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Schein Recalls BIG ARTS Past, Hopes For Future

by Jeff Lysiak

It seemed hard to conceive that when Joy Schein, the namesake of the BIG ARTS performing arts hall, strolled into the facility that she and her late husband, Harvey, helped become a reality, it had been more than a decade since she had visited Sanibel.

"It seems like nothing has really changed... except the names on some of the restaurants that are new," said Schein, sitting in the empty, darkened hall that bears her surname. "The island still has that same rich ambiance of nature. Periwinkle Way looks exactly the same. And seeing the lack of (further) development is just thrilling."

The Queens, New York native, who married Harvey in 1963, also recalled the first time they visited the island back in the mid 1980s.

"My husband was a tennis player, so he was looking for a place to visit where he could play," she explained. "We visited a resort just off-island in Fort Myers, and



Joy Schein recalled many events of the past that helped build BIG ARTS into what it is today photo by Jeff Lysiak

one day we decided to take a little drive. I recall that we were driving our car across the causeway at sunset – there were a few boats on the water and we could see some dolphins jumping – when my husband said to me, 'This is where we're supposed to be. This is our place.'"

In 1988, the Scheins purchased their home in Seascape Condominiums. From that point on, the couple immersed



The still-under-construction Schein Hall, as seen in late 1996

photo courtesy BIG ARTS

themselves in the island community, taking part in lots of activities and supporting everything that Sanibel stood for.

"Harvey was very active. He loved BIG ARTS, Temple Bat Yam, (The Sanibel Captiva) Trust Company... he loved this island," she said. "And everybody knew him for who he was, not for what he did."

Of course, one of the major contributions the Scheins made to the

Sanibel community was funding the construction of the new performance hall on the Dunlop Road campus of BIG ARTS. Asked what her initial impressions of the facility – which opened on February 15, 1997 – were, and she immediately took a nostalgic stroll down memory lane.

"I remember on opening night we brought in a tap dancer named Buster

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Langhorne Slim & The Law

photo provided

Tickets Going Fast For SCCF's Beer In The Bushes

Tickets are selling fast for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) 8th annual Beer in the Bushes fundraiser on Saturday, April 20

from 6 to 10 p.m. Advance tickets are \$70 and \$80 the day of (if available). Reserve online at www.beerinthebushes.com.

"Beer in the Bushes has always been about bringing together old and new friends and catching our breath at the end of a busy season, not to mention raising support for all of the work SCCF accomplishes," said Jeff Siwicke, creator

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Symphony Brings Mozart To Sanibel

The Southwest Florida Symphony returns to Sanibel for the final performance of its Small Stage Symphonies Series on Friday, April 5 with an all-Mozart program, featuring local pianist Alexandra Carlson and the Southwest Florida Symphony's Maestro Nir Kabaretti. The performance takes place at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

With the BIG ARTS renovation and the Sanibel Music Festival's end, this will be Sanibel and Captiva dwellers' final opportunity to catch live musical performances before next season begins. This concert offers the

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Alexandra Carlson

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Input Needed To Reduce Future Lake Discharges

submitted by Mayor Kevin Ruane,
City of Sanibel

We have an opportunity to reduce future harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the coastal estuaries, but your comments are needed by April 22 to improve how Lake Okeechobee is managed.



Kevin Ruane

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting public input on the development of a new Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule. The new schedule will be referred to as the Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM). LOSOM will provide guidance to the Army Corps on how to manage lake levels for multiple purposes, including protection of the lake's ecology, water supply for agricultural, urban and environmental uses, and discharges to the estuaries.

A series of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public scoping meetings were held throughout south Florida recently and public scoping comments will be accepted until April 22.

Lake Okeechobee discharges have the single greatest impact on water quality in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries during wet periods. Changes to the way the lake is managed could provide immediate relief to our coastal communities. The reality is, according to the current Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan project schedule, there is no single project that will provide immediate relief from the harmful discharges. On the other hand, modifying the lake schedule to maintain water levels lower and providing beneficial water releases to the Caloosahatchee and other natural systems when needed during the dry season would reduce the volume of water that must be discharged in the wet season.

There are several aspects of the existing Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS 2008) that must be addressed in the LOSOM to make it more equitable for all affected stakeholders while protecting the coastal estuaries. Following is a summary of key items that the City of Sanibel would like to see the Army Corps address:

The proposed timeline for the LOSOM process has completion in 2022, concurrent with rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike. The health of our coastal communities affected by Lake Okeechobee discharges cannot wait until

2022. The LOSOM process must be accelerated with a completion target of 18 months.

All of the lake management bands of the lake regulation schedule must be modeled and included in the new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including the Beneficial Use and Water Shortage Management Bands. The new schedule must "share adversity" equitably and ration all water users during dry periods.

Ecological targets for the Caloosahatchee must be based on measured flow data and salinity responses. Flow targets should be based on the best available measured data to determine the relationships between flow and salinity.

The operational management bands of LORS should be adjusted as necessary to avoid the practice of holding water levels artificially high up until the rainy season then discharging it to the estuaries.

Under the current LORS, flows to the Caloosahatchee are measured at different water control structures along the river depending on meteorological conditions and Lake levels. Under LOSOM the flows to the Caloosahatchee should always be measured at the Franklin Lock (S-79) structure located at the estuary.

Water quality and the presence of harmful algal blooms in Lake Okeechobee should be considered when making regulatory discharges to the coastal estuaries. Nutrient loading (i.e., nitrogen and phosphorus) from the lake to the estuaries should also be taken into consideration when harmful algal blooms are present within the estuaries (e.g., cyanobacteria, red tide or nuisance drift algae).

A rigorous evaluation of the impacts of Sea Level Rise on lake operations should be incorporated into the LOSOM.

Optimal water levels in the lake (currently 12.5 to 15.5 feet) should be reevaluated to determine if there are opportunities for improvements.

The corps should explore additional opportunities to hold canal levels south of Lake Okeechobee higher without adversely impacting existing communities or adjacent land owners.

The impact of land subsidence within the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) and how it affects present and future Lake Okeechobee operations should be fully evaluated.

The use of forward pumps for water supply should be reassessed to fully account for ecological impacts to the lake and other natural systems.

The relationship between water quality and Florida's economy has never been more apparent than it is today. The impacts to our communities cannot continue.

Make your voice heard and submit a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Text "My Sanibel" to 52886 or visit www.mysanibel.com.✪

Our email address is press@islandsunnews.com

Guild Takes Part In Answered Prayers Project

St. Isabel's Women's Guild held a brief meeting followed by a light breakfast in the Parish Hall on March 21. The highlight was guest speaker, Elizabeth Vander Ploeg from the Answered Prayers Project, and an opportunity for women to share their hopes and journeys in life.

Each lady attending expressed their feelings of faith by painting a provided cross. Crosses were then given back to the Answered Prayers Project to fire and attach a mustard seed to each cross. To complete the experience, every attendee received a finished cross made by ladies from other faith groups, thus participating in the program to share and spread prayers of hope and faith.

The 103-member St. Isabel's Women's Guild is presently in its 41st



Elizabeth Vander Ploeg photos provided year. If you are interested in becoming a member of this charitable, social group, call Dottie McGovern at 481-5950.✱



From left, Sharon Wankel, Donna Oberhill, Karen Sartoris and Veronica Gallo

Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

Looking Back: Cordelia Nutt

Cordelia Nutt, called Miss Cordie, was one of the three Nutt sisters who homesteaded with their mother in 1889 on Sanibel. A teacher, she never married, and is buried in the family graveyard at Gray Gables.

Learn more about the history of Sanibel at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS. The village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge. Beginning May 1, village hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with one guided tour at 10:30 a.m. There is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults over 18, no charge for members and children. For more information,



Cordelia Nutt photo courtesy Sanibel Historical Museum and Village visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call 472-4648.✱



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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Alicia and Ryan Orgera

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Alicia Tighe and Ryan Orgera were married in Rome, Italy on March 20. Tighe is the executive director of FISH of SanCap. Orgera is the CEO of Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). The couple met five years ago while working in the U.S. Senate in Washington, DC. Tighe grew up in Pinellas County and Orgera in Charlotte County.✽

Churches/Temples

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS

The Reform Jewish congregation has Friday Shabbat services at 7:30 p.m. (7 p.m. from May to Sept.) in Fellowship Hall of Sanibel Congregational UCC. Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, President Alan Lessack. www.batyam.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 579-0296.

HISTORIC CAPTIVA CHAPEL BY THE SEA

The Rev. Dr. John N. Cedarleaf Services every Sunday 11 a.m. November 11, 2018 thru April 28, 2019. 11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva, 472-1646. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST Sunday 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Wednesday afternoon meeting 4:30 p.m. Reading room open, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (November through March), Friday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (summer hours). 2950 West Gulf Drive, 472-8684.

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a.m. Traditional in Main Sanctuary. Childcare available at all services. www.sanibelchurch.com, 1740 Periwinkle Way, 472-2684

SANIBEL CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Reverend Dr. John H. Danner, Sr. Pastor. The Reverend Deborah Kunkel, Associate Pastor. 7:45 a.m. Chapel Service, 9 a.m. Blended Worship Service, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Sunday School and nursery care at 9 a.m., www.sanibelucc.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 472-0497.

ST. ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Reverend Christopher Senk, Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m., Sunday Mass 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday May through October 9:30 a.m. only. Daily Mass Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Holy Days call. 3559 San-Cap Road, 472-2763.

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The Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan, Rector. Saturday Eucharist 5 p.m. Sunday Eucharist 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (until May 20). Tuesday Morning Prayer 9 a.m. Wednesday Healing Eucharist 9 a.m. Prayer and Potluck first Wednesdays 6 p.m. Taizé Service third Wednesdays 6 p.m., www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org, 2304 Periwinkle Way, 472-2173.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS

Meets 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month from December through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church. A pot luck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month. ryi39@aol.com, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901.✽

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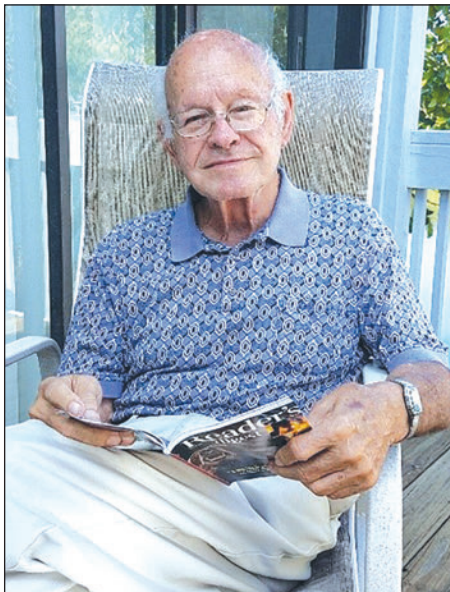
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OBITUARY



FRANCIS X. FALLERT

Francis X. (Frank) Fallert passed away peacefully on March 20, 2019 at the age of 91. Dear father, grandfather, uncle and friend, he was born on November 19, 1927 in Zell, Missouri, the son of Felix A. and Mary T. (Naeger) Fallert. Following service in the Navy, Frank graduated from St. Louis University in January 1951 and was married on June 30, 1951 to Sarah Dunaway. He began his career with Monsanto as an accountant and retired 35 years later as a computer systems

analyst, having been introduced to the world of computers when Monsanto acquired one of the very first IBM computer installations in their accounting department.

