harkey and Bill Harkey



From left, BIG ARTS Executive Director Lee Ellen Harder with Linda and John Kramer

BIG ARTS Documentary Series

Norman Lear: Just Another Version Of You

by Di Saggau

n Wednesday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m., the Island Cinema will show the final film in the BIG ARTS Critically Acclaimed Documentary Series. Norman Lear: Just Another Version of You is a biography of one of TV's most influential producers and an influential American. He is the creator of All in the Family, Maude, Good Times and The Jeffersons. The film works as a primer for viewers who are curious about Lear but don't know the details of his life and work. Lear was 92 when the film was shot, so it's a movie about age and memory and it's sometimes melancholy, because Lear realizes that most of his life is behind him.

Most of Lear's successes were in the 1970s: All in the Family, a politically-charged sitcom debuted on CBS in 1971 when the Vietnam War, the antiwar movement, and the feminist, gay rights and Civil Rights movements were still active. We see shots of Lear on the sets of the shows consulting with actors and leading script readings.

Lear talks about his successes and controversies in American television, his collaborations with writers and actors, and his battles with network executives and censors over the political content of his shows, which often resembled



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political debates as well as farcical family spats. This is a striking documentary and Lear is a great camera subject, a brilliant storyteller and so emotionally transparent that you find yourself wanting to hear him talk some more when the film ends. It runs 91 minutes.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased online at www.bigarts.org, at the BIG ARTS box office, 900 Dunlop Road, or the day of the film at the cinema just prior to the show. Island Cinema is located in Bailey's Shopping Center. After the film, a discussion will take place.



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Diner's Delight Coupon Books Now On Sale

It's that time of year when folks on Sanibel start thinking about the pleasure of going out to dine after the winter crowds are gone. That means it's time to secure a 2018 Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club Diner's Delight 2-for-1 Coupon Book.

"Diner's Delight books are now on sale, and advance orders have already claimed a substantial number of the popular books," a club member announced.

If you have not yet made arrangements to get yours, the books can be obtained from any San-Cap Kiwanis Club member and are also on sale at Bank of the Islands, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and Big Red Q Printing as long as they last.

The popular restaurant promotion book is available for a \$40 contribution and contains 2-for-1 coupons, which are good at 28 participating island restaurants, a potential savings of over \$500.

The long-running Diner's Delight Book, together with the club's annual Spaghetti Dinner, raise funds which Kiwanis distributes to support its educational and recreational programs for island youth.

New Captiva Documentary To Be Screened



Ar. Futch and his wife, reputedly a Native American Princess, at their cabin on Buck Key, circa 1940s.

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The Captiva Island Historical Society collaborated with Ken Sneeden & Associates (creator of Blind Pass: The Bridge That Connects) to produce a new documentary film about the surprising story of Buck Key, titled Buck Key – Island of History and Mystery. While today Buck Key is an uninhabited



mangrove island, it hosted an early settlement of plantations and a school, predating any settlers' communities on Captiva.

The Captiva Island Historical Society will premiere this 7th documentary film in the series called Captiva Memories on Wednesday, April 4 in the ballroom at South Seas Island Resort, located at 5400 Plantation Road on Captiva. Admission is free.

The evening begins with complimentary refreshments and a cash bar from 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by the program.

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Stefan Zweig: A Farewell To Europe

by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for March 26 is Stefan Zweig: A Farewell to Europe. The docudrama from Brazil is based on the last six years in the life of its protagonist, a celebrated writer and one of the most respected intellectuals of the early 20th century. Zweig's work, once widely read in the United States, had a minor resurgence after filmmaker Wes Anderson used it as the inspiration for The Grand Budapest Hotel. This new film takes a more serious, uncompromising look at the writer's legacy.

In addition to being a prolific writer, Zweig was also a well-known exile from Hitler's Europe, someone who had trouble coping with the chaos and uncertainty of being estranged from the homeland whose language had always nourished him. The film is intellectually involving and strikingly made.

Though interest in Zweig's work is said to be rising, the Austrian author is still not well known in the United States, compared to his heyday in the '20s and '30s. Austrian star Josef Hader is brilliant as Zweig with a face that's muted and all but unreadable. He expresses how deep the writer's rarely expressed sadness and

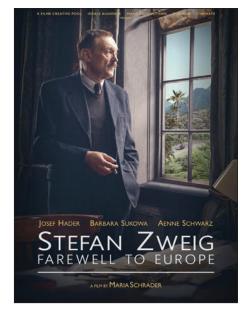


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melancholy ran. The film follows Zweig from an international literary gathering in 1936 in Buenos Aires and follows him until his 1942 suicide at age 60. Stefan Zweig: A Farewell to Europe runs 106 minutes. The moderators for the evening are Kassie Witte and Rob Randell. The film runs 106 minutes.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available at www.bigarts.org, at the door or by calling 395-0900.

Sanibel Public Library Programs



Duane Shaffer of Sanibel Public Library presents a World War II program at The Community House photo provided

s Sanibel Public Library enters Phase II of its Your Library Reimagined project, the facility is open for normal operating hours. Look for the entrance and outdoor book drop on the west side of the building. Phase II includes popular services like computers and printers, high speed Wi-Fi, Children and Teen Space, newspapers, Reading Porch, used books for sale and reference services. The other half of the library is being renovated for a new children's area, book sale room, and modular meeting places. The next phase is expected to open in early fall 2018.

The library will be running a demonstration of 3D printing between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, March 23. That same afternoon, the library will also be showing a documentary film to showcase the video streaming service Kanopy, which is available with a Sanibel Public Library card. At 3 p.m., stop by to participate in the HQ trivia game.

Duane Shaffer's popular World War II lecture will be held at The Community House, due to the library's remodel project. His program begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 26. Shaffer will present Okinawa: The Last WWII Battle in the Pacific, April to June 1945.

Weekly children's programs are listed on the library's online calendar. Family Storytime for young readers and their caregivers will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 10 a.m. This program helps develop pre-reading skills through songs and stories.

The After-School Crew, for children in kindergarten to third grades, will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursdays in March and April. Favorite books, new books, never-knew-existed books, games, crafts plus a snack will be provided.

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Geared specifically for children in fourth through sixth grade, the After-School Clique will meet on Tuesdays in March and April at 3 p.m. The group will be crafting, building, making and playing – with books and a snack thrown in.

If kids love dogs and books, they might enjoy reading to Bessie, a bearded collie and a Reading Education Assistance Dog. The READ program encourages children's love of books by providing a non-judgmental listener and furry friend. Bessie will be at the library on rain-free Thursdays in March and April at 4 p.m. Readers can sign up on-the-spot, with the program finishing by 5 p.m.

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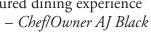
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- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste.

Add all ingredients, except the salt and pepper, to a medium-sized mixing bowl. Lightly toss all ingredients to coat. Taste salad and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Keep refrigerated and serve cold.

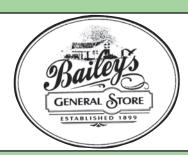


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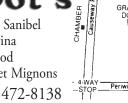
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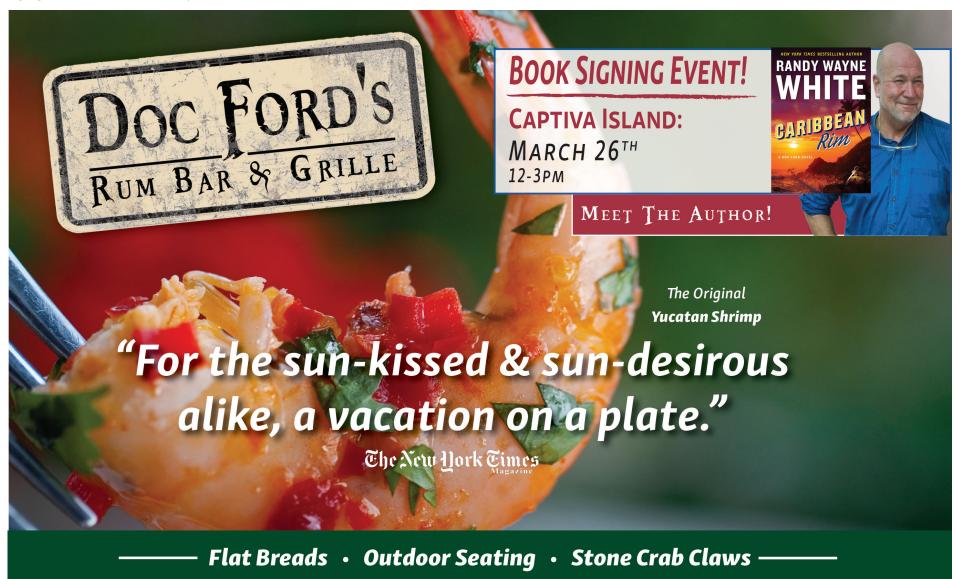








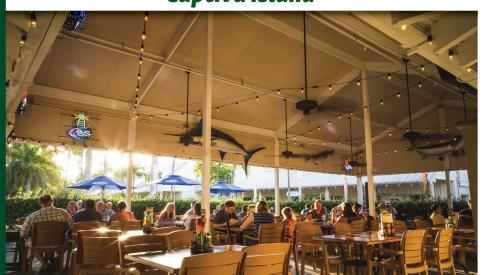
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From left, Sanibel Fire Rescue District Training Officer Tim Barrett, Fire Chief Matt Scott, Sanibel Island Beach Resort Chief Engineer Ivan Codling and General Manager Sharon Tombs at last week's Civilian Lifesaver Award presentation photo by Jeff Lysiak

Training Leads To Lifesaver Award

by Jeff Lysiak

hanks to training offered by a member of the Sanibel Fire Rescue District and the quick actions of a resort employee, the life of one of Sanibel's hoteliers was saved.

According to Sharon Tombs, general manager at Sanibel Island Beach Resort, she and her fellow employees were attending a company Christmas party last December when she began to choke on a piece of steak.

"It fully blocked my airway and I could not make any sound," said Tombs. "I could feel myself becoming very weak."

Thankfully, the resort's chief engineer, continued on page 8B

Students Donate Books To Children In Bonita Springs



From left, Media Specialist Libby Payne and fifth grade students Cole Fields, Preston Hanni, Jenna Cook, Lily Lockard, Ronan Maughan and Preston Farhat with some of the books to be donated photo provided

by Jeff Lysiak

n the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, students from The Sanibel School reached out to youngsters in the Bonita Springs community who were displaced as a result of the devastating September 10, 2017 storm.

Last week, 502 books collected by island students via the school's media center were transported by Libby Payne, media specialist at The Sanibel School, to Bonita Springs Elementary School.

"Our first Scholastic Book Fair of this school year occurred only a few weeks

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Ernesto Enriquez and Luc Century are helping promote the 26th annual SCCF Tennis and Pickleball Tournament, returning on April 7 and 8 photo by Jeff Lysiak

Tournament To Benefit SCCF

by Jeff Lysiak

uring the weekend of April 7 and 8, Sundial Beach Resort and Spa will host the 26th annual SCCF Tennis and Pickleball Tournament, a two-day fundraiser for the Sanibel-

Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). While tennis will be played on both days, pickleball action will take place on Sunday only.

Billed as "Raise a Racquet for Conservation," the two-day tournament is open to players in both sports of all levels of skill and experience.

Artist and conservationist Luc Century, who helped launch SCCF's first tennis

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Youth Fishing Derby March 31



Sanibel Island Fishing Club members will teach best fishing practices

he Sanibel Island Fishing Club, in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation Department, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and several other local organizations, is holding a Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, March 31 on Island A of the

Sanibel Causeway (the first island after the high span).

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the fishing gets under way at 9 a.m. The derby will wrap up at 11 a.m. with prizes based on total inches of fish caught, plus continued on page 26B



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In addition, tournament organizers will also have a street legal golf cart to be raffled off this year, donated by Gator Carts.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Christian Fautz at 917-763-

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Students Donate

after we returned from our extended derailment from school as usual due to the preparations for, onslaught of and destruction caused by Hurricane Irma," recalled Payne. "During those weeks, I'd seen our local communities - including school children and their families – pitching in to help, to share and to reach out to others who suffered greater loss.

According to Payne, she presented the idea to the kids, and they jumped on board with a book drive for children who now had none of their own. In addition to books collected by the students, local author Kyle Miller made a generous donation of nature-themed children's books from her collection, including *Dillo*, *A Baby* Armadillo's Adventure on Sanibel Island

and Snowy Pea and the Ghost Crab.

During a recent book signing, Payne crossed paths with Lisa Burtz, a friend who was once a media specialist at another Lee County school. Now the youth services librarian for the Bonita Springs Public Library, Burtz offered to help connect her with some of the hardest hit families in the southern section of the county.

Eventually, Payne contacted Susan Caputo, principal at Bonita Springs Elementary. Caputo explained that while her school was marred as a result of the hurricane – including damage to interior ceilings and exterior walls as well as down trees on the school's campus - the majority of losses suffered were books lost by students who had evacuated before the

"Most of our students took their books home with them prior to the storm," said Caputo, who noted that the families of 45 students were rendered homeless due to widespread flooding caused by Irma. "One sixth grader told me that when he was evacuating his home, the only things he took were his books and a book bag."