After retiring in 1986, he and his wife, Sarah, moved to Sanibel. Frank became an active volunteer at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge and was very proud to reach 30 years of service in 2016. He was a member of the board of directors of the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society from 1994 to 2003, serving as membership chairman. In addition to volunteering at the refuge, he was active at St. Isabel Catholic Church, serving as a eucharistic minister.

Frank is survived by his daughter, Mary, and two grandsons, Ben and Aaron, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; his son, John of St. Louis; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Sarah, his oldest son Michael, and his seven brothers and sisters: Rev. Edwin, Hilda Kertz, Martin, Raymond, Florence Baechle, Loretta Palmer and Leonard.

A memorial mass is planned at St. Isabel Catholic Church on Sanibel on April 12, 2019 with burial at Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis at a later date.

Donations in memory of Frank Fallert may be made to the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957 or in the form of masses at St. Isabel Church, 3559 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Condolences may be offered at www.fullermetz.com.

OBITUARY



JAMES CARL JORDAN, JR.

James Carl Jordan, Jr., known and loved in his community by Jim or Jimmy, courageously ended his battle with cancer on March 25, 2019 at the age of 64. He was born on September 14, 1954 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late James Carl Jordan, Sr. and Mozella Belin Jordan, who had temporarily relocated up north from their home of Sanibel Island, Florida. The Jordan family decided to return to the island when Jimmy was three years old; hence, he and others considered him a lifelong islander who was deeply rooted and attached to the place he and three

generations of his family had called home most of his life.

Jimmy briefly left to attend the University of Florida, from which he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in public administration. After college, he returned to Sanibel and soon began what would become a long and successful career with the City of Sanibel’s Planning Department; he was promoted in 2009 to planning director and retired in September 2018. He was a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel since its inception and served as a past member of the church vestry. Jimmy also served his community as a member of the Foster Care Review Panel for the state of Florida and was a past board member of the Lee County Black History Society.

Jimmy touched many lives with his captivating energy, contagious smile and incredible sense of humor. His loss leaves a void that will be felt throughout the community, but even more profoundly felt by his family, his greatest joy in life.

He will be dearly missed by his beloved wife of 40 years, Marguerite Jordan, two loving daughters, Alicia and Angelica, son-in-law Jameson, granddaughter Amaya, and grandsons Jameson Jr. and Jayden. He is also survived by his younger brothers Anthony and Timothy, his grandmother Regina Walker, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many close friends whom he adored. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Harry and grandson Bradlee. A memorial service will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel Island on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 5 p.m.

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Sharon and Mike Bugler

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Couple Backs Hunger-Based Campaign

by Jeff Lysiak

Continuing their mission which began eight years ago, Sanibel residents Mike and Sharon Bugler are preparing to launch the 2019 campaign for Feed The 5000 Now, a faith-based initiative which not only raises funds for regional food pantries but increases awareness about people who are hungry in the local community.

"The troubling thing about it is that after all these years, the problem really hasn't gone away," said Mike. "In fact, in many ways, it's actually gotten worse."

The couple started their first campaign in 2011 after Mike decided to go on a three-day fast. Instead of eating his usual three meals per day, the islander – originally from London, England – chose to forgo food and consume only water.

"I just felt compelled to do it," recalled Mike. "And during that time, I never felt as hungry as I did at that moment."

On the day before his fast was about to end, Sharon asked him what he planned to eat for his first meal. It was then that a compelling idea sprung into his mind.

"I thought to myself, how lucky I am to have the luxury of choosing whatever I wanted to eat, and how much I wanted, and whenever I wanted to eat," he said.

It was on that first day following the fast that Mike and Sharon each decided to put aside \$1 for one meal, each and every day, which would be donated to helping feed the hungry. After doing some research, the couple discovered

that the Harry Chapin Food Bank could turn each dollar donated to the food pantry into \$6 worth of food.

Since they started Feed The 5000 Now, more than \$2 million worth of food has been purchased for area food pantries. Currently, the food bank is able to convert each dollar donated into \$8 worth of food.

In the United States, 49 million Americans are struggling with food insecurity. In Lee County alone, there are nearly 100,000 people affected by hunger.

On the island, the Buglers brought the idea for supporting the initiative to Sanibel Community Church, asking their fellow parishioners to donate whatever they could – 10 cents a day, \$1 a day, \$2 a day or more – towards their initiative. Following a 100-day effort, the church had collected \$12,000 in cash.

"I am blown away by the generosity of our church members," added Mike, who explained that one in seven adults and one in four children do not know where their next meal is coming from. "Our next step is to reach out to other

churches and other organizations in the local community. I wish we could get even more people on board to help close that gap."

Sanibel Community Church's annual Mission Month – which began on April 1 – will represent the eighth Feed The 5000 Now campaign. The couple noted that 100 percent of the money raised will be put towards purchasing food for the hungry. Their goal this year is to raise \$65,000, which would allow them to purchase more than half a million dollars worth of food.

"We really must change the

perception of who our hungry neighbors are," said Mike. "This is a real problem, because a lot of children aren't getting the nutrition that they need."

To make a donation to Feed The 5000 Now, call Sanibel Community Church at 472-2684 or send a check – made payable to SCC with Feed The 5000 Now written in the memo line – to Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

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Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane congratulates Sandy Larsen, a 30-year city employee who will retire later this month, following the reading of a proclamation in her honor Tuesday morning at MacKenzie Hall

photos by Jeff Lysiak

Council Passes Three Ordinances, Tables Another

by Jeff Lysiak

During a busy Sanibel City Council Agenda, three new local ordinances unanimously passed upon second reading, while a fourth ordinance – one dealing with a proposed ban on motorized vehicles using the island’s shared use path system – was postponed until next month’s meeting in order to allow city staff to address details specific to electronic bicycles.

On Tuesday, councilors approved an ordinance introduced last month which modifies the Sanibel Code text from masculine and/or feminine language to gender neutral pronouns. The current version of the Sanibel Code “contains mostly masculine pronouns,” a city staff report read, in part. Recognizing that all people are created equal, amending the Sanibel Code to include gender-neutral pronouns by eliminating gender preference language within the Sanibel Code will promote equality.

“This isn’t doing anything other than respecting people’s rights,” noted Mayor

Kevin Ruane. “We’re making simple, grammatical changes... nothing more, nothing less.”

Examples listed in the draft ordinance include changing the term “chairman” to “chairperson;” changing the term “councilman” to “councilperson;” changing the term “men or women” to “persons;” changing the term “policemen or policewomen” to “police officers;” and changing the term “workmanship” to “quality.”

With no objections to making the changes and without any public comment, the ordinance was passed, 5 to 0.

An ordinance eliminating the specific requirement in the city’s General Employees Retirement Plan that one member of the board of trustees be a department director appointed by the city manager was passed without objection or comment.

A third ordinance to regulate dogs being allowed on premises of public food service establishments was also passed unanimously. Now that it has become effective, island restaurants who choose to do so are required to apply for a permit – through the city’s community services department – that will permit them to allow dogs within their dining establishment, subject to a specially designated area and additional restrictions



From left, Mayor Kevin Ruane, Sanibel Police Department records supervisor Lori Newmeyer and Chief of Police William Dalton. Newmeyer was named the city’s Employee of the Second Quarter.

and safety regulations.

Some of the regulations noted within the ordinance include:

All public food service establishment employees shall wash their hands promptly after touching, petting or otherwise handling dogs.

Patrons in a designated outdoor area shall be advised that they should wash their hands before eating. Waterless hand sanitizer shall be provided at all tables in the designated outdoor area.

Patrons shall keep their dogs on a leash at all times and shall keep their dogs under reasonable control.

Dogs shall not be allowed on chairs, tables or other furnishings.

Accidents involving dog waste shall be cleaned immediately and the area sanitized with an approved product. A kit with the appropriate materials for this purpose shall be kept near the designated outdoor area.

In other business, an ordinance that would prohibit the use of motorized scooters, mopeds and “certain bicycles” on Sanibel’s shared use path system was read for the second time.

“A person may not drive any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or

duly authorized temporary driveway,” Ordinance 19-003 reads, in part. The proposed legislation defines motorized scooter as any vehicle not having a seat or saddle for the use of a rider, designed to travel on not more than three wheels, and not capable or propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on ground level.” The prohibition would exclude motorized wheelchairs “operated by a person disabled for mobility purposes.”

During deliberations on the ordinance, the subject of electronic powered bicycles – both pedal-assist and throttle powered versions – were brought forth by members of the council and several audience members attending the session. City Attorney John Agnew stated that presently, those vehicles are not permitted on shared use paths.

Councilors Jason Maughan, Richard Johnson and Holly Smith questioned whether the ordinance adequately addressed the issue of electronic bicycles, specifically noting that some older island residents and visitors who use those devices may need the physical assistance of a pedal-assisted eBike in order to get around the island.

“If we were to ban eBikes from the

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Course On History Of Modern Israel

The History of Modern Israel will be the focus of the next Theological Studies course at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ (SCUCC), to be co-taught by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner and Rabbi Dr. Stephen L. Fuchs of Bat Yam – Temple of the Islands. The classes are at 10 a.m. (no evening classes) in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays, April 10 and 17.

In this new course, Pastor Danner

and Rabbi Fuchs will offer an overview of the events of the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries; the religious scene in Israel; and the basics of Israeli government. While the classes will provide a helpful orientation for those traveling on the upcoming Bat Yam/SCUCC trip to Israel, they are open to all who would like to learn more.

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The 82nd 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: Sanibel Beach Resorts – one week vacation; Congress Jewelers – Sanibel seashell jewelry; Tarpon Bay Explorers – guided kayak tour and lunch provided by Doc Ford's; Captiva Cruises – shelling cruise and lunch provided by the Bubble Room; Shell wreath created by the Shell Crafters; and a specimen shell donated by Larry Strange of Sanibel Seashell Industries in a case donated by Ann Arnoff, Charles Lister and Bill Schecker.

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club would like to extend a special thank you to our scientific judges, Dave Green and Duane Kauffmann, and to our artistic judges, Linda Green and Marci Chamberlain; and to the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum for giving free admission to everyone who gave the \$5 donation to enter the shell show.

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, Island Inn and the Fields Family; Heart Cackle level sponsors include Karl Kotasek, Three Crafty Ladies, Susan Spohr, Bailey's General Store, *Island Sun*, She Sells Sea Shells and Bank of the Islands.

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In addition to the many items provided by our members, the shell club thanks Jerry's Foods, Publix, Sanibel Deli and Coffee Factory, and The Great White Grill for helping to offset the cost of providing lunch for our many exhibitors, judges and all-day volunteers.

The shell club thanks its members and those who prepare 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 or 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.

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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 festival.

A huge thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who tirelessly worked to make the festival such a great success: 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; and the Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary club members who helped daily with parking.

Thank you to the City of Sanibel and the Sanibel & Captiva Islands 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 82nd Annual Sanibel 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 5, 6 and 7, 2020 at The Community House. Plan to come and again be amazed!✱

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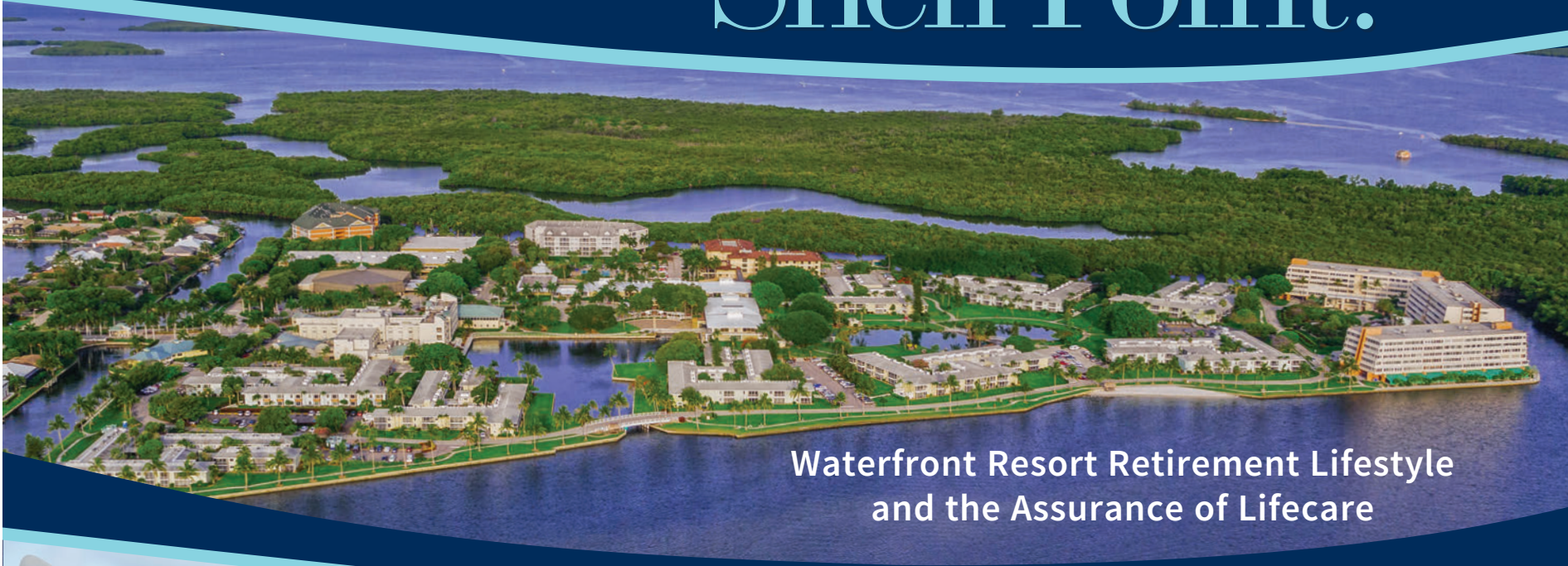
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Suncoast Brass Returns For Holy Week

During the week leading up to Easter, known as Holy Week, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ (SCUCC) will present several special services and music of the season, including appearances by guest musicians.

On Palm Sunday, April 14, at the 9 and 11 a.m. services, SCUCC will welcome the popular and talented Suncoast Brass Quintet. This ensemble is known throughout Southwest Florida for its fine musicianship. The chancel choir will participate in both services, as well. The blended-service trio will also play at 9 a.m., and there will be a parade of children with palm branches. The Rev. Dr. John H. Danner will give the sermon.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., Pastor Danner will lead a Tenebrae and Holy Communion service. The chancel choir will sing at this service, as well.

The church will also offer a vigil service at noon on Good Friday, April 19.



Suncoast Brass Quintet

photo provided

On Easter, April 21, Pastor Danner will preach. The blended-service trio will play at 9 a.m., and the choir will sing at both 9 and 11 a.m.

The church also offers a 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 and traditional worship at 11. Music for the blended service is provided by Shawn Allison, song leader and saxophonist; pianist Abbey

Allison; and guitarist Dave Dust. The chancel choir, which usually sings at 11 a.m. services in season, is directed by Dr. Elwood Smith and accompanied by organist Norm Libby.

Beginning May 1, SCUCC's 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 or visit www.sanibelucc.org.

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BIG ARTS Past

Brown along with one of my friends, Ira Bernstein, who was a clogger," said Schein, who used to teach tap dancing classes at BIG ARTS for many years. "It was a very exciting night, with a lot of great performers on the stage. A very joyous occasion."

The grand opening of Schein Hall was met with tremendous fanfare on the island. Following the opening night performance by Dallas Brass on Saturday, a community parade to the new BIG ARTS facility was capped by an appearance by the Perseverance Marching Jazz Band. Other opening week gala events included an open house, a performance by the Philadelphia Piano Quartet with String Orchestra and a grand final concert featuring the Walt Levinsky Sextet & Jazz Tappers.

Schein also recalled that the performance hall was built primarily over the summer of 1996. Upon the couple's return to the island from their seasonal home in Manhattan, they were offered a personal tour of the still-under-construction facility that October.

"Before this was built, we used to hold tap dancing classes in a shed with pressed wood floors and a tilted roof," she remembered. "So when I came in here and saw them spreading concrete on the stage floor, I knew that wouldn't be good. So I shouted, 'Wait! We need a solid wooden floor... that's what will work better for dancers.' And that's what they did. It was a very exciting time, because we were getting a top notch facility."

According to a January 1997 newspaper clipping, the idea behind building a new performing arts hall at BIG ARTS came to light when Harvey had a casual conversation with Jack Jaqua, who at the time was chairman of the BIG ARTS visual arts committee. While their spouses, Joy and Mary, were performing with Merle Rauscher's Sanibel Steppers at a function in Fort Myers, the men discussed the lack of proper spaces on the island for additional arts-related classes and activities. After talking with architect Irv Stein about designing such a facility, the Scheins decided to make a sizable contribution towards the construction of the 400-plus seat hall.

"We simply spearheaded a want for Sanibel, but it was Laverne and Bill Phillips

who helped organize the campaign," said Schein. "One of the most exciting things I remember was watching the performers rehearse. They would come in on Thursday or Friday for a Saturday night performance. And I would sit in this darkened hall, watching top notch performers working out. And seeing their progress from the time they arrived until the actual performance was phenomenal. That was the icing on the cake."

Recently, BIG ARTS announced plans to demolish all existing buildings and replace them with a new building approximately 30,865 square feet. Plans call for a 410-seat performance hall, galleries, classrooms, meeting space and administrative offices. Proposed site improvements include new landscaping, patios, decks, walkways and a reconfigured parking area.

That news simply thrilled Schein.

"I am all for progress," she said with a wide grin. "And (Harvey and I) never wanted this to be called Schein Hall... we wanted it to be called the Sanibel Theatre for the Performing Arts. I'm a little disappointed that they couldn't expand the footprint, but it's the performance that's most important. Better sound, better lighting, having a place for artists to share their talents... size isn't the most important thing. It's what you do with that space that matters most."

The massive BIG ARTS reconstruction project began on April 1, with an expected completion timeframe of 10 months. Programming is anticipated to return to the new complex in January 2020, with staff moving in to their new facilities the following month.

"I'm looking forward so much to coming back and visiting the new facility," Schein added, noting that several of her family members have also expressed an interest in returning to Sanibel to experience the new BIG ARTS facility. "I can't wait to see it!"

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Plant Smart

Common Ragweed

by Gerri Reaves

Common ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*) has a negative reputation to overcome. The very name is code for allergy, sneezes and misery.

People with allergies, hay fever and asthma suffer because of its abundant airborne pollen and, unfortunately, the flowering season is long in Florida.

Like eastern poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), common ragweed is one of those native plants whose redeeming features don't always overcome their undesirable characteristics.

However, people who are not allergic to ragweed can entertain another way of looking at the plant — as a native wildflower, member of the aster family, and source of food and cover for terrestrial birds.

This weed is found throughout the state and thrives in a variety of habitats — vacant lots, roadside, canal banks, home landscapes and agricultural fields.

It is also called annual ragweed.

This weed can reach an amazing seven feet tall and grows in full sun to partial shade.

Erect and branching, it has hairy leaves and stems, the latter of which can be green or purple. The leaves, which are deeply divided into many



Deeply divided leaves give common ragweed a fern-like look

photos by Gerri Reaves

lobes and fern-like, can be raggedy, thus the name ragweed.

The leaves are opposite at the base of the plant and alternate higher up.

Slender catkins about six inches long appear at the end of the stems. These upper drooping flowers are male, while the lower female ones appear in the leaf axils.

Cuplike involucre, or modified leaflets or bracts, are at the base of the tiny green-brown flowers, giving them a



The pollen from this native wildflower is a curse for those with an allergy to it bell-like appearance.

Prolific seed production has much to do with its widespread distribution. A single plant can produce up to 62,000 seeds that can remain viable for 40 or more years in undisturbed soil.

It also spreads via rhizomes, horizontal underground root-like stems.

Each small ridged woody fruit contains one seed.

On the positive side, common ragweed has medicinal uses. Tea made from the leaves can be applied to

swelling or used to treat vomiting or bloody stool.

Take care when handling the plant, for it can irritate the skin.

Sources: *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, *National Audubon Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al., www.cabi.org, <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>, www.uswildflowers.com, and www.wildflower.org.

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Spirit Tree Donations To Benefit Museum

In The Garden — Sanibel's Retail Garden Center and Outdoor Showroom has a spirit tree that benefits local nonprofits. Spirit tree donations from April 1 to 30 benefit the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Education Foundation.

Canvas spirit tree tags can be purchased at the garden center gift shop for \$5. Purchasers can write well-wishes or blessings on the tags and attach them to the tree. All tag sales will be donated to the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Education Foundation. In The Garden will match all tag sales.

"As a nonprofit, our ability to

educate, advocate and research depends on public support," said Dorrie Hipschman, executive director of the shell museum. "Donations allow us to continue our mission to connect people with the natural world and to develop environmental stewards both locally and globally. Because of the enormous generosity of the Sanibel community, we were recently able to break ground on adding a living aquarium to our existing extensive shell collection. This work could not be accomplished without our community partners."

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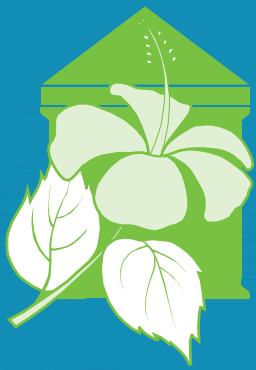
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Hot Spanish Mackerel Bite



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Catching quality fish this week required grinding it out as snook and redfish did not come easy. These fish are spread out and, with cooler mornings dropping

water temperatures, we did catch them but it was often slow going. Once things warmed up by the afternoon, we got shut down with slow to no tide movement. Thankfully we had a variety of other species to catch that would keep the rods bent when the snook did not want to cooperate.