According to Caputo, one student's mother posted on Facebook that children in the community needed books, toiletries and other emergency supplies. Soon, shipments began arriving at Bonita Springs Elementary, including donations from schools and individuals from out-of-state.

"It's been truly amazing," said Caputo.
"There are such kind and compassionate people in this world. It really shows you

the goodness in the human spirit."
On March 14, Payne loaded her car with dozens of boxes filled with books collected by students and donated by individuals and businesses on the islands. Asked how she felt knowing that those books will be used and enjoyed by needy students in other communities, Payne recalled how she developed a passion for

"I still remember my love for books that began when my parents and grandparents read to me at home and grew through my years of shopping my childhood book fairs, and hearing teachers share their favorite books with me in school," said Payne. "A favorite book becomes a friend. Hopefully, our gifts will remind these kids that others care and normalcy is coming. I'm proud of our kids for giving so much of themselves locally during cleanup efforts and for sharing with strangers, just because they

Caputo, for one, is very pleased for her pupils to receive the donation.

"It's so wonderful what the kids of Sanibel have done. We're very grateful," added Caputo, who noted that while some of the books will be added to the school's library, other books will go home with her students. "I assure you, all of those books will be put to good use."☆

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From left, Steve Greenstein, Robin L. Cook and Tim Vick

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Trust Company Offers Investment Planning Program

n March 6 at The Community House, Timothy P. Vick, senior vice president and director of research for The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, gave a presentation entitled Behind the Scenes of the Economy, The

Markets and Your Portfolio. This was the third of four presentations this year in the trust company's annual WOWPlus series, offering topics on investing, estate planning, and trending lifestyle issues for men and women.

The fourth and final presentation will be held at The Community House on Wednesday, April 11, entitled Passing Your Vacation Home to Your Heirs. The presenter will be attorney Craig R. Hersch, partner at Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, who

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Captiva Community Panel Report

The second Captiva community workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 28 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Cone Rooms at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting will focus on two separate issues - Historic Development Patterns and Native Trees & Invasive Pests – including:

Drones over private property and homes; For Rent and Vacation Rental signs; Proliferation of prohibited sandwich signs; Outside speakers/ televisions; Music (off at 10 p.m.); Fireworks; Limits on or transition from gas-powered leaf blowers; Violations of seven-day rental minimum; Dark Sky provision; Virtually flat "gable" roofs defeating purpose of new building height provision; Monitor lizards; Iguanas; Rabbits; Removal of trees (five annually now permitted on residential properties); Clear cutting.

In addition, the Captiva Community

Panel is conducting a community online survey covering the same range of issues (plus anything else you want to bring up). Postcards containing a link to the online survey – www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018captiva – were mailed to every property owner and voter, with survey input being accepted through March 30. If you have questions about this survey, contact the panel at captivacommunitypanel@gmail.com or call 489-2616.

At the April 10 panel meeting, preliminary results of the survey will be reviewed, along with an opportunity for the community to bring forward any other issues not covered by the previous workshops or survey.

Community input is being sought to help the panel develop new language for the Captiva Code, which will help implement the newly updated Captiva Plan. Both documents are online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com. In addition, this input may also be used to support or improve other regulatory efforts to address issues on the island.

The Captiva Plan is a Captivaspecific portion of the county's comprehensive land use plan setting goals, objectives and policies for island land use and zoning. The Captiva Code is a Captiva-specific portion of the county land development code, to implement the plan policies.

The Captiva Community Panel meets at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at South Seas Island Resort. Information about the panel is online at www.captivacommunitypanel.

Monday After The Masters

Save the date for Monday After The Masters, set for Monday, April 9 at South Seas Island Resort. Put together a foursome, become a sponsor, be a volunteer or just come out to watch golfers take on the resort course, all to support the Captiva Community Panel.

A few foursomes are still available, as well as a limited number of sponsorships, with a range of options available to suit your budget. Visit www. matm2018.eventbrite.com for more information.

CEPD Meeting April 11

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ank President Robbie Roepstorff announced that Susan Schulte has joined Bank of the Islands' staff as a teller.

"We are so happy to have Susan on our banking team," said Bank of the Islands Vice President and Sanibel-Captiva Office Manager Willy Ocasio. "Her commitment to her customers and community fit right in with the Bank of the Islands way of doing business."

Schulte has more than 10 years of banking experience. She and her husband, Kurt, are Sanibel residents and have lived in Southwest Florida since 1984. Schulte is active with Sanibel Community Church, volunteers with the church LÓGOS children's program, and has organized and traveled abroad on missionary trips. Beyond her personal and professional responsibilities, she is also pursuing a master's degree.☆



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Creative Theater Workshop Joins National Platform

reative Theater Workshop is participating in A Community Thrives, a fundraising project on CrowdRise, the largest crowdfunding platform for good. A Community Thrives is a USA Today Network nationwide program that is focused on helping organizations related to wellness, arts and culture, and education. Participating organizations will compete for \$600,000 in available grant money. Creative Theater Workshop has joined the project on CrowdRise in hopes of raising money to support a permanent children's theater space.

Help Creative Theater Workshop receive a \$100K, \$50K, \$25K, \$15K or \$10K grant by donating to its CrowdRise fundraiser for a permanent children's theater space.

Creative Theater Workshop is a nonprofit company raising money for a permanent children's theater space. The theater will be a safe place that is dedicated to creating theater for young people throughout the year. The organization needs funds to secure a facility. Once established in the space, the program will sustain itself.

A permanent children's theater will allow the nonprofit to increase its productions from two to three shows a year to 10 to 12 shows a year. Students will have the opportunity to take quality classes in acting, singing and dancing. An advanced drama team will be created for competition and traveling. Mystery dinner theater, musicals and non-musicals will be presented. School field trips will be offered in order for the entire community to enjoy the new venue. You donation will help establish a permanent space for Creative Theater

Our new permanent children's theater will not only offer students more opportunities to perform and grow as artists," said Artistic Director Michelle Hamstra. "It will be a safe place where amazing professionals in the field will mentor our local students.'

A Community Thrives launched on CrowdRise on March 19 at noon ET

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Creative Theater Workshop is bringing the play Aladdin Jr. to The Community House April 5 through 8. This will be the nonprofit's eighth production on Sanibel in the past five

To help Creative Theater Workshop receive grant money from A Community Thrives, go to https:// www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/ creative-theater-workshop. For more information, contact Michelle Hamstra at 738-3525.☆

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Wills, trusts and estate planning attorney Janet Strickland and Jack Thomas and Trevor Swartz, managing directors and partners at HighTower Advisors/Thomas and Swartz Wealth Management, will present information and answer questions about the importance of estate planning, how new tax laws affect it, and how to get started with the process.

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Trevor Swartz

questions for their own advisors and family members," said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Miller. "This one too will provide a means to take that first step for those who haven't already done so and may feel overwhelmed with the process and the new tax laws.

Attendance is free but limited on a first-come basis. Attendees need not be members of DDWS or intending to include it in their will. For more information, contact DDWS at 472-1100 ext. 256.☆

Human Pink Ribbon Event

artners for Breast Cancer Care will hold the Human Pink Ribbon event at Miromar Outlets on Saturday, May 12 at 9 a.m. The event, which was rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma, will take place rain or shine.

From 9 to 10 a.m. there will be a Pinktastic VIP Breakfast at Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar for a cost of \$20. A portion will benefit Partners for Breast Cancer Care. At 10:45 a.m., there will be a group photograph and participants will receive a Miromar Outlets Savings Booklet.

John Davis from WGCU will be the master of ceremonies.

For more information, contact Janet Darnell at 454-8583 or visit www. pfbcc.org.\\\\$

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Lifesaver Award

Ivan Codling, was standing nearby. He noticed Tombs was in distress, and immediately sprung into action. Codling performed the Heimlich maneuver on her, which dislodged the obstruction in her throat. Since then, Tombs has fully

The life-saving tale was recounted last week during the Sanibel Fire Rescue District's monthly Board of Fire Commissioners meeting, during which Fire Chief Matt Scott presented Codling with the Civilian Lifesaver Award.

Prior to the ceremony, Codling and Tombs talked about the training that Sanibel's fire department personnel delivered to the staff at Sanibel Island Beach Resort last summer.

Tim (Barrett) was our instructor, and we had five employees take the course," said Tombs. "He taught us CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation), how to use a defibrillator and how to perform the Heimlich maneuver."

According to Tombs, the owners

of her company had just purchased a defibrillator for use at the resort. "We were looking to get some training," she added, noting that she reached out to the fire department to inquire about holding an emergency training session for employees.

"The training that we learned was a little different from what I had learned before," explained Codling. "But after it was done, I was pretty confident that I'd know what to do in case I needed to.'

The pair told commissioners and fire personnel attending the March 14 ceremony that the training provided by Barrett helped save her life.

"My life was definitely saved that day... I could feel myself going," said Tombs, who estimated the ordeal lasted about two and a half minutes. "Ivan never hesitated at all. He jumped up and began working on me.'

Codling added that all islanders should take advantage of the emergency training course offered by the Sanibel Fire Rescue District. For more information about community training sessions, contact Tim Barrett at





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Author and naturalist Denege Patterson talked about the history of Pine Island Sound durina her Island Voices lecture at the Captiva Civic Center on March 13 photos by Jeff Lysiak

Speaker Discusses History Of Pine Island Sound

by Jeff Lysiak

ne of the major revelations discussed during author and naturalist Denege Patterson's Island Voices lecture, held last week at the Captiva Civic Center, is that the islands of Sanibel and Captiva aren't nearly as old as was once thought. In fact, some parts of the islands may only date back hundreds of years, rather than the 5,000 years as previously estimated.

Patterson, who also works as a tour guide and educator at the Randell Research Center at Pineland, delivered a 90-minute presentation on the history of Pine Island Sound, focusing on Captiva and Buck Key. The lecture was sponsored by the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS).

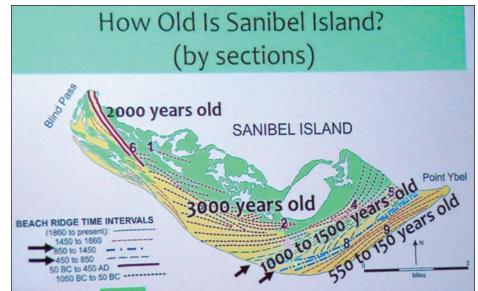
"Captiva's northern part formed at the same time as Buck Key, around 450 to 850 AD, or 1,150 to 1,550 years ago," she told the standing room only crowd. "But Captiva's southern part formed no earlier than 1350 AD, or 650 years ago."

information provided by one of the region's leading geologists, one map of Sanibel estimated that the easternmost portion of the island may only date back between 150 and 550 years.

A native of Middletown, New York, Patterson earned a master's degree in marriage and family counseling from Syracuse University. But after a distinguished career as a therapist, she began exploring the world of art and archaeology. Multiple visits to the Museum of Natural History in New York City, where she became fascinated with ancient Egyptian artwork, artifacts and culture, pointed Patterson down another career path.

'Those trips to the museum really set me off," she said prior to the March 13 lecture. "I can trace my family history back to the 1680s, so I've always had a passion for history.

Patterson noted that members of her family were kidnapped by Native American Indians during the Revolutionary War, and that her ancestors also owned land which contained many caves occupied by the Lenni Lenape Indians of the Delaware region. Over the years, she has been able to visit those caves, which housed archaic treasures including pieces of pottery and arrowheads.



Graphic shows the age of several areas across Sanibel, from 3,000 years mid-island to less than 550 years on the east end

but what you find out," said Patterson. "It brings up so many questions – who owned it, how did they use it, when was this deposited and why was it me who was chosen to find this? It's those connections through time that are sacred to me.'

Her presentation, entitled A Tour of the Islands of Pine Island Sound - Their Geology, Archaeology and History, shared details of the origins of Captiva, Sanibel and surrounding islands along with information she learned from leading geologists who studied the region.

"Fifteen hundred years ago, the Florida peninsula was twice as wide, and the Gulf of Mexico was 400 feet lower than it is today," said Patterson.

Approximately 6,000 years ago, waters from the gulf first reached the Charlotte Harbor Basin. Later, several of the barrier islands — including Pine Island, Cabbage Key, Little Bokeelia (Burgess), Mondogo and Patricio were formed. But according to evidence, other islands such as Captiva, North Captiva, Sanibel, Cayo Costa and Gasparilla didn't come into being until around 3,000 years ago.

"Somebody asked me the other day how many islands are located in Pine Island Sound, and I told them it's around 90," she explained. "However, there are always new mangroves growing on sandbars, creating new islands.

Patterson's lecture included a slide presentation featuring local landmarks and vintage maps. A picture of the Wulfert Indian Mound, located within the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, dates back some 3,000 years to Sanibel's earliest period.