Watching snook laid up and not responding to a bait was frustrating. Chumming them with live bait would not sometimes not even get a response. Oyster bars in the middle sound were most productive for me this week with the shallow clear water holding lots of fish. Seeing snook laid up in sand holes before you even pitch a bait gives you much more patience than when you don't even know they are there.

Both Redfish and Captiva passes were great places to fish this week with lots of mackerel, jacks and ladyfish. Setting up on the edges of the passes and chumming live shiners in the

moving current had Spanish mackerel as big as 28 inches exploding on the surface. When mackerel fishing with shiners, I like to use a small piece of light 17-pound test single-strand wire leader to avoid the cut-offs. Once these mackerel are fired up, a small heavy silver spoon rigged with a J-hook is hard to beat. It can be cast a mile and can be ripped across the surface. Casting to breaking fish is a fun way to catch these fish, or if you like something a little more relaxing, trolling these same spoons will also catch em.

Inside the passes have been good for ladyfish, jacks and a few pompano. A silly willy jig cast that bounced slowly across the bottom has caught all these species. Watch for the pompano to skip while you are idling around these areas. Once you do catch a pompano, put a GPS mark so you can re-drift the crime scene.

Shark fishing in Rocky Channel and the inside of Captiva Pass has also been another option, with sharks of all types being caught while soaking cut baits. While out shark fishing this week, we had rolling tarpon all around us for over an hour during a morning charter. Seeing these tarpon everywhere really fires you up for tarpon season, which is just around the corner.

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. ✨



Jeff Nicholson with a 30-inch redfish with 19 spots caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

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CROW Case Of The Week:

White-Tailed Deer

by Bob Petcher



A white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) is the smallest member of the North American deer family. These beautiful creatures are herbivores and leisurely graze on most available plant

foods, including leaves, twigs, fruits, nuts, grass, corn, alfalfa and even fungi.

White-tailed deer are primarily nocturnal or active during twilight. A deer's home range is usually less than a square mile. After nearing extinction, strict game-management measures have helped restore the white-tailed deer population.

White-tailed deer fawns tend to have a reddish-brown coat with white spots that help them blend in with the forest. They lose their spots three to four months after birth. As the spots disappear, the fawn's coat also changes from its reddish color to a grayish winter coat.

Interestingly, when a fawn is born, it is odorless so that predators are not attracted to its location. In fact, the mother doe will stay away from the fawn for a few days so that her scent does not rub off on the fawn or attract predators to the area where the fawn is hiding while gaining strength.

Fawns will use their speed and agility to outrun predators, such as bobcats,

mountain lions and coyotes. They can sprint up to 30 miles per hour and leap as high as 10 feet and as far as 30 feet in a single bound.

When a deer's habitat becomes smaller because of human development, deer will often eat food from gardens. Unfortunately, deer need to cross roads to look for food and water and are sometimes struck by cars.

At CROW, a white-tailed deer fawn was admitted after being rescued along the side of the road near the Southwest Florida International Airport. The finder reported that the fawn was repeatedly falling over when trying to stand and evade being captured. When the fawn arrived at CROW, it was hyperventilating and overheated.

"There are many reasons for a fawn to present to the hospital that way – trauma or infection are the most likely causes of its neurologic signs," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW's staff veterinarian. "The fawn was in shock which could be caused from a trauma, such as being hit by car, or being debilitated from infection that is affecting the nervous system."

Veterinarians quickly placed the fawn in an oxygen chamber and used ice packs to cool it down. Later, after the fawn was observed standing in the oxygen chamber, it was given oral electrolytes and a catheter was placed to administer fluids.

"Oxygen supplementation is an important part of stabilizing any patient that comes into the hospital in a state of shock," said Dr. Bast. "The fawn was able to be removed from oxygen within 24 hours."



Patient #19-0809 was humanely euthanized after irreparable jaw fractures were found which resulted in its difficulty in feeding

photo by Brian Bohlman

During a brief exam, it was noted that the fawn had a two centimeter laceration on its lower jaw, a laceration on its left front limb just above the hoof and a small laceration on its left eyelid.

"The minor abrasions were cleaned, but there were not any lacerations that required bandaging," said Dr. Bast.

X-rays were taken just a few days after the patient was admitted on March 28. The results were not positive.

"Over the weekend, the fawn had a difficult time feeding and radiographs were taken once the patient was stable enough to undergo anesthesia," said Dr. Bast. "Unfortunately, irreparable jaw fractures

were found. Since this made the fawn's prognosis for survival poor as it was unable to feed, it was humanely euthanized. Given the extent of the injuries, the fawn was most likely hit by a car and sustained head trauma resulting in the jaw fractures and neurologic symptoms."

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Shell Of The Week

Beautiful Top Snail



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

Calliostoma pulchrum (C.B. Adams, 1850) is the rarest of the local shallow-water

species of the family Calliostomatidae. Shells may reach about 18 mm (about ¾ inch), have flat-sided whorls with a few beaded cords, with a larger beaded cord just above the suture (the line separating adjacent whorls.) The species has the smaller *spire angle* (angle formed by the two shell sides) of all local top snail species. The general color pattern is a tan background mottled with reddish-brown spots and grayish streaks. Read more about local Southwest Florida mollusks and their shells at www.shellmuseum.org/southwest-florida-shells and www.shellmuseum.org/blog.

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A young Beautiful Top Snail, *Calliostoma pulchrum*

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Audubon Bird Walk At Sanibel Lighthouse



Indigo bunting

photo by France Paulsen

Birders of all levels are welcome to look for migrating warblers and other songbirds on the next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk. Meet at the Sanibel Lighthouse in the fishing pier parking lot at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 6. Non-resident parking is \$5 per hour. These bird walks are open to the public. There is a suggested donation of \$5. For more information, visit www.san-capaudubon.org.

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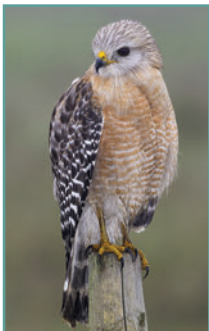
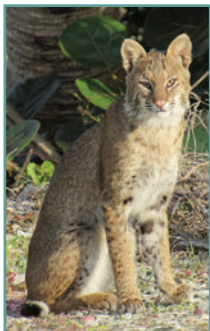
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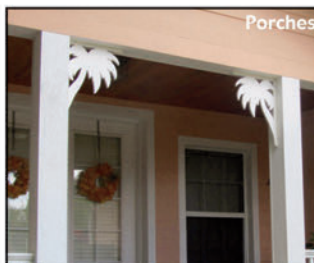
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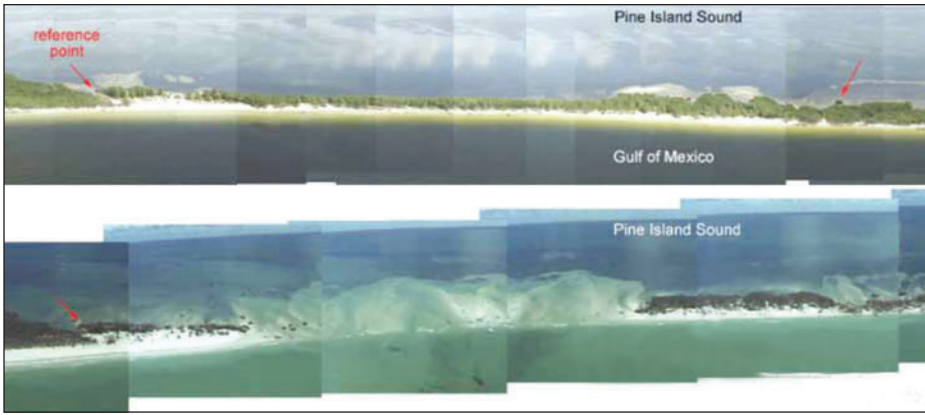


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North Captiva - top image from 1999; bottom taken August 15, 2004 by the U.S. Geological Survey. This breach was caused by Hurricane Charley on August 13, 2004 but rising sea levels increase the vulnerability of barrier islands. This breach has since closed up again. image provided

SCCF Takes A Look At Sea Level Rise On Earth Day

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation (SCCF) will hold its annual Earth Day presentation on Monday, April 22 at 2 p.m. at the SCCF Nature Center, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. As in years past, this event is underwritten by the Donald Slavik Family Foundation. The program is free but pre-registration is requested since space is limited. Go online to www.sccf.org, click on Resources, then Calendar.

The topic of sea level rise (SLR) will be tackled from multiple perspectives. An overview of the causes, challenges and next steps in confronting SLR will be

presented by SCCF Marine Lab Scientist Rick Bartleson, PhD, and Research Associate Leah Reidenbach. Topics will include fossil fuel CO2 and greenhouse gas emissions, to the warming and acidifying oceans and the effects on sea life.

The specific impacts on sea turtles and shorebirds will be addressed by Sea Turtle Program Coordinator Kelly Sloan and Shorebird Biologist Audrey Albrecht. Shorebird populations are declining rapidly worldwide due to many factors, including sea level rise. The coasts in Florida are critical nesting and wintering habitat for a number of species - including shorebirds and sea turtles. Many of these species are already imperiled, and that nesting habitat is at risk from human development and recreational use.

All four SCCF staff members will answer your questions about this important

and timely topic.

Following the presentation, the Brush of Excellence drawing will take place to see who will take home *Six Dolphins*, a limited edition signed and numbered print by Brush of Excellence prize recipient, the late Ikki Matsumoto. You need not be present to win, and tickets can still be purchased at the Nature Center or the Native Landscapes & Garden Center, online at www.sccf.org (click on Resources, then BoE Tickets) or by calling 472-2329.

Orchid Society Meeting

Orchid Growing in Southwest Florida will be the topic at the Monday, April 15 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. The program will be presented by Carlos Cahiz, manager of OFE Orchids, a Miami orchid supply company. The meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the recently remodeled downstairs meeting room at the Sanibel Public Library, located at 770 Dunlop Road.

Orchid enthusiasts are encouraged to come to the meeting's fundamentals session at 1 p.m. to hear Tom Uhler speak on Repotting; Why and When? But Not HOW! Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during show and tell. Orchid society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best hybrid and best species orchids. Most meetings will have orchids for sale as well as an orchid raffle.