Another vintage photograph depicted early settler Kelly Faulkner and his family, featuring a quote taken from the journal of Richard Coleman: "All he had there was bee hives, and that is what he lived on. He did not even fish. He lived off of those bees. I guess he took most of it back to the mainland.

One of the more interesting images from Patterson's PowerPoint was an English map of the Buck Key area, created by Dutch merchant Bernard Romans in 1774. The map, entitled Islands of Charlotte Harbor Region, accurately sketched Buck Key, Roosevelt Channel and Chino Island, detailing depths of the water surrounding those locations.

'These are such dynamic islands... their shape is always changing. But such is the case of barrier islands," said Patterson,







One of the images shown during Patterson's lecture was a photo of Commodore Reed and Capt. Sam Ellis sitting in front of a palmetto shack circa 1890

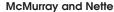
who also noted that the region's earliest settlers - the Calusa Indians - may have used celestial navigation to get around. "I call the Calusa people wealthy without having any money, because their needs were being met every day.

Following her program, Patterson answered questions from the audience and later signed copies of her books. Proceeds from her book sales benefit the Randell Research Center.

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Top Producers









Tracy Walters

he top producers at the Royal Shell Sanibel-Captiva office for the month of February were: McMurray and Nette, top listing producers team; Brian Murty, top listings producer individual/partners; McMurray and Nette, top sales team; and Tracy Walters, top sales producers individual/partners.

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Trust Company Announces **Appointments**

he Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Naples division has made two strategic appointments. West McCann, CFA will serve as president of The Naples Trust Company, and Carol B. Boyd has been promoted to regional corporate director.

Boyd said, "Meeting our clients' goals and providing them with exceptional service is our highest priority. These new



West McCann

personnel changes increase our strength and expertise, so we can continue to serve our clients well.

The day-to-day operations of The Naples Trust Company will transition to McCann, who brings with him an established reputation in the wealth management industry. "I've admired the firm for several years," said McCann. "The qualities of The Naples Trust Company and their dedication to client care align with my own.

McCann joins The Naples Trust Company from Northern Trust where he has held a prestigious career since 2001. Most recently, he served as managing

director of the Bonita Springs and Fort Myers markets, responsible for \$1.75 billion in assets under management. Earlier, he held the position of managing executive of their Naples Fifth Avenue office. McCann has over 30 years of wealth management and portfolio management experience, having established and built his career in portfolio management and team oversight at banking institutions throughout the Southeastern U.S. He is a graduate of Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia where he earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance, and subsequently became a holder of the chartered financial analyst designation. McCann is a member of the CFA Institute and Investment Management Consultant

Boyd served as president of The Naples Trust Company since 2013. "Carol has been instrumental in the strategic direction and growth of the Naples and Marco

Island markets since her arrival," said Richard Botthof, vice chairman of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. "Today, we have more than tripled our number of client families as well as assets under management.'

Boyd will continue to care for her current client relationships. She will also be embracing a wider role in Collier and Lee counties to further develop the trust company's services toward new and existing clients.

Both McCann and Boyd are dedicated to nonprofit organizations throughout Southwest Florida. McCann currently serves as board chairman of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, vice chairman of New Horizons of Southwest Florida and is a board member of Hope Hospice of Lee County. As an advocate of children's causes, Boyd has devoted over 30 years to multiple organizations - primarily in the areas of health and education.

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Tournament

tournament more than a quarter century ago, said that the decision to add pickleball to the annual outing was a simple one.

The first 25 years of the tournament was held at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club," Century said. "We are very thankful to the club and its members for the great support they gave us over the years, but now we're entering a new phase that includes both tennis and pickleball.'

One of the reasons tournament organizers decided to open the event to pickleball, the fastest growing sport in the United States, was to draw additional participants.

'We used to get 100 tennis players every year, but that's been down to between 50 and 60 over the past few years," said Century. "We thought it best to include pickleball, which we hope will give this tournament some new life.'

Sundial Beach Resort and Spa is a new major sponsor as well as the tournament host site. According to Ernesto Enriquez, pickleball pro at the Sundial, the resort's newest sports amenity continues to be extremely popular.

Three years ago, we had this idea to replace our old tennis courts with pickleball courts," said Enriquez, a former badminton player and coach in his native Cuba. Since we put them in, we've been very

busy. People are always calling to see if there are any courts open.'

Perhaps the best advantage of offering pickleball at the resort, Enriquez noted, is the diverse range of opportunities for players of all ages and athletic ability.

'It doesn't matter how old you are... there's no way to predict how good your opponent is until they start hitting the ball," he said. "Sometimes I'll see a young kid – 8 or 9 years old – playing pickleball with their grandfather, who might be 80. And they're having a good time playing the sport together.

The tennis portion of the tournament, open to men's and women's doubles competitors, costs \$75 per player. Registration and payment for tennis will be through the United States Tennis Association website www.usta.com. Participants do not need to be USTA members.

The entry fee for pickleball players is \$60 each, and action is open to women and men competing in a doubles format. To sign up for pickleball, call 395-6025 or visit www.sccf.org or www.sundialresort.

Lunch provided by Bailey's General Store will be served both days, and etched glass awards created by Century will be presented. There will also be a drawing for a Century-created glass bowl.

Tennis is a tougher sport to master, so people can see themselves excel quicker at pickleball," added Enriquez. "That sort of makes it a more satisfying experience for





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Zonta Collection Day Is April 7

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva invites the public to join in its efforts to assist local women to improve their lives by contributing items to its 3rd annual Collection Day on Saturday, April 7. To be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, the event will benefit area organizations that work to empower women and girls.

Volunteers will be collecting items for the following service organizations, which are among 17 local groups supported by

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) - Toiletries of all kinds, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, new twin sheets and pillow cases, and disposable diapers.

Dress For Success - Women's career clothing (in very good condition), women's shoes and handbags.

Habitat For Humanity/Women Build - Hardware (doorknobs, nails, screws, nuts and bolts), new cans of latex paint, power tools, artwork and framed mirrors, kitchenware, small appliances, area rugs, floor lamps. A complete list is online at www.LeeHendry.HabitatRestores.org.

Head Start Parent University (ESL) - Children's books, alphabet flash cards, cards games and board games, primary activity workbooks.

Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP) – Flip charts (new or partial), large sketch pads, pencils,



Members of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva are getting ready for Collection Day

photo provided

sharpies, new art brushes, plastic of vinyl tablecloths, flat sheets and drop cloths, large trash bags, painters tape (full or partial rolls).

PACE Center For Girls - Dresses for Love That Dress fundraiser.

SalusCare - Games, books, arts and crafts materials, sporting goods (balls, gloves, etc.), and women's career clothing.

The collection day is one way among

many that Zonta provides hands-on service for the organizations they support. Zontians also volunteer throughout the year for local groups that empower women and girls as well as raise funds, which are distributed in the form of grants by The Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, the fundraising arm of group.

While totals are yet to be released for this year's Peek At The Unique house

tour, Zonta's principal fundraiser held on March 10, the event raised \$130,000 last year, 75 percent of which was distributed locally. The remainder was donated to Zonta International for its global projects.

For more information about how to help, visit www.zontasancap.com.

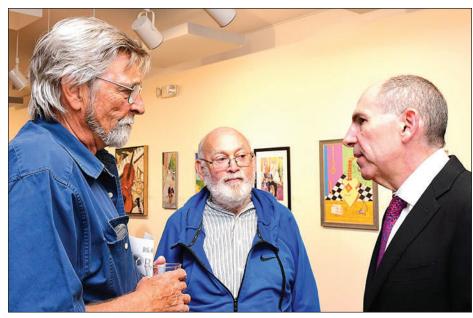
Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way.₩



Speakers Mingle With Guests At BIG ARTS



FORUM speaker Rachel Davis Mersey, left, talks with Mary Arceneaux and Ken Appel following a recent lecture at BIG ARTS photos provided



From left, Michael McCrea, Gene Rothman and FORUM speaker Robert Danin



From left, Andy Wright, Dick Wright and Josie Wright



Carlotta and Ransom Shaw from Wayland, Massachusetts



From left, Sherry Halleran, Hanna Danin and Jeanette Danin



From left, Richard Halliburton, Miriam Pepper, and Susan and George Heisler



Rachel Davis Mersey and Neal Halleran



Located in West Rocks w/deeded beach access, this home offers 3-bedroom en-suites and a large open great room with vaulted ceilings surrounded by windows.

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The Burns Family Team coastal office in the heart of Captiva Village

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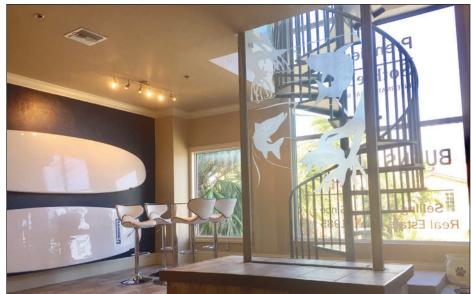
he Burns Family Team with Premier Sotheby's International Realty has expanded and remodeled its new penthouse lounge and offices to create a comfortable, fun and welcoming environment for clientele and their families.

We wanted to create a space that welcomed our friends and eliminated the intimidation factor that some feel when

walking into a real estate office," said Tiffany Burns, sales associate with Premier Sotheby's International Realty. "Our office has many features that pamper our clientele and especially welcome and entertain children, grandchildren as well as

At first glance, the innovative coastal inspired space is open and airy with a mix of textures, including reclaimed barn board, ceramic tile and chrome accents. The sophisticated color palate of Premier Sotheby's has been incorporated as well.

The views of downtown Captiva along Andy Rosse Lane are spectacular through the multi-walled, ceiling-to-floor windows.



Stand up paddleboards on the wall are available for customers to use

Leather club chair seating provides a plush area for guests to browse through listings and access information about their next home purchase or establish a plan to sell.

One unusual feature of the space is a "cool room" designed solely for youngsters accompanying adult guests or clients. Children can settle in a comfy bean bag chair or nest up high on a bunk bed to watch movies on the large-screen television or play a game.

We want the excitement of buying a piece of paradise to be fun for all ages and every family member," said Jeff Burns. "This was the motivating factor in designing a family fun room with movies, games and a fun atmosphere along with a dog-friendly area. We want everyone to enjoy their real estate experience with our family team.

The team also had the idea of signing out a stand up paddleboard – or a SUP – not only for the fun, but it also makes for artful wall decoration. Customers can drop by the office, sign a waiver, and walk to the beach with complimentary use of a stand up paddleboard for the day.

We take pride in the sanctuary islands that we call home," added Jeff Burns. "Our comfortably designed offices allows us, as a team, to further enhance our clientele's experience."☆

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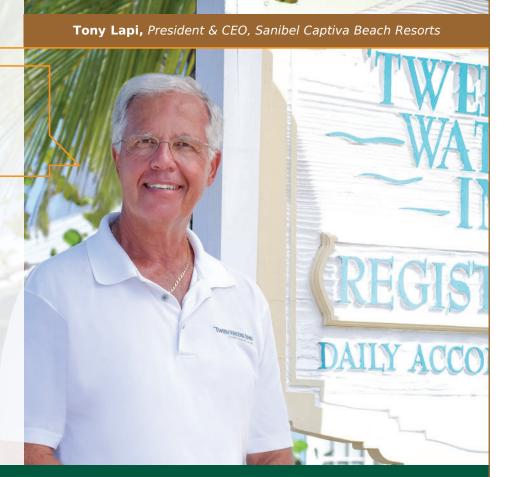
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Zonta's Peek At The Unique Another Record-Breaker



Helping Peekers on to their buses were Zontians, from left, Jill Janda-Kanner, Barbara Joy Cooley, Melanie Winters and Nori Ann Reed photos by Virginia Jones and Carol Orr Hartman

submitted by Sue Denham

ix hundred excited "Peekers," 100 volunteers, 15 buses, four island homes. The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva and Zonta Foundation held its 17th annual A Peek at the Unique on Saturday, March 10. With final accounting still to be completed, all indications are for another "best ever." And one "unique" element for this year's tour: it rained! For 16 years, the weather had always cooperated with bright sunshine. In spite of this year's unprecedented delivery from Mother Nature, spirits were not dampened and the Peekers enjoyed traditional taste treats at Sanibel Community Church, their "peek" into unique island homes, and Zonta hospitality. Thank you, everyone who contributed!