Annual society membership is \$25 for

The SCCF JN "Ding" Darling Brush of Excellence Environmental Art Program was created to provide a continuing tribute to Darling's legacy and an annual recognition of environmental artists following in Darling's footsteps. This is the fourth presentation. The program is administered by SCCF's Brush of Excellence Committee, headed by Sandy Gross, with members Janie Howland, Diane Neitzel, Ran Niehoff, Carol Strange and Peter Zell.✱



Kathy Dubuque of Sanibel with her first place award-winning cattleya at the March meeting photo provided

individuals and \$45 for couples. Guests are \$5. For more information, visit www.sancaporchid.org.✱

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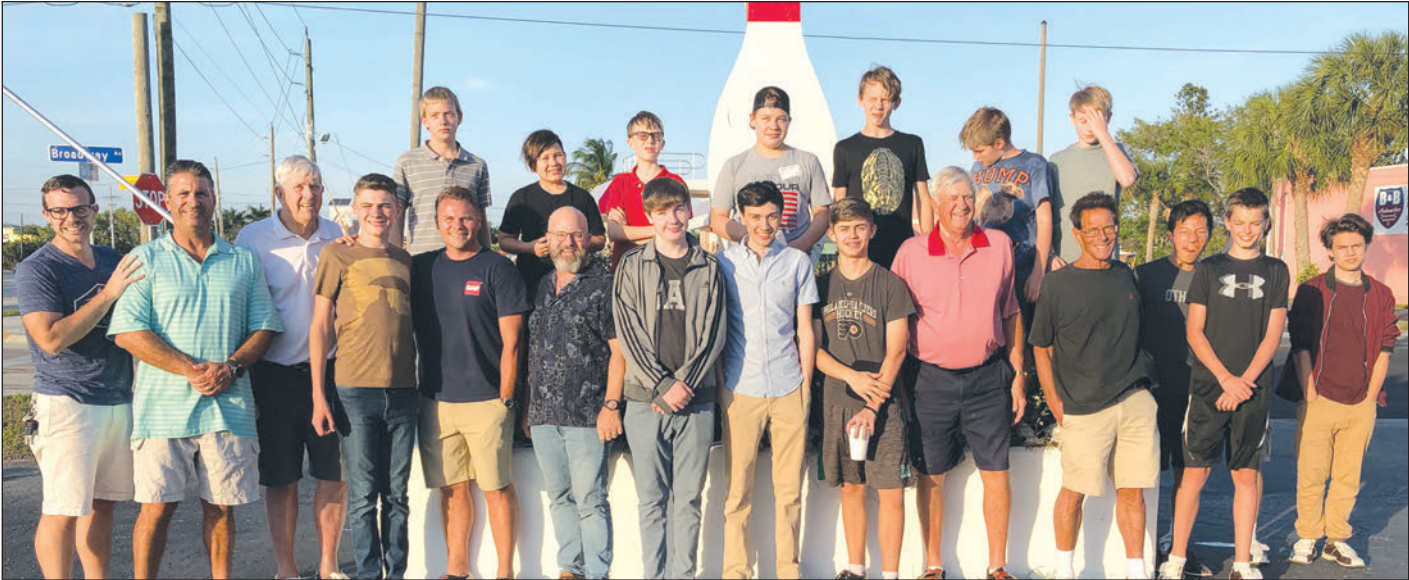
Youth Leaders Join Teens For Group Night Out

H2O Youth Ministries at Sanibel Community Church participated in small group night recently. Each youth leader planned, implemented and spent an evening out with their teens. The boys group, including middle school and high school, piled into the church bus and headed off island to Beach Bowl and Pelican's Arcade on Fort Myers Beach. The boys had a blast eating pizza and bowling at this retro bowling alley. The top scorers for the evening were Blake Dellenbeck (middle school), Mason Macalka (high School) and Jesse Chase (adult).

The sixth grade girls group stayed local for some crafting and chatting time. The young ladies and their leader, Stephanie Schafer, decorated their meeting room with their painted handprints and included their favorite Bible verse underneath. They are leaving a legacy for the new teens that will join the H2O youth group in the years to come.

Painting, Pizza and Peaceful Beach time was the theme planned for the seventh and eighth grade girls. With cars loaded with supplies and teens, leader Jenna Senkeleski and 15 girls headed to the Donax beach access. Navigating through rush hour traffic, Island Pizza delivered pizza and soda to the beach. The girls spent an engaging night with their leader and friends. Encouraging and uplifting conversations took place while the teens painted various scenes on their canvasses that were inspired by the serenity of their location.

The high school girls embarked on the 2nd annual Sanibel Crawl. Their leaders, Carol McRae, Ann Ross and Jamie Senkeleski, planned a night of fellowship and conversation at various locales. The first stop was at The Jac, where they had an array of appetizers. The next stop of the crawl was at Bailey's Coffee Bar for a specialty coffee drink. The girls shared spring break plans, college plans and



Front row from left, Pastor Kevin Schafer, Jim Senkeleski, Dr. Lee Southard, Matthew Chase, Jesse Chase, Rick Zurbriggen, Brent Patton-Roark, Hunter Borman, Mason Macalka, Jack Henard, Mike Ross, Nathan Haas, Blake Dellenbeck and John Peterson. Back row from left, Alex Santoro, Nik Bakos, Alexander Erickson, Preston Hanni, Kristian Schafer, Tyler Dellenbeck and Ryan Jankauskas at Beach Bowl



Une Jankauskaite putting her handprints and message on the meeting room wall



From left, Heidi Hall, Une Jankauskaite, Jenna Cook, Olivia Celestin, Kennedy Hanni, Faith Mitchell and Kate Doster



From left, Mara Lodwick, Jessica Chavez-Santana, Lydia Whalen, Lilly Doster, Lauren Macalka, Marianna Tison, Stella Black, Sophia Sbarra, Crystal Jones, Kaitlyn Ricciardella, Summer Santoro and leader Jenna Senkeleski show off their finished artwork

their everyday struggles. The last stop was the sweetest stop of all. The group of 12 was given VIP treatment at George and Wendy's Seafood Grille, where they sampled

cheesecake, chocolate madness, crème brûlée other desserts. Grades six through eight meet every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. High school teens meet every Wednesday from 6 to

8 p.m. Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's Market. For more information about the program, contact Pastor Kevin Schafer at 472-2684 ext. 105. ✨

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Sanibel Island Fishing Club Meeting

On Tuesday, April 9, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will hold its monthly meeting in the north room of The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The meeting gets under way at 6:30 p.m. with a half-hour social and the featured speakers begin their presentation at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge and the angling public is welcome. Pizza and refreshments are available at a nominal charge.

This month's featured speaker is Captiva fishing guide Capt. Ozzie Fischer, a second generation guide who has been helping customers catch fish both inshore and near shore for the past 23 years. Fishing out of South Seas Island Resort, he has been featured in more than 25 fishing shows and in numerous fishing magazines. Known for landing large snook and tarpon, Capt. Fischer has won 40 professional fishing tournaments.

Capt. Fischer will be discussing many of his fishing techniques during his 40-minute presentation, with a question and answer session to follow. He will also delve into the impact of last summer's red tide and how it has affected various fisheries in the back bays and tidal creeks surrounding both Sanibel and Captiva. This presentation is ideal for anyone wanting to learn



Capt. Ozzie Fischer with an impressive snook and happy customer photo provided

more about how to catch redfish, kingfish, snook, tarpon and tripletail.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as Captains for Clean Water, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, contact president Tom Tilton at 901-494-8829 or attend the meeting. To view the latest club news, www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com.☆☆

Taking The Plunge



by Kealy McNeal

No matter how hard you try to stay balanced on your paddleboard, you're going to fall into the water at some point. Even the most experienced paddlers take the plunge from time to time. If you're feeling wobbly, remember that SUP is a watersport, so it's okay to get wet.

If you're about to fall off your board, do your best to fall away from the board. Your instinct might be to grab your board as you fall, but landing on your board hurts and can result in an injury. If you get too wobbly and know you're heading overboard, commit to falling off and direct your weight to the side of the board. Try

to fall flat on the water, either with a belly flop or a back flop. This will help keep your body shallow so you're less likely to hit anything below the surface. It's always recommended to paddle with a board leash, but the leash can cause your SUP to come back to you quickly when you fall off, especially if you're using the coiled type. Be ready, and perhaps put your hands in front of your face for protection.

If you can, hang on to your paddle when you fall. But if it accidentally slips out of your grip or you decide to toss it intentionally, no worries – most paddles are designed to float. Retrieve your board first, get back on, then use your hands to propel yourself as you retrieve the paddle. When you're ready to get back on, grab the carry handle and position yourself next to your board and near the center. Grab the handle with one hand and pull yourself up until you can reach the opposite rail with your other hand, then kick yourself up onto the platform. It's as simple as that.

Ocean Tribe Paddlers is a branch of Sanibel Sea School that helps the local paddling community better explore, enjoy and understand the ocean. Visit www.oceantribepaddlers.org or follow on Facebook to learn more.☆☆

Register For Junior Sailing Camps

Children ages 8 to 15 of all experience levels will have a great time on and off the waters of Roosevelt Channel at the Captiva Island Yacht Club's (CIYC) sailing camps next to Tween Waters Inn on Captiva Drive this coming summer. They will learn to rig and sail a boat single-handedly, how to race a sailboat and how to handle a kayak. Families need not belong to the club for their children to participate.

Session 1 of the two-week U.S. Sailing certification program runs Monday through Friday, June 17 to June 28. Session 2 is from Monday through Friday, July 15 to July 26.

Each of the sessions will have a family award luncheon on the closing Thursday, where participants will be recognized with

certificates and view a slide show of all the fun. The closing Friday is a family sail day when all the participants can welcome their families to come and sail with them and see what they've learned. This is the proudest day for students to show their learned skills on the water.

CIYC will run the camps with licensed and certified instructors. Each child will be assigned his/her own sailboat and an instructor for each three to five campers.

The only qualification for participation is successful completion of a swim test (50-yard swim, tread water, put on a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Type III personal flotation device (PFD) in the water and swim back 50 yards wearing the PFD. It will be conducted on the first day of the programs.

Enrollment is limited so early sign up is recommended. For more information or enrollment forms, contact Lauren Davies at 472-4133, ext. 4 or accounting@captivaicyc.net.☆☆

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Refuge Seeking Public Comment On Fee Structure

The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is accepting public comments on proposed changes to the refuge's recreation fee structure. Since 1987, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has had the authority to collect recreation fees. Since 1997, the service has been able to retain fees collected at the station, first under the authority of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). The FLREA was established to provide funding for recreation program

improvements. Typical projects paid for by recreation fee funds include road and visitor facility maintenance, brochure and interpretive material production, and law enforcement. When the recreation fee program was established at the refuge in 1987, the entrance fees collected were \$3 per vehicle. In 1993, the fees were increased to \$4 per vehicle, and in 1998, they were increased to \$5 per vehicle.

To better manage the use of refuge facilities and to be able to continue to improve facilities for the visiting public, the refuge is proposing the following changes to its recreation fee structure:

Raise the Refuge-Specific Annual Pass from \$12 to \$25;

Raise the Vehicle fee from \$5 to \$10 (One-day Pass October 1 to April 30; three-day Pass May 1 to September 30);

Eliminate the \$1 entrance fee for hikers and bicyclists.

A recreation fee analysis has been completed by refuge staff, and these proposed fees are based on what other nearby recreational facilities and national wildlife refuges charge. The refuge is proposing to implement these fee changes on October 1, 2020.

The refuge is interested in hearing from the public regarding the proposed fee structure, and is requesting public comments now through May 31. Submit any comments via email to dingdarling@fws.gov, by phone to 472-1100 or by mail to JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957. In addition, the refuge is hosting two public meetings on Tuesday, April 9 at 1 and 6 p.m. inside the "Ding"

Darling Visitor and Education Center. All comments will be reviewed and considered before a final decision is made on implementation of the proposed fee structure.✱

Overeaters Anonymous

If 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 4 p.m.