Peek co-chairs Virginia Jones, left, and Barbara Beran with servers Mick Denham, Rick Shewring and Robert Randell



Zonta President Nancy Dreher, left, with members of the newly-formed Zonta Club of Cape Coral, who showed up to help



A group of Peekers before beginning the tour



Ada Shissler, right, with her daughter, Ann Baillargeon, who completed the VIP tour



From left, CHR board member Les Boyle, executive director Melissa Rice and board president Richard Johnson



Zontian and bus guide Dalia Jakaubauskas



Danny Morgan provided his signature music during the noon hours



Carol Orr Hartman of the Zonta Club of Cape Coral with long-time Peeker Ann Walter



Salli Kirkland and Linda Linsmayer



Server Richard Johnson of Bailey's General Store with Peekers



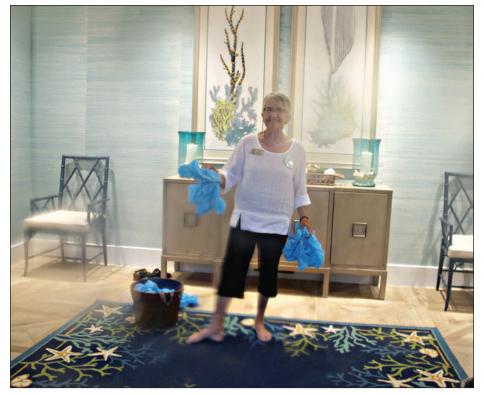
Zontians Orlene Shimberg and Ruth Woodham



Owners of the third home on the Peek tour, Stu Langton and Zontian Carolyn Gray



A group of Zontians at Sanibel Community Church



Zontian Ellen Strobel at the tour home named Sea Glass - with booties to protect floors from the wet conditions



Guests at Octifest 2018 enjoyed sunset views during a bayside cocktail hour

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Octifest Raises Funds To Support Ocean Education

submitted by Leah Biery

anibel Sea School's annual fundraiser, Octifest, was held on March 11 in a big top tent on Causeway Island A. The event was attended by nearly 200 guests, and raised funds that will support ocean outreach programs, provide scholarships to students in need, and help the organization purchase needed supplies for its field-based classes and camps.

We are very grateful to have the support of the Sanibel community," said Sea School's Development Director Chrissy Basturk. "We are surrounded by people who understand the importance of sharing meaningful ocean experiences with students.'

All fundraising goals were exceeded during this year's event, which will make it possible for Sanibel Sea School to grant more scholarships than ever before in 2018.

"We partner with many schools and partner organizations throughout the year to bring landlocked kids to Sanibel to learn about the ocean, often at no cost to them," added Basturk. "The money raised at Octifest means we are always able to say yes when we receive scholarship and outreach program requests from individual families and teachers.

Sanibel Sea School will add a new, scholarship-funded outreach program with Child Care of Southwest Florida to its schedule beginning this month.

Sanibel Sea School is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the ocean's future, one person at a time. To learn more, visit

Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

s noted in last week's Rotary **1**column, the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club president-elect for 2018-19, John Danner, attended Rotary Florida PETS,



Although Danner didn't give a full report from PETS last Friday, he did take a few moments to report that this informational and motivational training session had many standout moments, but one made him realize how important his PETS experience was. This was the standout, a story told by Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin paraphrased by Danner: "As part of a polio eradication team assigned to Pakistan, Barry, fellow Rotarians, medical assistants and Pakistanis were assigned a particular village in Pakistan to visit and distribute the polio vaccine. They were stopped from entering the village by the Taliban. The Taliban chief of the area had refused their entrance. Barry's passion for this mission would not allow him to accept this verdict. He somehow sent word to the village, he personally would like to speak to the chief. Contact was made with the Taliban and a firm invitation for him to be ready at a certain time in a certain place and he would be picked up and would be taken to the Taliban chief. Four gun-carrying Taliban soldiers showed up at the designated time, put a black hood on Barry's head, drove him for an hour through rough mountainous terrain, eventually taking him to the chief. Barry explained how important eradicating polio was to the future of people of Pakistan. The chief listened and agreed to let the polio eradication team go into the village for one day only. Barry was brought back to the rest of the team and they proceeded with their mission." Rassin knew the importance of not missing this village on this mission.

Rassin noted in a recent article released by Rotary International regarding the incredible progress made over the past three decades: "In 1988, an estimated 350,000 people were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus; just 20 cases were reported in 2017 as of 27 December. We are at an incredibly exciting time for polio eradication, a point at which each new case of polio could very well be the last."

He emphasized that even when that last case of polio is recorded, the work won't be finished. "Polio won't be over, until the certifying commission says it's over - when not one poliovirus has been found, in a river, in a sewer or in a paralyzed child, for at least three years," he said. "Until then, we have to keep doing everything we're doing now." Rassin urged continued dedication to immunization and disease surveillance programs.

Danner also told us how extremely impressed he was with incoming Rotary International President Barry Rassin. He is a true leader and a great Rotarian.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, Be The Inspiration. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater," he said. "The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us." Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves."

It is evident that not all Rotarian's dedication and courage will be tested like Rassin's was in Pakistan, but we are all potential leaders for good in this world. We all can encourage the next generations to care about helping others; we all can lead the way with leadership, caring for our environment, providing clean potable water, educational opportunities, disease control, disaster relief, and support for communities and places where we live.

'We want the good we do to last. We want to make the world a better place. Not just here, not just for us, but everywhere, for everyone, for generations," Rassin said.

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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Local Eatery Honoring Vietnam Veterans

efore opening the popular neighborhood eatery Joey's Custard on Sanibel, Joey Almeida spent three years serving our country in the Army. It was a call to duty that runs deep in his family – two uncles and his late father served in the Vietnam War. In honor of them, Almeida is celebrating the first anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29.

'U.S. Armed Forces personnel with active duty service, between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service, are invited to have their choice of sundae or sandwich on the house," said Almeida. "We ask veterans to bring their VA card or DD214 form on March 29.

'The recognition of Vietnam veterans' service to our country is important to me. It will be a pleasure to be able to thank them and talk with them on a day set aside just for them," said Almeida, who lost his father as a direct result of exposure to nuclear missiles during the Vietnam War. "I have witnessed the strong bond of military service in my family and hope this day will form new, everlasting bonds.

National Vietnam Veterans Day was developed by the Gold Star Wives of America, a Congressionally chartered nonprofit organization that



Debi and Joey Almeida

provides services to the active duty and service-connected military surviving spouses. Almeida's mother and business partner. Debi. is a member. "This commemorative day is very close to our hearts," she said. "We look forward to serving them."

Debi will be releasing a book in the memory of her husband. "The book will

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tell his story through emails to loved ones during the last six weeks of his life, intermixed with artwork he drew while stationed in bunkers in Germany." she said. It is due to be published in the fall of 2018 and will be sold at the

Joey's Custard is located at 2467 Periwinkle Way in Bailey's Center.

Tickets Available For Celebrity Panel Discussion

The Cause an Effect celebrity panel discussion — featuring Randy Wayne White, bestselling author of the Doc Ford and Hannah Smith series of novels; Porter Goss, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S. Congressman; and longtime NBC-2 News anchor Kellie Burns - will share stories of their good and not-so-good times on the world's biggest stages at a one-night-only event at The Community House on

Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m.

The conversation will be moderated by Brian Hummel, MD, FACS, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Shipley Cardiothoracic Center at HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers.

'Everyone of us – whether you are an author or accountant, a government official or a grade school teacher – deals with the stresses of performance in their workplace and their life," said Dr. Hummel. "I just thought it would be great to sit down with this panel, all have seen and done so much in their days and have been wildly successful, to talk about when the pressures got the best of them and they didn't perform at the top of their game. What happened? How did they get through? They can provide us some important lessons.

Tickets are \$150 each and can be reserved by calling 343-6058 or emailing jeff.muddell@leehealth.org. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served. A

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Things To Do Before You Leave Paradise



by Angela Larson Roehl

This past
September,
we all received
a wake-up call with
Hurricane Irma
barreling north,
bringing along dire
predictions from our
local newscasters.

The newscasters

were attempting, like insurance professionals sometimes do, to prepare us for the worst, and hope for the best outcome.

Luckily, most of us in Southwest Florida were able to breathe easier once Irma left our area with scattered damage and without the nerve wracking prediction of a 14-foot storm surge.

While hurricanes are certainly a major concern here in Florida, we need to

remind ourselves that our properties can be damaged by other means... even on a bright, sunny day.

Water damage claims that are not flood-related often occur from pipes that have burst, or the hot water heater that has run for days on end, and comes to its demise by leaving water everywhere.

Fire is another peril we don't think of often, until those newscasters relay that there is a brush fire here or there, causing eminent threat to homes in its unforgiving path.

Your property can endure an unforeseen loss at any time... not just during hurricane season.

What can you do now to alleviate some of the anxiety when a loss occurs? Be prepared.

I would recommend that you have digital or print copies of your insurance policies for easy access to reference coverage, deductibles and contact information, in case you need to report a loss.

It's also advisable that each year, you either video or photograph your home, showing the current condition, features and quality of items you have in case of a loss. Keep the video or photos in a safe place, or give copies to a trusted friend or

family member that does not live in the same area where your home is located.

Taking the time now to familiarize yourself with all the above will assist you in the future should the need arise.

Angela Larson Roehl is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent with over 20 years of insurance experience, who can be reached at info@rosierinsurance.com.

Superior Interiors Stripes



by Linda Coin

tripes are one of the most versatile decorating tools available. They can make a room look bigger or wider, more serene or bolder.

But, as with everything in life, too

much of a good thing can sometimes be a bad thing. So here are a few helpful hints for your "striping" considerations:

for your "striping" considerations:

1. Watch out for wide stripes with dark or bright colors. They tend to be overpowering. Use them in small quantities, where they can still be an

attention getter, but the room won't be overpowered.

2. Keep in mind that the larger the room, the wider the stripe can be. Too small a stripe in a large living room could possibly get lost within the rest of your design plan.

3. A narrow vertical stripe works well in smaller rooms, particularly those with low ceilings – they will make your room appear taller by drawing your eye upward.

Stripes are truly the "great mixer." They are fantastic when coordinated with other patterns such as florals and plaids. If you want to create your own combinations, don't be afraid of the possibilities.

Just remember when mixing stripes with other patterns, be sure to find a common element – which will in most cases be color.

Linda Coin is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands and can be reached at linda@coindecden.com.

Island Realtors Continue Water Quality Efforts

submitted by Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors

The 2018 Everglades Coalition Conference, organized by the Everglades Coalition, took place from January 11 to 14 in Stuart, Florida. The conference is an alliance of more than 60 local, state and national conservation and environmental organizations dedicated to full restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem.

Many Sanibel and Captiva stakeholders and interested citizens attended the event, including island realtor David Schuldenfrei,

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Natural Resource Policy Director Rae Ann Wessel and SCCF Chief Executive Officer Erick Lindblad, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and "Ding" Darling Society (Friends of the Refuge) President Mike Baldwin.

Schuldenfrei and others have attended over 20 such events through the years, often participating as speakers. The Everglades Coalition is the vehicle for gathering these voices and their scientific knowledge into one place with the common mantra that "dirty polluted water will not and should not be tolerated anywhere in the state."

Event attendees are always encouraged by the focus of the many different organizations that come together and share their insight and scientific expertise on how to fix the problem. The science has been in for years, and there has been significant progress in passing legislation that will ultimately solve the causes of much of this pollution and stop the disastrous Lake Okeechobee water releases to the east and west coasts of Florida.

The recent conference also was attended by Florida Senators Joe Negron and Bill Nelson, former Florida Governor and Senator Bob Graham, and Florida House Representative and former Florida Governor Charlie Crist. All are champions of the Florida Everglades and recognize that the future of Florida and its economic health are dependent of the condition of the Everglades and clean water throughout the state. Their voices and support have helped make serious progress toward the common goal of clean water. They have helped implement legislation including Florida SB 10 and several national bills dealing with, not only Everglades restoration, but water quality projects in almost every state.

In Florida, many large and small water quality bills have been enacted. Some have been completed and others are in various stages of construction, and though

these federal and state bills have passed, many need funding. When congressional delegations meet, they hold Appropriations Committee meetings. Here, both Florida residents and out-of-state Florida property owners hold the key to applying the pressure necessary to get the proper and much-needed funding for these bills.

Please continue to support this important cause. Make your voice is heard and ask other property owners to stay involved, not just here but in their other home states, too. Continued concerted efforts are required. Local grassroots efforts have proven to be strong and effective. Please keep it up. Everyone needs to help this effort in any way they can with their time, voice and donations.

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands
Association of Realtors will be raising funds
for water quality issues at its annual golf
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Mental Health **Expert Headlines** Luncheon

ward-winning mental health expert Dr. Radu V. Saveanu of the University of Miami will discuss the latest advances in mental health treatment at a special luncheon presented by SalusCare at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Monday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The seminar entitled Shattering the Stigma is presented in honor of Mental Health Month.

Dr. Saveanu and his colleagues assisted a local family as they struggled to find the correct mental health diagnosis for their young adult son. Through videos and honest firsthand accounts, Dr. Saveanu and this family will share the journey that ultimately led to a diagnosis of bipolar disorder.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Saveanu join us for our second annual Shattering the Stigma luncheon event. He is internationally recognized for his work in mental health, and his presentation will be honest and insightful with an aim to humanize and eliminate stigma," said SalusCare President and CEO Stacey Cook-Hawk.