For more meeting information, visit www.southwestflea.org.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.✱



Tues-9

FLORIDA PANTHERS & CORRIDORS

Florida panthers are the rarest mammals in North America – and their future depends on wildlife corridors. The last few years have seen record-breaking panther deaths, but there is hope. Prior to joining SCCF, Alexis Horn ran the Sierra Club's Florida Panther program. *Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. Nature Center. \$5. Free to members and children.*

Thurs - 11

TURTLE TRACKS

Learn about the sea turtles that nest on our beaches, about SCCF's monitoring activities and the devastating impacts of this past summer's Red Tide, when 204 dead sea turtles washed up on island beaches between July and November. *Thursdays at 10 a.m. \$5. Free to members and children.*

Wed - 10

PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE WILD WORKSHOP

Begin with a tutorial on photo basics and best practices, then put your new skills to use exploring the Bailey Homestead! All skill levels welcome; all types of cameras may be used, including mobile phone cameras. SCCF's Alexis Horn is a published professional photographer. *Wednesday, April 10 @ 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Registration: \$25 Members/\$30 non-members. From sccf.org, click on Resources, then Calendar.*

Tues to Thurs

TRAIL WALKS: EXPLORE SANIBEL'S INTERIOR WETLANDS

Walk Sanibel's interior wetlands and mid-island ridges and learn about native habitats, history and preservation efforts. *Tues. - Thurs. at 11 a.m. at the Nature Center.*

WORLD TURTLE CRISIS & SCCF RESEARCH

Join us at the Bailey Homestead Pavilion for "The World Turtle Crisis and Non-Marine Turtle Research at SCCF" by SCCF Herpetologist and Wildlife & Habitat Management Director Chris Lechowicz. Turtles are now the second most endangered group of vertebrates as turtles are being harvested for food, medicine, and a growing Asian pet market. This crisis is now affecting our region. SCCF is conducting research on three imperiled species. *Wednesday, April 10. Doors open at 7; Program 7:30-9. Tickets \$10. Bailey Homestead Preserve, 1300 Periwinkle Way. Advance registration required: sccf.org, click on Resources, then Calendar.*

SCCF at Work



Wildlife & Habitat Management staff attended the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) invasive species conference, held at Florida Gulf Coast University. Biologists and land managers from all over southwest Florida attend to get updates on upcoming and current invasive exotic threats to our area, as well as the current methods of control and eradication. SCCF is a sponsor for this event.



Habitat Management staff is excited to be able to get out to SCCF properties near Pine Island plus North Captiva and Cayo Costa on their newly acquired boat. This will be tremendously helpful for monitoring research projects, like the Eastern Indigo snake project.

Thurs & Fri

This one-hour walking tour of the Bailey Homestead Preserve blends the history of the land, stories about the Bailey family and SCCF's work and includes **entrance to the Bailey family home**. Walking shoes recommended. *Thursday and Friday, 10 - 11 a.m. 1300 Periwinkle Way. Meet at Conservation Gateway Kiosk. Walks are free but \$5 donation welcome. Info 472-1932.*

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For reservations, contact the Visitor Education Center at 472-3644 ext. 229 or reservations@crowclinic.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Daily presentations are offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wildlife Walk hospital tours are offered Monday through Friday at 11 a.m., and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 2 p.m. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel Captiva Road.

Friday, April 5, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment 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, April 5, 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.

Friday, April 5, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment 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, April 5, 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, April 6, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Baby Care at CROW (daily presentation).

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- 1 stick butter, softened

Combine the blueberries, sugar, orange juice, and cornstarch in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring until sauce thickens, then remove from heat and cool. In a mixing bowl combine oats, flour, brown sugar and butter to make the crumble. Coat a baking pan with nonstick spray and divide the crumble in half. Press half the mixture into the bottom of the pan. Pour the cooled blueberry filling over the oat mixture. Crumble the remaining oat



Blueberry Oatmeal Bars

mixture over top and press lightly to hold in place. Bake at 350°F for 40 minutes

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or until browned. Allow to cool prior to slicing the squares.✪

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

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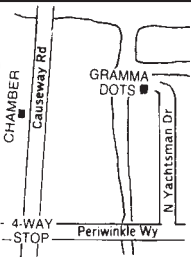
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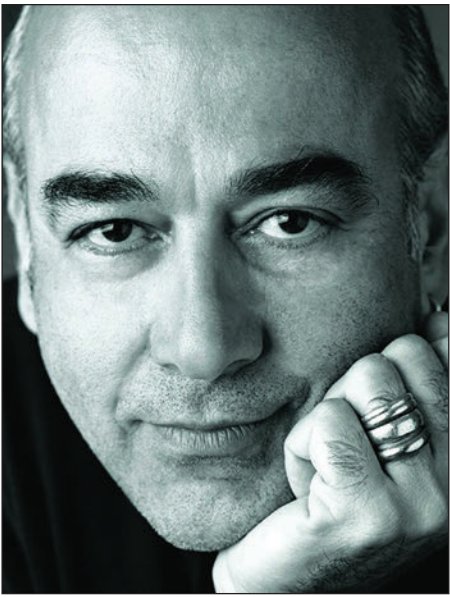
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Designer To Attend Signature Jewelry Event

Lily & Co. Jewelers is calling all Gurhan collectors to The Signature Event on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a chance to have your pieces signed by the famed Turkish designer. It's part of a weekend that begins with a Champagne reception on Friday, April 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. and ends with an open house from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 14.

Gurhan will make a personal appearance at the Champagne reception and signature event to meet collectors of his pieces and introduce future collectors to his golden designs. Gurhan handcrafts his designs from pure 24-karat gold, something that before him had only been



Gurhan 24-karat gold and gemstone jewelry

done by ancient goldsmiths. He brought their craft into today's modern world.

Gurhan continues to defy traditional jewelry design boundaries with diamonds and unique gemstones. He creates pieces for the woman who loves a classic style, a fashionable color palettes or all-out glam. More than 20 years after first discovering pure gold, Gurhan has evolved with his three different lines created from three different metals. He has become a leader in both the fine jewelry and fashion worlds.

"We are always honored to host Gurhan, a wonderful personable man who has a true gift for designing pure gold jewelry you want to hand down to the next generation," said Dan Schuyler, who owns Lily & Co. with Karen Bell. "It will be an incredible weekend of Champagne, hors d'oeuvres and gorgeous jewelry."

Lily & Co. is located at 520 Tarpon Bay Road. For more information, visit www.lilyjewelers.com or call 472-2888.✱



Sanibel Captiva Art League members will have their original works for sale on the veranda at Bailey's General Store

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Last Sale Of The Season For Art League

The Sanibel Captiva Art League will hold its final Art on the Veranda show and sale of the season on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bailey's General Store. Award-winning

artists will bring their original works of art in a variety of media including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and collage. Styles and subjects are diverse and there's always plenty of local interest art. Many of the artists will be on hand to visit with guests and discuss their art.

Bailey's General Store is located at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road. For more information about the Sanibel Captiva Art League, visit www.sancapart.com.✱

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CHR Give Back Wednesday At Spoondrift Island Bowls



Jeff Samson and Malia Samson, owners of Spoondrift Island Bowls, hosted the Community Housing and Resources (CHR) Give Back Wednesday fundraiser on March 27. Proceeds from the day's restaurant sales were donated to the affordable housing organization on the islands. The next Give Back Wednesday will be held on April 10 at The Island Store on Captiva. photos provided



Annette Hendrick



Maureen Tesoro



From left, Lynn Hoops, Mary Bondurant and Gayle Nicols



Claudia Burns and Peter Blaze Corcoran



Bailie and Calli Johnson



Vanessa Flynt and Salli Kirkland

Live Junonias Topic Of Shell Club Meeting

Ever wanted to know more about those elusive junonias that sometimes wash up on our beaches? What do these mollusks look like when alive? What do they eat? The April program of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, the final meeting for the season, will answer many of the questions about the junonia.

The speaker will be Rebecca Mensch, marine biologist at Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. She will speak on the Search for the Live Junonia, a presentation documenting the lengths (and depths) to which one must go to find this renowned mollusk. You will see photos and videos of these amazing animals and find out what research has been done and is still under way at the museum.

Mensch earned her bachelor of science degree in marine biology from Florida Institute of Technology and her master of applied science degree from Auckland University of Technology. Her master's thesis was on the taxonomy of the deep-sea squid genus *Chiroteuthis*. During her four and half years with the national shell museum, Mensch's main responsibilities



Rebecca Mensch photo provided

have included designing and leading in-house and outreach programs, cataloging scientific specimens in the research collection, and curating and caring for the museum's live mollusk collection.

The presentation will begin at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Refreshments will be available starting at 2 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public. Door prizes will be awarded.✱

Registration Open For Rec Center Fun Days

Registration is open for the upcoming Fun Days at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22. The Fun Days will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

Register in advance and receive the early bird rate. Cost per day is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members (registration by April 12); \$36 for members and \$48 for non-members (on or after April 16).

Financial assistance is also available to qualifying families. For more information, call 472-0345.

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Shells Found



DJ Hendrix and Ryan Shaffer

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DJ Hendrix from Golden, Colorado and Ryan Shaffer from Austin, Texas found a Scotch bonnet and a horse conch at Bowman's Beach while staying at Laura and Shawn Shaffer's home during spring break.✱

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This presentation will cover gopher tortoise biology, habitat requirements, the City of Sanibel's efforts to preserve and maintain viable gopher tortoise habitat, monitoring efforts, and the recently acquired gopher tortoise receptor site at Bowman's Beach.

Wednesday, April 10, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101 (daily presentation).

Have you ever come across wildlife in "distress" but did not know the appropriate steps to help? Florida is home to more than 700 terrestrial animals and other invertebrates, and they all depend on sustainable recreational practices to survive. From posturing to vocalizations, animals communicate in a variety of ways and, at times, indicate their need for human assistance. Whether deterring visitors from feeding birds on the beach or detaching a pelican from fishing line in the mangroves, this program will cover rescue assessment as well as handling techniques.

Wednesday, April 10, 12 to 1:30 p.m., \$35 per person, advance registration required (seasonal program) – Lunch & Learn with Dr. Barron.

Have lunch on the CROW campus with Hospital Director Dr. Heather Barron. Learn about the work at the clinic and how it 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 Sanibel Deli.

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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.

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The City of Sanibel Recreation Hall of Sponsors has added another supporter, Sanibel Carts. All proceeds from a sponsor sign purchase are applied to the City of Sanibel Recreation Center Financial Assistance Program. This program assists parents, grandparents and legal custodians who financially qualify for their children to attend programs at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

For more information, call volunteer sponsor chairperson Barry Alan Roth at 313-9591 or Trish Phillips, recreation director, at 472-0345.

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Preston Hanni educates guests about mollusks

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Sixth Graders Lead And Inspire At Shell Festival

At the 82nd Annual Sanibel Shell Festival, 31 sixth graders from The Sanibel School joined the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

in educating countless visitors about the importance of the shell creators: mollusks.