Dr. Saveanu is currently a professor and vice chairman for education in the University of Miami's department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences. He has special expertise in psychotherapy and conducts clinical research in the treatment of mood and anxiety disorders. He received his medical degree from Tufts University Medical School. Prior to joining the University of Miami, he was chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at The Ohio State University.

Tickets are \$45 with lunch and \$60

with continuing education units for mental health professionals. Purchase tickets at www.shatteringthestigma.org.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Todd Cordisco at 791-1575. A



Chris Heidrick and CECI Executive Director Cindy DeCosta, back, with Heidrick & Co. staff photo provided

Insurance Agency Sponsors Spring Festival

he Children's Education Center of the Islands (CECI) welcomes Heidrick & Co. Insurance and Risk Management Services as a sponsor

for the 24th annual Spring Festival.

The family-friendly festival is open to the public and will be held at Sanibel Community Park, next to the playground on Periwinkle Way, on Saturday, March 31 from 9 to 11 a.m.. All families are invited. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. with a free Easter

egg hunt for children of all ages.

The games, contests and crafts will begin immediately after and will continue until 11 a.m. A \$10 armband will allow each child unlimited fun to participate in all activities. There will be pony and unicorn rides, a bounce house, giant slide and crafts and games. Best of all, the Easter Bunny will be available at 10:15 a.m. for pictures. The festival will also include a silent auction with over 60 baskets to bid on.

Proceeds from the Spring Festival will benefit the Children's Education Center Scholarship Fund and capital improvements. For more information, call Cindy DeCosta at 472-4538 or visit www.childrenseducationcenter.com.



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Delayed Decisions



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

I'm usually not a big proponent of procrastination. The longer one takes to act, the more difficult the decision usually becomes.

Unless you've just lost a spouse or significant other.

When that happens, there are many fears and concerns. Will there be enough income to pay all the bills? Should I put the house on the market? What about our health insurance or supplemental Medicare plan? Do I change financial advisors?

After the death of a loved one, it seems that the world becomes unhinged. Normal routines are no more. After the flurry of the funeral with family and friends surrounding you is over, meals are often spent alone, meaning that there is too much time to dwell on

all of the fears and insecurities that arise. On top of that, it's difficult, if not impossible, to think clearly through the mourning and grief.

So what I'm advising is to not make major decisions during this emotional and difficult period – unless you absolutely have to.

Don't put the home on the market.

Don't change financial, legal and tax advisors.

Don't sell all the investments and go to cash.

Don't buy that new car that you've been eyeing.

This is not to say that you should put everything on hold. There will be tasks that you have to complete within a time frame. If your spouse's will or trust has to be probated or administered, visit with your attorney and get that going. Waiting too long could result in adverse legal or tax consequences, for example. Provided that you have confidence in your attorney, let him or her guide you through the process.

Let your attorney help you make death claims such as life insurance, annuities, VA or other government benefits. Make sure that the checks are deposited in the correct accounts if you or your spouse created a revocable trust. If a federal estate tax return is going to be due, make sure that you ask for a Form 712 from the insurance company when they pay the claim, as your CPA will need that.

Don't rush to transfer joint accounts into individual name, either. Sometimes checks will arrive made out to the deceased. If a joint account isn't still open, the only way to deposit that check may be to open a probate, which is time consuming and expensive. If a probate is not otherwise necessary (the usual case when the deceased owns a fully funded revocable trust, for example), then it is important to have a place to deposit the rogue checks made payable to the deceased that may come in over the next few months.

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Certainly, if financial realities require a change in spending habits or force the sale of certain assets, you can't wait too long to make certain financial decisions. Here, you may lean on your CPA and financial advisor to create budgets and to lay out a prudent plan to

keep you living in reasonable comfort.

Aside from those situations, nearly everything else can wait. The advice of most mental health professionals is to wait a year before making any major decisions. That amount of time allows one to process the grief and loss of a loved one, and return to a state where logic and careful thought are more likely to govern your actions.

While family and friends may have the best of intentions, try to take their advice with a grain of salt. Even if something works for them, it may not work for you as everyone's individual circumstances is different. Surround yourself with an excellent team of professionals and rely on them.

It's always tragic when we lose a loved one. Try not to compound the tragedy by making difficult decisions on your own and too early.

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Charity Grants Program Expands, Applicants Sought

WFL Children's Charities, Inc., a local nonprofit dedicated to saving children's lives by supporting organizations committed to pediatric health care services and education, is accepting proposals from additional nonprofit organizations seeking funding. For those interested in becoming a beneficiary of the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, applications are available at www.swflwinefest.org/grants-program-for-new-beneficiaries. To be considered, applicants must download, complete and submit an online application by Thursday, April 5.

To qualify for funding, initiatives must strive to improve the health and wellbeing of children in Southwest Florida. More specifically, organizations will be assessed on how they seek to improve new or existing programs that meet the grant criteria, through a competitive grant approval process. Grants will be funded by 10 percent of proceeds raised during the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, and divided among recipients, as approved. Announcements of successful recipients will be made in the fall of 2018, and funds will be presented following the 2019 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.

"We are very excited to extend

our grants program to additional beneficiaries serving the interests of children's health and wellness across Southwest Florida," said Sandy Stilwell-Youngquist, secretary and vice president of grants, SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. "It is integral to the mission of SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. to enhance the lives of the young people within our community. By expanding the network of organizations we fund, we are extending the amount of support we can offer to the community, as well as solidifying our commitment to do all we can to help improve the health, well-being and vitality of our children."

To learn more about the SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. grants program, determine whether an organization meets funding criteria, and for funding application details, visit

www.swflwinefest.org.

SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. recently hosted its 2018 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest on March 2 and 3, raising \$2.9 million in total to support pediatric health care and education. All proceeds of the auction will support Golisano Children's Hospital, Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida SouthWestern State College. Additionally, 10 percent of auction proceeds will benefit PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, SalusCare, Inc. and The Heights Foundation.

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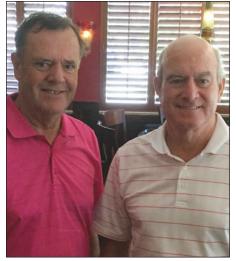
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anibel Island Golf Club (SIGC) announced its 2018 Club Champions. Both the men and women recently held 36-hole contests for the honors of being named Club Champion.

Leading the SIGC women this year are 18-hole Club Champion Sue Belanger and 9-hole Club Champion



Geri Harrand



Bill Fellows and David Lewis

Geri Harrand.

The SIGC men played a low gross and low net event from their respective tees. Low gross from the gold tees winner was Tom Ware, while the low net winner was Bill Fetherston.

From the white tees, the winning low gross golfer was Bill Fellows and the low net score winner was David



Sue Belanger

Airport Reports Record-Breaking February Traffic

uring February, 1,053,817 oassengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to February 2017. Yearto-date, passenger traffic is up 9.8 percent from the same period last year.

"I am pleased to report that for the first time in our 35-year history, we had more than 1 million passengers travel through Southwest Florida International Airport in the month of February," said Jeff Mulder, AAE, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority.

The traffic leader in February was Southwest Airlines with 201,448

passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta Air Lines (188,229), American (138,916), Spirit (132,867) and JetBlue

Southwest Florida International Airport had 9,190 aircraft operations, an increase of 7 percent compared to February 2017. Page Field saw 8,451 operations, a 16.7 percent decrease from February 2017. In addition, more than 2.6 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in February 2018.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 8.8 million passengers in 2017 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction.

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Red Sox-Yankee Rivalry Should Be A Headline Attraction In 2018

by Ed Frank

There is probably no other exciting and historic rivalry in all of sports as the one between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees.

And as Spring Training moves into its final days, there are strong indications that the battle between these two teams may once again stir strong, even bitter emotions, between Red Sox and Yankee fans throughout the 2018 season – and possibly beyond.

There are several facts for this reasoning:

The Yankees added slugger Giancarlo Stanton and his \$325 million contract (largest in sports) to their roster. And

teamed with All-Star Aaron Judge (56 home runs in 2017), they form an outfield tandem unmatched in baseball.

As for the Red Sox, who have won back-to-back American League Eastern Division Championships, the addition of outfielder J.D. Martinez (45 home runs in 119 games last season), provides Boston with the prestigious power they lacked last season upon the retirement of David Ortiz.

In addition, all of Boston's starting lineup returns this year.

Adding to the pending excitement of the new baseball season is the fact that both teams have new managers. Boston lured Alex Cora away from the World Champion Houston Astros after John Farrell was fired when his division champions were eliminated in the first round of postseason play two years in a row.

The new Yankee skipper is Aaron Boone who returns to New York after an eight-year career in broadcasting. He replaced Joe Girardi, who had managed the Yankees to a World Series title in 2009.

It is the first time in more than 25 years that both teams start the new season with rookie managers.

Boone holds a special place in Yankee history as the result of his Game Seven, 11th inning walk-off home run in the 2003 American League Championship Series against Boston. Despite his heroics, the Yankees lost to the Florida Marlins in the World Series.

Boston and New York had played 19 regular season games and seven postseason games that season before Boone's bottom of the 11th inning home run. The Red Sox did go on to win the 2004 World Series, their first since 1918. There are many great rivalries in sports, but few will argue that the Red Sox-Yankee battles will be on the top of most any list.

And the 2018 baseball season could be another one.

Twins Lose Shortstop Jorge Polanco In Drug Suspension

Earlier this week, the Minnesota Twins announced that starting shortstop Jorge Polanco had been suspended for 80 games by Major League Baseball for the use of performance enhancing drugs.

Polanco, 24, said he took a tainted combination of vitamin B12 and an iron supplement from his trainer in the Dominican Republic .

In 2017, Polanco hit .256 with 13 home runs and 74 RBIs. He is not eligible to return to the Twins lineup until June 30, and isn't eligible for postseason play. He also will lose several hundred thousand dollars in pay.

High Schools Hold Ceremonies For Shooting Victims

Before school started on March 14, the students at South Fort Myers High School took part in one of many ceremonies to honor and remember the victims from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. In a powerful display, they formed the shape of a heart and lit up the early morning sky with their phones to pay tribute to 17 lives lost.

Several other Lee County schools honored the victims killed one month ago.

At Cypress Lake High School, approximately 100 students gathered outside and used chalk to write some of

the victims' names on the ground, or messages of hope.

Riverdale students planned an activity called 17 for 17. They set up a table in the cafeteria for students to take a pledge to incorporate something good in their everyday life. Those written pledges were then posted on a large poster that said, "Take a pledge for 17." Estero High School set 17 chairs in

Estero High School set 17 chairs in the school's main courtyard, each with a picture of one of 14 students and three teachers killed, while kind words were spoken about each person.

East Lee County High School wore blue in unity and students posted their own words of kindness on a banner in the cafeteria.

Bonita Springs High School observed a moment of silence and had thoughtful conversations between students, staff, teachers and administrators.

SPORTS QUIZ

- Since 2000, two major-league starting pitchers have won a regular-season MVP Award. Name them.
- 2. The Cleveland Indians set a record in a game in 2016 for most pitchers combining for a shutout. How many did they use?
- 3. Who was the last running back for the Titans franchise before DeMarco Murray in 2016 to throw a touchdown pass and run for a touchdown in the same game?4. When was the last time all four No. 1 seeds in men's basketball made it to the Final Four of
- 4. When was the last time all four No. 1 seeds in men's basketoall made it to the rinal rour of the NCAA Tournament?
- 5. Who was the last NHL player before Tampa Bay's Nikita Kucherov in 2017 to start a season by scoring in seven consecutive games?
- 6. Who was the first U.S. male to win a World Cup downhill skiing race?
- 7. Golfer Phil Mickelson set a record in 2017 for most career victories (26) in the Presidents Cup. Who had held the mark?

ANSWERS

I. Justin Verlander in 2011, and Clayton Kershaw in 2014. S. Nine pitchers. 3. Earl Campbell in 1980, when the franchise was in Houston. 4. It was 2008 (Kansas, North Carolina, UCLA and Memphis). 5. Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux, in 1992. 6. Bill Johnson, in 1984. 7. Tiger Woods, with 24 wins.

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Youth Fishing

largest and smallest of landed fish in both age groups. Because of their ages, no fishing licenses are required.

Club members will be assisting the kids and awards will be given out at 11:15 a.m. to the winning anglers.

With up to 100 youthful anglers needed, parents are encouraged to bring their sons and daughters down to the A span (bayside) to participate in this fun event. Whitney's Bait and Tackle will be supplying the bait, and although a few loaner fishing rods are available, it is recommended that the kids bring their own rods and reels.

There are two age groups in the derby: 9 and under and 10 to 15. The event is free and participating youth will learn fishing skills and safe, ethical fishing practices.

Additional sponsors include the Trophy Case of Fort Myers, Dan Hahn Custom Builders, the Historic Bait Box on Sanibel and Whitney's Bait and Tackle

This program is a part of the Sanibel Island Fishing Club's outreach program that encourages young anglers to get out and enjoy the beautiful waters surrounding Sanibel and Captiva islands while learning about the many kinds of fish that inhabit the shoreline.

For more information, contact Mike Doran at 847-456-4650.☼



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Holocaust Memorial Week Programs At FSW

Norida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will observe Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week on its Fort Myers campus with a series of events that focus on the theme Legacy of Survivors from March 26 to 30. Events are free and open to the public.

The mission of the Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week at FSW is to educate students and the community about the Holocaust, to honor its victims and survivors, to cultivate tolerance and to promote awareness of modern-day genocide in support of the world's promise of "Never Again."

Throughout the week, local Holocaust

survivors will speak about their

experiences. All survivor talks will be held in Building U, Room 102.

On Tuesday, March 27, speakers include Irene Skolnick at 9:30 a.m. and Steen Metz at 6 p.m. On Wednesday, March 28, speakers include Rob Nossen at 9:30 a.m., Renee Beddouk at 11 a.m., Marcel Fachler at 2 p.m. and Cesare

Frustaci at 6 p.m.
Survivors will also tell their stories in a more intimate setting during a Survivor Round Table discussion at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

In addition to the survivor talks, a series of guest lectures and presentations will be held.

On Monday, March 26, in Building U, Room 102, FSW Cornerstone Experience Professor Robbie Manauis will present Learning from a Culture of Violence, Context for Genocide at 11 a.m. FSW Political Science Professor Dr. Bruno Baltodano will present Narratives at War: The Impacts of Denial to the Historical Legacy of the Holocaust and the Guatemalan Genocide at 12:30 p.m. FSW History Professor Sara Gottwalles will present Henchmen of Hate at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 27, in Building U, Room 102, FSW Psychology Professor Frank Kohn will recount his family's experiences during the Holocaust and the Nazi's psychological techniques at 11 a.m. FSW History Professor Dr. Mark Herman will present Children of the Holocaust at 12:30 p.m. FSW Hospitality Law Professor Dr. Sandi Towers will present Krakow, Poland, and Auschwitz-Birkenau: Yesterday and Today at 2 p.m.

A musical performance, Music of the Holocaust, will be presented by FSW Violin/Viola Professor Rachel Cox, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, in Building J, Room 117/118, with a reception beginning at 2 p.m.

Dream Peace, the art of renowned Sanibel-based artist Myra Roberts, will be exhibited at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, in Building U, Room 102. The exhibition will feature portraits of Bielski partisans and other survivors of the Holocaust.

On Friday, March 30, a video recording of Penn State University alumna Aviva Doery's presentation, The Lives of Lesbian Women in Nazi Concentration Camps, will be shown at 9:30 a.m. in Building J, Room 103.

The full event schedule is available at

www.fsw.edu/holocaust.

FSW's Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week is organized in partnership with the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, the Kenneth and Mary Ruth Stegman Endowed Chair, and Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties.

FSW Thomas Edison campus is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, call Cindy Campbell, FSW faculty librarian, at 489-9367 or Rona Axelrod, FSW mathematics professor, at 489-9437.

Round Robin Tennis Offered At Rec Center

ound Robin Tennis is now offered on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and continuing through April 6 at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Enjoy tournamentstyle play and meet fellow tennis players in the process. Tennis pro Joe McEntyre organizes all matches.

Registration includes a demonstration of doubles tactics and doubles play. Cost to play is \$13 per member and \$17 per non-member. Register in advance at the Sanibel Recreation Center front desk as space is limited.

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Assisted Living Nurse Manager **Appointed**

ypress Cove at HealthPark Florida has appointed healthcare professional Jamie Scherer as assisted living nurse manager for its assisted living community (The Inn) and its assisted living memory care facility (The Cottage).

Scherer comes to the South Fort Myers Life Plan community after serving the past eight years in healthcare management positions. The registered nurse has worked in healthcare for the past 25 years. At Cypress Cove, Scherer is responsible for overseeing the daily hiring, managing, training and development of scheduling for all nursing and care personnel at The Inn and The Cottage.

'Scherer's enthusiasm, skills and desires will ensure the quality care provided to residents of The Inn and The Cottage continues," said Cypress Cove Health Service Director David Gray, "We welcome Jamie's guidance of maintaining the excellent standard of caregiving available at both

Prior to joining the Cypress Cove



Jamie Scherer

photo provided

staff, Scherer worked at another Southwest Florida continuing care retirement community.

"I was so impressed the moment I came here. The facilities are so modern and up-to-date," she said. "They are beautiful and provide a family-oriented atmosphere."

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Island Seniors At Center 4 Life

eet 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 & Ann Hartman – If you are not on the Page Turners list and wish to be, email oceann@comcast.net or contact the Center 4 Life. The featured book for Wednesday, April 11 is The Muse by Jessie Burton. "A captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphantrain rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask." –Goodreads

Minnesota Twins Spring Training

Baseball Tickets - Members \$24 and \$34 non-member guests. Games are: Friday, March 23 vs. Houston Astros at

1:05 p.m.

Sunday, March 25 vs. Boston Red Sox at 1:05 p.m.

You must be a current Island Seniors member to purchase baseball tickets. All sales are final. Transportation is on your

Mindful Yoga at the Center 4 Life - Friday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Barbara P. Ward is a certified Kripalu Yoga teacher and licensed psychotherapist who has been doing both professionally for over 30 years. This is a gentle yoga class. Mindful yoga is a practice that can be done in a chair or on a mat. No experience is

necessary. There is no fee to attend, but advance registration is required, as class is size limited to 30.

Walking Guided Tour of ECHO and Lunch at Farmers Market Restaurant – Tuesday, March 27 Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Take a fascinating, guided tour of ECHO's Global Farm, the most creative working farm you have ever experienced. See 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, and 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 Market Restaurant in downtown Fort Myers. Advance registration is required and carpooling available.

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Beach Walk – Friday, March 30. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

This is a two-part tour. Begin at Bowman's Beach for an overview of the beach ecosystem and search for local shells. After the beach walk, travel to the shell museum for a guided tour. Participants will watch an introductory video, hear a live animal Tank Talk and explore shells from across the globe in the exhibit hall. Following the tour will be lunch at Doc Ford's. Trip cost includes beach walk and admission to the shell museum. Advance registration is required. Carpool arrangements will be available.

RS Walsh Garden Tour – Tuesday, April 3. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Private tour at RS Walsh In The Garden Retail Garden Center and Outdoor Showroom. Explore the tropical garden with wandering paths through display gardens, bountiful plant nursery and garden gift shop. There is a large assortment of native and tropical plants, pottery, fountains, unique outdoor seating, garden accessories and gifts for people who love gardening, as well as original works of garden art from local artists. This is the perfect place to get the latest landscape design and outdoor living trends ideas. Lunch will be at Cip's Place with a talk about the iconic Wall of Faces mural. Advance registration is required. Carpool arrangements will be available.

River District History Tour of Downtown Fort Myers & Lunch at Izzy's Restaurant - Monday, April 9. Cost is \$16 for members and \$26 for non-members.

This 90-minute walking tour will educate and entertain with narratives of local history and the colorful personalities of the founders of Fort Myers. The ambitions and rivalries of the famous and infamous who were the early builders of Fort Myers make an engaging story. Sometimes unruly, often stubborn but always visionary, these founders grew from a frontier fort to a city that has become an international destination for sun seekers. There is a whole lot more to this town than you think. Tour is ADA compliant; wheelchair/scooter accessible. Carpooling available. Advance registration required.

Ostego Bay Working Waterfront Walking Tour – Wednesday, April 11. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Cost includes a three-hour guided tour of the working waterfront, learning about the shrimping industry firsthand. Learn about Florida's "pink gold" and the oldest and largest fleet in Florida. The tour will also include 1 ½-hour guided tour of the museum, which contains numerous hands-on exhibits. Lunch is on your own at Dixie Fish Co. Advance registration required. Carpooling available.

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.

New: Rummikub – Tuesday at 1 p.m. **Hand & Foot** – Thursday at 12:00

New: Canasta – Thursday at 12:30

Hearts – Friday at 12:30 p.m. Kayaking on Tuesdays and Select **Thursdays** – March 27 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. Sign-up is available for experienced kayakers two weeks prior to each launch date. Island Seniors, Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets (which must be worn at all times). Bring

water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing (your shoes and clothing may get wet). Cost is \$5 for members and \$20 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. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will be used. The format is 40 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance exercises, core strength, flexibility exercises and mat work. Athletic footwear is required. Connie DeCicco is the instructor

Essential Total Fitness - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11

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.

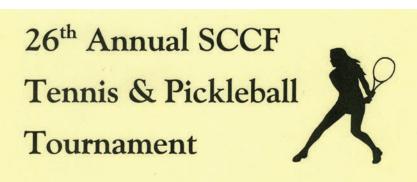
Kiwanis Scholarships Available

he Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club is accepting scholarship applications for the 2018-19 school year. Scholarships of \$3,000 per year, over a period of four years, will be awarded. Additionally, several one-year scholarships in varying amounts are available, including Sam Bailey's Islands Night Scholarships.

Eligible applicants must be Sanibel-Captiva residents, employed full time on the islands or a family member of such (of any age) attending a college or vocational school.

The club collects the applications and an independent committee makes the selection.

Applications must be submitted by March 30. They can be obtained on the Kiwanis website at www. SanibelKiwanis.org, by contacting Antoinette Radicchi at 579-0660 or antoinette@sanibelinsurance.com, Bill Traum at 671-0155 or billtraum@ me.com, Chris Heidrick at 579-0660 or



Sundial Beach Resort & Spa April 7th - 8th

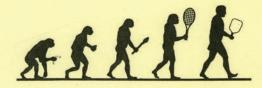
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Life Insurance

Dealing With An Old Term Policy



J. Brendan Ryan, CLU, ChFC, MSFS

uestion: I have had a \$500,000 policy that is in its 19th year. I am 70 years old, healthy and want to stay insured for another 10 or 20 years.

What are my choices?

Answer: There are a few things to

Your present policy costs \$3,000 per year for one more year. If you want to renew it past that, the next year will cost \$22,000, and more and more each year thereafter.

Keeping it for just one more year at that low premium is very tempting, I am sure, before you try to replace it with a modern, more affordable policy. But, there are two downsides to that if you want to have affordable coverage for the long haul. One downside is that getting a new policy next year will cost you more for the whole new term period of the new policy compared to buying it this year because you will be getting it when you are one year older than you are now. The more serious downside is that, while you can keep your premium low for another year, waiting until next year to get a new policy may destine you to be stuck with just your present policy.

I say this because your health may change between now and next year, and you may not be able to qualify for replacement coverage next year. While you are healthy now, unexpected strokes, cancer, heart disease, etc. can happen any time. A perfectly healthy friend and client of mine was recently and unexpectedly diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and now can hardly breathe or swallow. It can happen out of the blue.

Assuming that you are indeed in good health today, you can get a \$500,000 term policy today with:

A guaranteed-level premium for 10 years for about \$4,000 per year (\$72,000 in the eleventh year);

A guaranteed-level premium for 15 years for \$5,800 per year (\$178,000 in the sixteenth year);

A guaranteed-level premium for 20 years for \$9,500 per year (no renewal after that).

The policies that do renew after the guaranteed period have premiums that grow in leaps each year thereafter. It is likely that you will drop the policy down the road before you die. In that sense, it is a use-it-or-lose-it proposition. If you had gotten a permanent, cash-value policy instead of the term policy 19 years ago, you would not be facing this dilemma today.

As an alternative, you should consider a universal-life (UL) policy today that has a benefit for long-term care (LTC) built in. Such policies are normal life insurance policies that pay a death benefit to the named beneficiary except for any portion that is consumed during lifetime for LTC. And as much as the full death benefit can be used for your LTC, if needed.

With a UL policy, the premium is projected to be stable, not increasing. So, it is a benefit that you and/or your beneficiaries can rely on in the future. A \$500,000 UL policy today will cost you \$14,000 per year. If you wait until next year, it will be more expensive, and any change in your health may not allow it at any cost.

So, today, this will give you \$500,000 of death benefit or even that full amount in LTC benefits at a payout rate not to exceed \$20,000 per month - completely free of income tax - to reimburse incurred LTC expenses up to the full \$500,000. Here it not use-it-or-lose-it but rather someone-isgoing-to-get-the-whole-amount, either your beneficiary in the form of a death benefit, you in LTC benefits, or some

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Uncommon **Evening Set** For November 8

he Uncommon Friends Foundation (UFF) 2018 Uncommon Evening annual gala is set for Thursday, November 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the historic Burroughs Home & Gardens in Fort Myers. The Reflections on the River theme will celebrate the Uncommon Friends Foundation's 25th anniversary in 2018 Caryn Smith, CEO of Driven by Design LLC, is the chairperson for the event.