Leigh Gay, outreach coordinator at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, was impressed by their enthusiasm, teaching ability and willingness to volunteer. "Some students even came back for more than one shift because of how much fun they were having," Gay said. Gay and Nancy



Grace McKinney points out one of the live mollusks in the tank

McDole, the sixth graders' teacher at The Sanibel School, guided the students through their initial jitters and nervousness.

By the end of their three-hour shifts, each student had a favorite tank and was delighted to educate visitors of all ages about mollusk feeding habits, reproduction and behavior.

Gay looks forward to working with

The Sanibel School again for next year's shell festival, and hopes that this year's students continue to pursue their passion for learning and the environment.

For more information on the museum's educational outreach programs, visit www.shellmuseum.org/education or contact lgay@shellmuseum.org.

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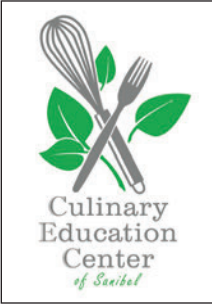
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Grapes



by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

Grapes are probably the world's most favorite fruit. They can be eaten raw, dried to produce raisins for tasty desserts or crushed to produce wine. The fruit is actually a berry and has been cultivated for more than 7,000 years. The cultivation of grapes for the production of wine started around 6,500 years ago. There are more than 8,000 different grape varieties but only two main types, the American and European. There are two classifications for grapes, table grapes or wine grapes. Table grapes are usually eaten raw and have thin skins with few to no seeds. Wine grapes are smaller and have thicker skins with lots of seeds. Spanish explorers introduced grapes

to America about 400 years ago and now the grape growing industry is the largest food-based industry in the world. California has the highest concentration of wineries in the world, which makes the state a top wine grape producer. The United States is the largest importer of table grapes in the world. Grapes have been used for centuries for medicinal purposes. They contain the powerful antioxidants lutein, lycopene and ellagic acid. They also contain vitamin K, vitamin C, beta-carotene and quercetin. The highest concentration of antioxidants is found in the leaves, skin and seeds of the grape. Grape leaves contain calcium, magnesium and are also a rich source of Omega-3 fatty acids. Grapes have been used to help minimize the risk of heart attacks, treat kidney disease, fatigue and used as a laxative. Here is a simple recipe to try;
Grape and Pineapple Salsa
1 ½ cups seedless red grapes (cut in half)
1 ½ cups pineapple (diced)
¼ cup red pepper (fine diced)
¼ cup red onion (fine diced)
¼ cup scallion (fine diced)
1 jalapeno pepper (seeded and fine diced)
½ bunch cilantro (chopped)
2 limes (juiced)
¼ cup honey

1 tsp. cider vinegar
Method
In a large bowl, add all the ingredients and mix thoroughly. Store in an airtight container for up to four days.
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.*

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
 2. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
 3. *Daughter of Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert
 4. *Daisy Jones & the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
 5. *Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
 6. *Night Tiger* by Yangsze Choo
 7. *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter
 8. *Wolf Pack* by CJ Box
 9. *Dead Ex* by Jane Corry
 10. *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones
- Courtesy MacIntosh Books and Paper.*

American Legion Post 123

American Legion Post 123 is serving prime rib this Sunday, April 7 from noon to 8 p.m. The following Sunday, April 14, barbecued ribs and chicken are on the menu from noon to 8 p.m. A ham dinner will be served on Easter Sunday, April 21, from noon to 8 p.m. The American Legion general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10 beginning at 6 p.m. Open Mic Night is held every third Thursday of the month. Performers of all levels are welcome. Every Monday night beginning at 5 p.m., the 8 Ball Pool League is in play. On Tuesdays, tacos are served all day. Spaghetti and meatballs are 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, you can drop it off at Post 123. American Legion Post 123, located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road, is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call 472-9979.*



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only. No pre-registration is necessary to bring your vehicle out for display.

A continental breakfast, coffee and other refreshments will be provided by the Blue Giraffe Restaurant.

If you are planning to attend with a show car, an 8:30 a.m. arrival time is recommended to secure your space. For those who are viewing, there is plenty of parking in the rear of the shopping center.

The club meets the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call Scot Congress at 472-4177 or email scot@scongress.com.

Pendant Added To Auction Lineup

Sanibel Sea School will host its annual ocean education celebration – Octifest – on Saturday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held bayside on the Sanibel Causeway under a big top tent, and all proceeds will support the organization's scholarship program and help purchase program equipment. The evening will include sunset views, a cocktail hour, a sustainable dinner, live and silent auctions, and opportunities to win many fine prizes.

A new addition to the live auction item lineup is a, octopus pendant from Congress Jewelers. The pendant, which hangs from a 14-karat gold omega chain, features an opal hand selected by Melissa and Scot Congress, as well as emerald eyes. It was crafted on Sanibel as part of the Sealife by Congress collection.

Congress Jewelers has also donated a prize for the Octifest scavenger hunt winner, the details of which will remain secret until the event. "Scot and I are excited to be involved with such a wonderful organization that does great work for children and for the water," said Melissa Congress.

For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit www.octifest.org or call 472-8585.



An octopus pendant donated by Congress Jewelers will be featured as a live auction item at this year's Octifest photo provided

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Book Review

An Anonymous Girl



by Di Saggau
An Anonymous Girl is a novel of psychological suspense and obsession from the authors of *The Wife Between Us*, Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. The main character is Jessica Farris, a 28-year-old makeup artist in New York who helps transform women into more confident beings for special events. She doesn't fear strangers because she's learned more harm can come from familiar faces. At one appointment, she sees a message for her client that reads, "Seeking women, ages 18-32 to participate in a study on ethics and morality. Generous compensation. Anonymity guaranteed." When Jessica learns her client does not plan to keep the appointment, she decides to go in her place. It pays \$800 and she can use the money. Thus the plot begins.

Turns out it's a psychological study conducted by the mysterious Dr. Shields. Jessica thinks all she'll have to do is answer a few questions, get her money and leave. She is asked several questions including, "Could you tell a lie without feeling guilt? Have you ever deeply hurt someone you care about? Should the punishment always fit the crime?" Jessica, who is referred to as Subject 52, is asked if she would consider expanding her participation in the study. She would receive much more money for doing so.

As the questions grow more intense and Jessica is told what to wear and how to act, she starts to question Dr. Shields. It's as though she knows what



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Jessica is thinking and what she's hiding. At first the two communicate via a laptop computer, but soon Jess is invited to take part in situational social experiments. Jess hopes the money will help take care of her family's problems. Chapters alternate between Jess' narration and Dr. Shield's second-person narration. It's a game of cat-and-mouse and leaves the reader wondering who will manage to stay

one step ahead. Jess is caught in a web of deceit and jealousy and soon learns that some obsessions can be deadly. *An Anonymous Girl* is a triumphant thriller about doubt, passion and just how much you can trust someone. *Entertainment Weekly* wrote: "Has already emerged as one of the most popular books of the year, captivating readers with its shockingly twisty narrative." Film rights have already been snapped up.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSLP
Dear Shelley, My son who's in preschool is struggling with coloring, drawing and writing. He doesn't hold his pencil correctly or press down hard enough to write. How can I help him?
Ava L, Cape Coral

Ava, Learning how to write is a process and has stages just as learning to speak does. Young children progress through stages, from looking at letters on the page of a book during infancy to producing those letters beginning in the preschool years. Learning how to write properly is a developmental milestone, and it is important to remember that, as with all developmental milestones, achievements are expected to occur within a broad range of ages, not at a specific time.

Typically by age 4, a child will have progressed through several types of grasps while scribbling and drawing, from the fist or power grasp to a more developed grasp like the tripod grasp. Kids usually develop this grasp between the ages of 4 and 6, and boys typically develop this later than girls. A less mature grip and light pressure can be a sign of muscle weakness in the wrist and fingers, the very muscles needed for writing.

The best way to help a child who hasn't mastered this grasp and who needs further development of the muscles used for fine motor activities is through a fun and games approach. There are so many activities for children that help to develop these muscles, such as lacing toys, building blocks, wind-up toys, cutting paper with safety scissors, construction games such as Legos or Tinker toys and tweezer-type activities. Play involving modeling or play clay is also an excellent way to promote finger and wrist strength.

By showing a child how to make different shades of color from the same crayon or pencil, you can help them learn to exert more pressure or reduce pressure on the writing tool depending on what effect your child wants to make. You can demonstrate by shading lightly, shading with more pressure, and

then shading with a lot of pressure to show how the color changes. Ask your child to identify which shade goes with which amount of pressure and then have him try to create the different shades when coloring.

Triangular crayons are a great way to promote a mature grasp. They are generally thicker than regular crayons and their triangular shape creates a surface on which to place each finger. There are also triangular grips you can purchase to put on pencils and crayons to help your child learn how to grasp properly.

Remember to have fun with these activities. Learning to write should not be a stressful experience for your child. If your child isn't having fun with these games or if no progress is made despite having fun, you may want to discuss his development with your doctor to see if a referral to an occupational therapist is indicated.

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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Mozart

perfect end to the season with Mozart's *Don Giovanni Overture*, *Symphony No. 41*, also known as the *Jupiter Symphony* and his effervescent *Piano Concerto*, made even more dazzling with guest artist Alexandra Carlson, who is also regularly featured with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and 5th Avenue Chamber Orchestra. Tickets to Mozart in Paradise may be purchased by visiting The Community House or by calling 472-2155. Tickets may also be purchased through the Southwest Florida Symphony by calling 418-1500 or online at www.swflso.org.

The Southwest Florida Symphony returns to Sanibel next season with its unique brand of symphonic programming and invitations to social gatherings hosted by Tom and Linda Uhler through Friends of the Symphony on Sanibel membership. For more information on Friends of the Symphony on Sanibel and future programming, call 418-0996.✱

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Chrysalis Chamber Players At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community's Fine and Performing Arts Series concludes its Concerts & Conversations program with a performance by Chrysalis Chamber Players in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands at Shell Point on Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

The Chrysalis Chamber Players is a nonprofit chamber music ensemble offering a kaleidoscope of high-caliber chamber music. Its members and founders are from South Florida, featuring trumpeter Mary Elizabeth Bowden, flutist Meghan Brachle and pianist Catherine Lan. The group collaborates with a variety of other musicians in innovative programs in Florida and across the country, performing a range of works by classical and contemporary composers at venues including the Marlboro Music Festival,

Banff Centre for the Arts, Verbier and Lucerne Festivals in Switzerland, and with the Louisville, Naples, New World and Richmond symphonies.

Bowden is principal trumpet of the Sarasota Opera Orchestra and the Artosphere Festival Orchestra. Brachle has performed with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, New World Symphony, Boca Sinfonia, Symphony of the Americas and the Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra. Lan conducts master classes in the United States, Singapore and Thailand, and serves on the faculty of Broward College and Palm Beach Atlantic University. A co-founder and artistic director of Beaux Arts Chamber Music Series in Naples, Lan also performs with Steinway Artist Tao Lin as Duo Beaux Arts.

As part of the program, guests will be offered fellowship and a dessert reception with the performers following the concert.