This year's gala will feature a retrospect of the organization's history as it relates to character education, promoting ethics in business, student scholarships and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives. The foundation was first inspired by the lives, relationships, passions and values of the original uncommon friends: Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh as revealed in James Newton's 1987 book *Uncommon Friends* with forward by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

Uncommon Evening will also include historic Burroughs Home tours and riverfront dining, followed by the program to honor student scholarship recipients, the Character Education Champion Teacher and the Business Ethics Award winner. Nominations for all of the scholarships and awards are open at www.uncommonfriends.org.

Sponsorships for 2018 are now available. Storm Smart returns as the Jim & Ellie Newton Presenting Sponsor.



Caryn Smith

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Other committed sponsors include: Alliance Financial Group/Michael & Lynne Kimmich, BB&T Insurance, Henderson Franklin and LCEC. Artichoke & Company returns as the official caterer. Sponsors who partner early will benefit from increased exposure from several 25th anniversary events planned throughout the year, such as a special Historic Tour Progressive Dinner planned for September. All money raised supports the Uncommon Friends Foundation and its work throughout the year.

Burroughs Home & Gardens is located at 2505 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. For more information or a complete list of sponsorship opportunities, contact Executive Director Jennifer Nelson at jennifer@uncommonfriends. org, call 337-9503 or download a copy of the sponsorship packet at www.bit. ly/2GpWidG.☆



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Beautifulife:

Music, Moods **And Moments**



by Kay Casperson

Tt is always amazing to me how music helps me create the atmosphere that I desire, from moment to moment and day to day. Music has a power that can be utilized to fit into absolutely

everything you do, and it will make all the noise of life go away in just a split second. I play music to get everyone going early in the morning, for motoring through my workout routine, plowing through the workday, and then for enjoying my preparation of the evening dinner routine.

There is a song or melody for absolutely everything we do that will inspire, motivate and lift our spirits as well as calm, relax and soothe our souls. I am such a huge fan of music that I can still sing almost every lyric of every song that I loved as I grew up. I remember enjoying everything from rock, disco, R&B to Christian, pop, jazz and country. All the various kinds of music have a place, and a time to enjoy and appreciate.

I still listen to large variety of music depending on what I am doing throughout the day, and how I want to set the mood. My family has grown to also love and appreciate the many various kinds of music, and they know which ones to turn on when we are all together, without me even having to ask.

I have a few suggestions for music that just might enhance your day and help you continue to live your most balanced and beautiful life.

Morning – Start your day out fresh with music that motivates and inspires you. Contemporary Christian, gospel or

pop music that has positive messages should keep you in good spirits and will ensure that you begin a new day with a smile, happiness and a great outlook.

Workout - In my opinion, there is nothing better to workout to than a blast from the past, but make sure it has an upbeat tempo to keep you moving fast and forward. I have many fun flashbacks from the '80s so I get a good jolt from that era, but I also love an upbeat tempo, so the teen and dance beats work well too. Of course, if you're winding down or doing yoga, you will need something motivating yet calming at the same time in order to focus on

Day time – I personally have to focus on so many different tasks at hand throughout the day so I tend to gravitate towards a very subtle tone of music with no lyrics, like spa, tranquility or soundscapes of various kinds. Even soft classical music can keep you focused, but the point is that when only instrumentals play in the background, my mind is clear to think and make major decisions without much conflict on

Evening – This is a time that I love to prepare dinner and wrap up my workday so my favorite music to play is a soft jazz that gives a bit of a fun festive feel yet quiet enough for all to enjoy a good conversation over.

Regardless of your age and your love of music, I know for sure that picking the right music for the right time will ensure that your moments and moods are everything you want them to be.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I will appreciate all that music brings my moods and will make the best choices for the right moments in life."

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Doctor and Dietician

Exercise And **Brain Function**





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

e already know that exercise is great for our bodies, but scientific evidence continues to confirm that exercise also strengthens the brain. Moderate exercise nourishes the brain, improves our ability to learn, boosts mental performance, remodels the brain and helps prevent the brain from aging.

Scientists used to think the adult brain structure was fixed, and no new cells could be made or the brain altered in any way after adolescence. However, physical activity boosts blood flow all through the body, including the brain, which increases the ability of brain cells to connect with each other. Increased connectivity can occur by simply walking. More vigorous exercise, such as running, leads to faster reaction times and improved learning. Physical

activity has been linked to a lower risk of the development of cognitive decline, because it is, in essence, a fertilizer for the brain, nourishing it and improving attention, memory and information

processing.
A March 2018 article from Mayo Clinic Proceedings, researched all PubMed literature from 2017 regarding exercise and Parkinson's disease, as well as exercise and cognition. The literature showed a direct benefit of exercise on the brain. Dementia is the most feared aspect of Parkinson's, but adults who engage in exercise during midlife, are able to significantly reduce the risks of dementia and cognitive impairment later

Exercise reshapes the brain. When we don't use our muscles, they atrophy. The brain is no different. Boost the health of brain cells, stimulate the growth of new blood vessels in the brain and encourage new neuronal connections through exercise.

Start your day with exercise. Exercising in the morning prepares you for the day by enhancing brain activity, improving information retention and fine-tuning your ability to react to the situations and stressors that come your

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

Repiratory Care Informational Sessions At FSW

Norida SouthWestern State College's (FSW) Respiratory Care and Cardiovascular Technology programs will feature a series of joint informational sessions this spring. Sessions will be held in Building A, Room 214 at the FSW Thomas Edison campus from noon to 2 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend any of the following information sessions: Monday, April 2; Monday, April 16; Wednesday, May 9; and Wednesday,

FSW's Respiratory Care program is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The program is designed to offer students the opportunity to obtain an associate in science degree in respiratory care. Upon completion of the program, students will be registryeligible respiratory therapists and will take the National Board for Respiratory Care Examinations. Respiratory therapists are employed in acute care hospital settings, skilled nursing centers, rehabilitation, neo-natal intensive care and home care environments.

FSW Thomas Edison campus is located at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

Respiratory care program applications can be found at www. asrespiratorycare and are due May 31.

Chronic Pain Workshops

fsw.edu/academics/programs/

Tould you like to learn how to better manage chronic pain conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain and headaches?

Lee Health is offering a free six-week workshop, entitled Chronic Pain Self-Management – a research-based program developed by Stanford University. Sessions will be held at Shell Point Retirement Community on Thursdays beginning April 5 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. as well as at Grand Villa of Fort Myers on Tuesdays beginning April 10 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. . Information presented in the workshop

can help you become empowered to improve your quality of life by learning how to more easily manage your medications, understanding the benefits of exercise, managing symptoms of stress, pain and fatigue as well as making smarter decisions related to healthy eating. Participants will also receive a copy of the book Living a Healthy Life with Chronic

Shell Point Retirement Community is located at 15000 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. Grand Villa of Fort Myers is located at 1499 South Brandywine Circle in Fort Myers.

Seating is limited and registration is required. Call 343-9264 for more information.☆





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Don't Ignore Bloating, May Be Ovarian Cancer

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

ear Readers: Cancer. named by Hippocrates as "karkinos," actually refers to a giant red crab in Greek mythology. Eating crab legs (something I haven't done in years) will never be the

same now that you know this useless fact but anyway... cancer means that there is uncontrolled cell growth in a tissue, and it's termed "proliferation."

Cancer strikes fear into the heart of millions of people each year. Once diagnosed, people are often motivated to alter the number of chemicals in their life, change their diet and lifestyle and sometimes end toxic relationships.

Hindsight 20/20 occurs, like with my dear brother Danny, who had chronic low back pain and dismissed it. Sadly, it was one of several plaguing symptoms that was connected to colon cancer and he realized this after his diagnosis. "My brother was a secret," and he really was. If you'd like to read more about us, our relationship and his ultimate passing go to my website and search that phrase. Momentarily, I am going to tell you about a common symptom that you might have which could be tied to ovarian cancer.

No one is immune from hearing the word if they live long enough, especially in a day and age where environmental and food pollutants abound. And then there's cosmetic ingredients as well, such as talc. There was a woman who passed away from ovarian cancer in 2015, and her family was awarded \$72 million dollars as a result of this talcum powder

New clinical trials and scientific articles have been popping up over the past year about medications and their benefit to ovarian cancer. For example, the medication class of statins (used for cholesterol management) have been investigated for their chemoprotective role, which is good. And recently, a study cleared metformin concluding that it does not raise risk for ovarian cancer, which is also good.

Here's more interesting news. You might be able to detect it sooner if you don't ignore this common symptom. Bloating. The bloating is not the typical kind of bloating that you might get now and then with your menstrual cycle, or after eating beans. The type of bloating is chronic. Additionally, other signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer include pelvic pain, frequent urination, quick satiety, feeling queasy and chronic

There are six natural remedies that I'd like to share with you today. I will list them all here for you, so you can research on your own. If by chance, you want me to elaborate on the benefits of all of these, please sign up for my free newsletter at www.suzycohen.com, and I'll email you a longer version of this article that contains that information. In no particular order, here are the six holistic options to consider for healthy reproductive structure and function:

- 1. Medicinal mushrooms
- 2. Chia and Flax seeds
- 3. Turmeric
- 4. Resveratrol
- 5. Green Tea Extract
- 6. Iodine

If you're struggling with ovarian problems, do personal research because new compelling treatments, natural remedies and anti-cancer therapies are constantly being evaluated and released. There is always hope.

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.\\\

Free Parenting Workshops

olisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is offering free specialized group parenting classes at the Healthy Life Center at the Wellness Center – Cape Coral during eight Sundays starting April 8 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There also will be workshops held for eight Tuesdays at the Healthy Life Center - Coconut Point beginning April 10 from 6 to 8

The eight-week classes will help teach parents how to focus on their strengths, use effective discipline strategies and set appropriate expectations for their children. The workshops focus on parenting the exceptional child. Exceptional children have special needs, including developmental disabilities, special health care needs or emotional disturbances.

The Partners in Parenting workshops

feature lessons focused on positive discipline from the Nurturing Parenting Program, authored by Stephen J. Bavolek, PhD.

The workshops help parents: Manage their child's behavior without spanking or shouting;

Learn effective communication skills; Establish nurturing routines for meal times, bath times, bedtimes, chores and homework;

Understand the exceptional child's effect on typical siblings:

Gain a sense of personal power and feel good about themselves;

Enjoy their families and have fun together.

Free child care is available during the

Healthy Life Center at the Wellness Center -- Cape Coral is located at 609 SE 13th Court in Cape Coral. Healthy Life Center – Coconut Point is located at 23190 Fashion Drive, suite 105 in Estero. For more information or to register, call 343-6468 or email Richard.Keelan@LeeHealth.org.\$

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy-Fisher

Q: As we are in a brand new year, can you give some suggestions on sustaining ultimate health and well-being? **A:** 1. Begin

each day with a gratitude list. You

can write it down or just say what you are grateful for. Say thank you and mean it.

2. Take a few moments to center yourself through the breath. Breathe in deep relaxation and exhale any stress and tension hovering in your mind, body and spirit.
3. Drink plenty of water and stay

hydrated.

4. Eat healthy fruits and vegetables, whole grains, nuts and protein. Limit sugar in food and drinks. Remember, moderation is the key.

5. Limit your intake of alcohol and other mood-altering substances.

6. De-clutter your life. Keep your home and office clean and clutter free. Surround yourself with clean and beautiful.

7. Create and maintain healthy friendships that promote sharing, giving and receiving, promote balance, laughter, positivity and joy.

8. Keep yourself balanced with acupuncture, massage, some kind of

body work that is conducive for you.

9. Give yourself time during the day to unplug and just be.

10. Give yourself the gift of exercising your way. It can be a run to a yoga class to swimming or some sort of movement that you enjoy. Your way is the best way for you.

11. Remember that change is constant, and it's necessary to embrace change rather than resist it.

12. Take ultimate care of your mind, body, spirit and emotions. This will keep you in balance and feeling whole.

Constance Clancy-Fisher, EdD, LMHC, LPC, NCC is a licensed mental health therapist, hypnotherapist, author and holistic stress management instructor. If you have a question, email Constance at drconstanceclancy@gmail.com or visit www.drconstanceclancy.com.☆

Overeaters Anonymous

Tf food is a problem for you, Overeaters Anonymous can help. ■Meetings are held in Room 132 at Sanibel Community Church on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays at 9 a.m.

For more meeting information, visit www.southwestfloa.org.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.☆





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PETS OF THE WEEK

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Penny And Scooter

ee County is rolling out the red carpet for celebrity pets during the month of March. Some famous felines and canines have taken up residence at the Lee County Domestic Animal Services shelter. Spin the lucky wheel for a chance at a



Penny ID# A728683 photos provided

reduction in your adoption fee from \$5 to \$25. With the 90th Academy Awards ceremony during the first weekend in March, pets at the shelter that are up for adoption will have names of the stars such as Ingrid Bergman, Marlon Brando and

Jack Nicholson to name a few.

Hello, my name is Penny. I am a 1-year-old female hound mix who has a curious nature and loves to run around and play. If you have an active lifestyle, I will fit into it perfectly. I am currently starting my obedience training with our volunteers, and my new family can continue my classes at ABC 4 K9 at 18481 North Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers.

My adoption fee is \$75, Spin the wheel for a \$5 to \$25 discount.

Hi, I'm Scooter. I am a 4-year-old male pit bull who is your typical 'big lug' kind of guy. I like to think I am a lap dog and will definitely try to get all four paws completely in your lap at one time. I like to go for walks and play with tennis balls in the yard. I would be great for a family with older kids.

My adoption fee is \$75. Spin the wheel for a \$5 to \$25 discount.

For



Scooter ID# A620828

information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.☆

Haven on Earth Animal League

Blueberry And Taters

Ti there! I'm Blueberry. I am a beautiful 1-year-old Russian blue kitty with bright green eyes. I am a very shy little girl and really need to be in a quiet home with someone that will give me time to adjust. I am currently staying with a foster mom. I am spayed and up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$75.



Blueberry photos provided

Hello, my name is Taters. I am a very pretty Calico girl. I'm only 6-months old. I am very shy and really need to be in a quiet home with someone that will give me time to adjust. I am currently staying with a foster mom. I am spayed and up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$75.

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Taters

Animal League. For more information, call Diane at 860-833-4472 or email havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.☆

PAWS Of Sanibel

Figero

his is Figero. He's 22 years old and has been missing from his home on Seagrape Lane on the east end of Sanibel since about 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 18. He's a male, beautiful orange tabby.

If you live in that area, be on the lookout for him and call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823 if you see him. If possible, take him into your garage or a small room where he will be safe. Thanks so much.☆

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Answers on page 37B

DRESSING Super Crossword **ROOM DELAY ACROSS** 51 Grafton's "-106 "- -haw!" 10 Phrase on a 85 Monogram, 50 Boxing ref's 1 Bible book for Evidence" 107 Morally base e.g.: Abbr. thin coin ruling 11 New Deal 52 Be sure the 86 Japanese 53 By way of 108 Lipstick between Zephaniah fish dish 55 Impel messes prez iob is done **112** "Evil **54** Docket and 56 Riddle. 12 Add-87 Used a Zechariah Woman" gp. (extras) part 3 57 Spoils bench 63 Within: Prefix 114 Riddle-me-7 Largest New 13 Wildlife park . – longa, 92 Involve in Deal agcy. **64** Weapon 14 Incarnations vita brevis" conflict 10 "The Wizard 65 Special span 115 Actress 59 Big maker of 94 Pig's place of deities 66 Lang. of the Rowlands 15 Jazz great SÜVs 95 Honey 14 In the 119 Riddle's 60 Mr. Capote, U.S.A. Puente 97 Loving slightest 67 IRA options answer 16 Very dry to pals ones 125 Lopez of pop 68 Riddle, 98 Drowsy 19 Radiant 17 Advance, as 61 Tartan cap 20 Vacillating 62 Neither Rep. part 4 music monev 99 Made 73 "... Mac response 126 More smart 18 Captains' nor Dem. sense 22 Olive-green PC?" 127 Straight, as 68 "I'm talkin' to 102 Part of iournals bird 76 Buddhist 21 More fitting 44-Down an arm or leg you!" 69 Munic. law 23 Start of a discipline 128 Praise 24 "For want of 103 Trojan riddle 77 Letter after **129** Trig -, the shoe 70 "Quiet beauty 104 Move past 26 iPod model calculation was lost" down!" 78 Pass along, 130 Gridiron pts. 27 Musician 25 Half of 71 Little newt carefully Brian as an email: 131 When wages Mork's 72 "So 108 Place 28 From Jan. 1 adorable!" Abbr. are given sign-off 109 See 79 Male deer 31 Poker stakes 73 Ear malady until today 76-Down 110 Send forth 29 Disagreeing DOWN 80 Riddle, 32 Feel likewise 74 Kid-lit "pest" 1 Goldie of 75 Part of NSA (with) part 5 34 Insect snare 111 Latin "vear" **30** Tomorrow, to 87 Minestrone. 113 "Think "Foul Play" 76 With 109-35 Be part of. 2 Turkish chief nothing -José e.g. as a film Down, one 33 Essen article 88 Moo — pork 3 Campbell of 36 Montreal's of five famed 116 One- iack 89 Pewter metal 35 Santa country 117 "99 province comedic **37** Elevated 4 Full Luftballons' winds 90 Reformer brothers 36 Riddle, Sinclair chromosome 79 Big name region group 118 J.D. holder 91 Wide open, 38 Puts into law part 2 in fuel set 45 Former WB 120 NFL players as a mouth 5 Car-towing 39 Tobaccoless additives rival 93 Wideorg. smoke 80 For takeout who pass 46 Classical mouthed fish 6 Gigantic 40 Sitarist 81 Red Scare 121 Mentalist 7 One of the 96 Lassos music record Shankar Geller gp. **82** "Hot dog!" 41 Like a child 122 Swimming label 100 Co. name Judds 47 Coup d'ender, often 8 Shar-42 Toad feature 83 Oahu star Thorpe (dog breed) 48 Rises 101 End of the 123 Blushing 43 Jason's ship feast 9 "With God 44 Reverse of 84 Sorvino of rapidly riddle **124** — big way 49 Overjoy 105 Imitate a wolf witness" MMM Hollywood 11 12 15 16 17 10 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 29 26 28 30 31 33 35 34 36 42 37 38 40 43 39 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 53 55 57 58 59 60 61 56 62 63 65 66 64 72 70 67 69 74 75 68 73 78 79 80 81 82 | 83 84 85 86 90 88 198 92 93 95 96 99 100 101 102 104 103 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 131 128 129 130

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

Dog

Drums

Floors

Fingernails

Gun barrel

Hair

Pastry

Shoes

Suit

Teeth

Sweaters

	SCRAMBLERS 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! Simple VEAIN Scout PORTAL Blur MARES Teamwork GYRNSEY
" And then we ran out of"	TODAY'S WORD
answer on page 39B	

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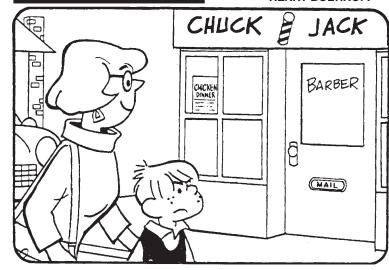
To play Sudoku:

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

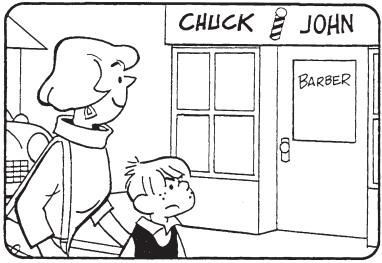
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Chimney is missing. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Poster is missing. 5. Name is different. 6. Mail slot is missing.

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WEDNESDAY Sunny High: 75 Low: 67



THURSDAY Sunny High: 74 Low: 65

Redfish Pass Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	7:42 am	12:12 am	5:22 pm	10:15 an
Sat	6:24 pm	1:34 am	None	None
Sun	7:51 pm	3:01 am	None	None
Mon	12:39 pm	4:15 am	9:31 pm	3:02 pm
Tue	12:53 pm	5:13 am	10:56 pm	4:36 pm
Wed	1:11 pm	6:01 am	None	5:41 pm
Thu	12:03 am	6:40 am	1:29 pm	6:32 pm

Point Ybel Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	6:47 am	12:14 am	4:27 pm	10:17 am
Sat	5:29 pm	1:36 am	None	None
Sun	6:56 pm	3:03 am	None	None
Mon	11:44 am	4:17 am	8:36 pm	3:04 pm
Tue	11:58 am	5:15 am	10:01 pm	4:38 pm
Wed	12:16 pm	6:03 am	11:08 pm	5:43 pm
Thu	12:34 pm	6:42 am	None	6:34 pm

Punta Rassa Tides

Day	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	6:54 am	12:10 am	4:50 pm	10:45 am
Sat	8:18 am	1:40 am	5:52 pm	11:08 am
Sun	9:38 am	3:00 am	8:21 pm	2:31 pm
Mon	11:08 am	4:04 am	9:52 pm	3:51 pm
Tue	11:56 am	5:02 am	11:08 pm	4:56 pm
Wed	12:25 pm	5:53 am	None	5:54 pm
Thu	12:07 am	6:38 am	12:51 pm	6:45 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	9:52 am	3:28 am	7:32 pm	1:31 pm
Sat	8:34 pm	4:50 am	None	None
Sun	10:01 pm	6:17 am	None	None
Mon	2:49 pm	7:31 am	11:41 pm	6:18 pm
Tue	3:03 pm	8:29 am	None	7:52 pm
Wed	1:06 am	9:17 am	3:21 pm	8:57 pm
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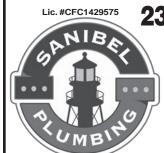


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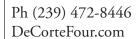
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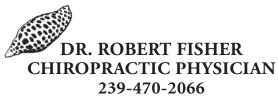




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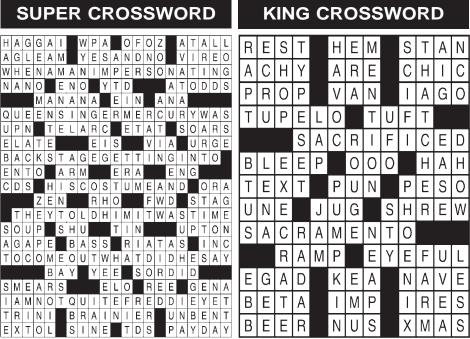
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FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2018

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Congratulations, Lamb. This is the week to finish your project and then bask in your well-earned approval. (And if you like, you also can say "bah" to all those detractors.) **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The bold

Bovine could find a new opportunity too intriguing to be ignored. But don't charge into it. Go slowly so you see how things develop as you get more involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might try to soften your stand on that important issue. A little more flexibility actually could get you what you're looking for. A new friend enters the picture midweek.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your inner voice is on the mark when it advises you to tackle that family problem now! The sooner you're able to come to terms with it, the better it will be for everyone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone reveals important news about a longtime associate. But before you decide how to deal with this information, make sure it's reliable, and not simply self-serving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some intensive soul-searching early in the week can help you reach a decision by week's end that should please both you and the other person involved. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The possibility of a career change is intriguing. Learn more about what it can offer and what it cannot. Weigh everything carefully. And ask questions

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Work is your priority this week as you try to make up for lost time. Expect help from someone who cares about you. Things take a welcome turn by the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A health problem causes some anxiety early in the week. But prompt medical attention soon eases everyone's concerns. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As much as you might resent it, a changing situation could require you to adjust your plans accordingly. The good news: An associate agrees to cooperate.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That old problem is finally resolved, just in time for you to take on a new work-related project. This one could be the super dooropener you've been looking for.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The early part of the week presents some difficult hurdles. But once you get over them, you can start to focus on matters that are more important to you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and your dedication to doing the right thing, no matter how difficult that might be

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 27, 1912, two Yoshina cherry trees are planted on the bank of the Potomac River, as part of a gift of 3,020 cherry trees from Japan to the United States. After World War II, cuttings were sent back to Japan to restore the Tokyo collection that was decimated by American bombing attacks during the war.
- On March 29, 1999, the Dow Jones industrial average closes above 10,000 for the first time, at 10,006.78.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was French poet, journalist and novelist Anatole France who made the following sage observation: "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread."
- If you're planning a trip to North Carolina in June, try to make it to the small town of Spivey's Corner for the annual Hollerin' Contest. If you'd like to participate but are worried about straining your vocal cords, you can always enter the conchblowing contest instead of one of the ones that involves actual yelling.
- You might be surprised to learn that famed British author Aldous Huxley, bestknown for his dystopian novel "Brave New World," was a consultant on Disney's

1951 animated film version of "Alice in Wonderland.'

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Men of genius are often dull and inert in society, as a blazing meteor when it descends to earth, is only a stone." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

SCRAMBLERS

1. Naive; 2. Patrol; 3. Smear; 4. Synergy

Today's Word

MONEY

HORTOONS

Find at least six differences in details between panels (Answers below)



Ditterences: 1. Tooth on alligator is missing. 2. Number has changed on suscreen bottle. 3. Swimsuit lines changed direction. 4. Picnic basket is open. 5. Raccoon is missing. 6. Alligator is fatter from eating raccoon.

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
South Seas Plantation Resort	Captiva	1988	3,766	\$5,600,000	\$5,250,000	311
Oak Knoll at Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	2013	6,030	\$3,985,000	\$3,815,000	13
Tarpon Bay at Captiva	Captiva	2000	3,691	\$3,450,000	\$3,250,000	200
Verona Lago	Miromar Lakes	2004	3,305	\$1,999,000	\$1,884,000	189
Seagrape	Sanibel	1971	3,011	\$1,379,000	\$1,235,000	148
Pine Island Shores Unit 4	St. James City	1982	2,466	\$1,200,000	\$1,065,000	15
Cape Royal	Cape Coral	2015	4,021	\$1,095,000	\$1,045,000	37
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2005	3,527	\$982,000	\$965,000	4
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