The Woodlands at Shell Point is located at 14441 Woodsong Lane in Fort Myers. For more information and tickets, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.✽

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Beer In The Bushes

of Beer in the Bushes. "As this event has evolved, we discovered the best way to really celebrate was through music. What else can bring so many diverse people together to enjoy a shared experience while honoring all of the hard work accomplished and of all of the challenges to come? Each, year, thanks to our generous sponsors, we have been able to bring an increasingly impressive lineup to our little island home. This year is no different as we bring two amazing and diverse acts together, for a night of positivity, community and music. Dress in all white attire as we celebrate our islands and love for our community." Taking the stage will be Langhorne Slim & The Law, accompanied by Tameca Jones.

This is a smoke-free, outdoor rain or shine event. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited.

Sanibel's Catering by Leslie Adams will coordinate local food truck offerings to complement the beer tastings. All tickets include \$10 in TruxBux redeemable for dinner choices from any of the trucks.



Tameca Jones

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Proceeds support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

Beer in the Bushes will take place at SCCF's Nature Center, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-2329.✽

Stories For Grownups Special Edition

Notorious storyteller Dr. Sidney B. Simon held his first Friday Stories for Grownups at the Sanibel Public Library in 2002. On Wednesday, April 10 at 2 p.m., Dr. Simon will highlight stories from that first year through present day.

Storytelling came easy to this veteran teacher with 40 years of using stories in his classes. He was nominated as Teacher of the Year at the University of Massachusetts where he spent the last 25 years of his career.

Simon became internationally known for his work in values clarification and made an appearance on *Oprah*. He and his son, John, were on the *Phil Donahue Show*. He was a keynote speaker at the Betty Ford Center in California and traveled all over the U.S., Canada and Europe delivering workshops. His book *Values Clarification, a Handbook of Practical Strategies for Teachers and Students*, had over 600,000 copies in print.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early to secure a good seat. The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.✽



Dr. Sidney B. Simon

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Historical Village Hosts Celebration

The board of directors of the Sanibel Historical Village hosted a Friends Circle Celebration last week. Approximately 60 people attended, and the board honored them as valued members of the organization.

The Sanibel Historical Village is open during the BIG ARTS construction project Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Village parking will be accessible throughout the construction. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults



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From left, Bonnie Frankel, Nancy Siegel, Clivie and Nancy Goodwin and Judy Addison



Stephanie Rahe and Tom Addison

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Ron Gibson and Lauri Kaihlanen

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Captiva’s Iconic Mailbox Gets A New Home

On March 22, the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) paid tribute to the unique mailbox that has been a part of the island’s colorful personality for the past two decades.

In 1999, on one of his many stays on island, artist Lauri Kaihlanen of Rockport, Massachusetts was asked to decorate the Captiva mailbox. It was a piece of art that captured the tropical beauty of the island. Some would say it was the only mailbox in the U.S. Postal System that had a distinct personality.

After almost 20 years, that all came to an end in late 2018, when it was required that Captiva’s iconic mailbox be taken out of service and replaced with the regulation U.S. Postal System blue mailbox. That’s when islanders Ron

Gibson and Tom Libonate, along with Captiva Postmaster Carol Marlet, set out to find a new location to display the mailbox as a piece of living art and a testimonial to Captiva’s colorful history.

As good fortune would have it, Kaihlanen was planning to be back on the island in mid-November and was asked if he would make his original design look like new. After Gibson and Libonate transported the mailbox to what amounted to an outdoor studio under the Gibson residence, Kaihlanen got out his paints and brushes and went to work. Once the paint was dry and the mail deposit areas of the box were sealed (so it wouldn’t be mistakenly used as a working mailbox), it was loaded back on the golf cart and carried to its new home in a garden area at the entry to the Captiva Post Office.

CIHS members presented a commemorative plaque to Marlet for display at the garden site, where the Captiva mailbox will remain a fond reminder of island’s vibrant character.✧



From left, Postmaster Carol Marlet receives a plaque from CIHS members Ginny Reiss, Mike Boris, Jewel Jensen, Queenie Viglione, Cindy Sargent and Tom Libonate

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Denege Patterson leads tours at Randell Research Center on Pine Island
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Author To Speak On History Of Pine Island Sound

Author Denege Patterson will conduct two lectures titled Five Islands Never Flooded at JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, April 12. The programs take place at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to wrap up the 2019 “Ding” Darling Friday Lecture series.

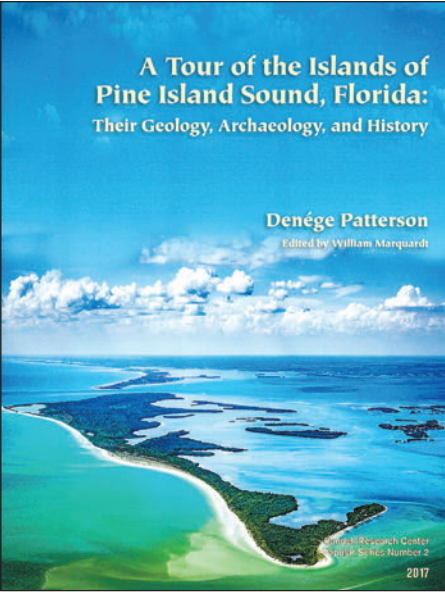


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The lectures are based on the Patterson’s book, *A Tour of the Islands of Pine Island Sound, Florida: Their Geology, Archaeology, and History*. She will introduce how the highest landforms became the first islands during the flooding of Pine Island Sound about 6,000 years ago; how each island developed a unique ecosystem based on its differing elevations newly surrounded by water; how the indigenous people could thrive on variety and abundance-based on elevation; and how these islands might have served as partial barrier islands against the Gulf of Mexico until today’s barrier islands formed hundreds of

years later. The high-five “never flooded” islands include Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Mondongo Island, Patricio Island and Burgess/Little Bokeelia Island. Patterson serves as a tour guide and educator at the Randell Research Center at Pineland, an archaeological and ecological preserve of the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida. She has a master’s degree from Syracuse University, is a certified Florida Master Naturalist and is a member of the Florida Writers Association. HighTower/Thomas and Swartz Wealth Management sponsored the

11-lecture series with support from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Lectures take place in the admission-free “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Early arrivals can save their seat and one extra with personal items and then can explore the Visitor & Education Center or Indigo Trail before the lecture starts. Saved seats must be filled 15 minutes before lecture time or they risk being reassigned. For more information, call 472-1100, Ext. 241 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.✪✪

Book Signing With Local Entrepreneur

Keith Trowbridge is widely known in Southwest Florida and especially on Sanibel, not only as the man who invented vacation ownership (timesharing) and developed resorts that still thrive today, but also as the founder of the Sanibel Bicycle Club, Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club and a community foundation. Trowbridge was the chair of the committee that selected the causeway bridge design, past president of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, one-time owner of Scotty’s Pub (now The Jac) and other establishments on Sanibel. He is also a conservationist.



Keith Trowbridge photo provided

Trowbridge readily shares stories about his life, but there are bound to be surprises for those who read his new biography, *Time to Share*, subtitled *The adventurous life of “The Father of Timeshare” and how he started a global real estate revolution on Sanibel Island, Florida*. Trowbridge and co-author Barbara Hill Freeman will be at MacIntosh Books & Paper beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 for a book signing. The public is invited to talk

with the authors, have refreshments and purchase signed copies of *Time to Share*. The bookshop is located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road in the Palm Ridge Place, adjacent to the Sanibel Deli. For more information, call 472-1447. Trowbridge and Freeman will also present an interview-style program at the Sanibel Public Library on Thursday, April 18 at 2 p.m.✪

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PoetryFest, Life Story Writing And Storytimes

Weekly children's programs with youth service Librarian Deanna Evans continue in March at Sanibel Public Library. The full event schedule, which includes technology programs in virtual reality, is on the calendar at the library's website at www.sanlib.org.

PoetryFest is at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8. Seventeen Sanibel and Southwest Florida poets will perform their poetry. Members of the public are invited to recite a favorite or original poem. No registration required.

On Monday, April 15 at 2 p.m., Linda Abbott will share tips, tools and resources for people to write their own life story, or capture and preserve the memories of loved ones. Learn about techniques, such as timelines and memory sparks to recall more of the past. Abbott will also review ethical wills, called legacy letters, which pass on values, wisdom and faith traditions.

Weekly Children's Schedule:

Storytime for preschoolers and their caregivers will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. This program helps develop pre-reading skills through songs and stories. A Saturday Family Storytime will be held at 11 a.m. on April 13.

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PoetryFest reading at Sanibel Public Library

fourth through sixth grade, the After-school Clique will meet on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. The group will be crafting, building, and playing – with books and a snack.

The After-School Crew (for children in kindergarten to third grades) will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursdays. If you love dogs and books, you can read to Bessie, a bearded collie and trained reading education assistance dog. At 3:45 p.m.

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on rain-free Thursday afternoons, sign up on-the-spot; program finishes by 5 p.m.

No registration is required for weekly programs and there is no additional cost to participate.

Sanibel Public Library cards are available to all residents of Sanibel and Lee County, at no charge. Visitor library cards are available for a \$10 annual fee. For more information, call 472-2483 or visit www.sanlib.org. ✱

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Council

shared use path, it would force those bicyclists onto the roadways, which creates a serious safety concern," said Johnson.

Ruane made an initial motion to approve the ordinance as written, but removing all references to bicycles. He later withdrew his motion, opting instead to table discussions on the matter until next month's meeting. The delay will allow city staff to further investigate electronic bicycles and how they are defined as motorized vehicles. Smith also suggested adding Razors and hoverboards to the list of prohibited devices.

"Let's make this right once," added Ruane.

To begin the April 2 meeting, Smith called for a moment of silence to honor Jim Jordan, the city's longest tenured employee, who passed away on March 25. Jordan joined the city staff in 1985, became the director of Sanibel's planning department a decade ago before retiring last year. Each member of the council offered their condolences to the Jordan family while fondly recalling memories of their former colleague, both personal and professional.

A memorial service for Jordan will be held at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, located at 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, on Friday April 26 beginning at 5 p.m. ✱

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Ribbon Cutting Held At Sanibel Public Library

Sanibel Public Library celebrated the successful completion of its “reimagined” renovation project on March 21.

Planning for Your Library Reimagined renovation project started more than three years ago, when the library board and staff analyzed obsolete infrastructure. The renovation overhauled the 25-year-old HVAC, plumbing, fire suppression and electrical systems. Design work was completed by HBM Architects of Cleveland, with Chris-Tel Construction of Fort Myers assuming responsibility for construction management.

The library district’s board of commissioners and Howard Wheeler, president of Chris-Tel, cut a ribbon as a symbol of a grand reopening of the newly Reimagined Library. Each commissioner spoke to the crowd.

Tom Krekel, board vice president, traced the history of the building, and said there have been no significant infrastructure improvements since the construction in 1992, so “it was about time” to update HVAC, fire suppression, electrical and data cable. “Since we were doing all that, we decided to do visual enhancements,” he said. Those enhancements, which did not add square footage to the building, include addition of 41 new floor-to-ceiling hurricane-proof windows.

Sanibel Public Library District Board



From left, Nicole Decker-McHale, Linda Uhler, Melanie Congress, Howard Wheeler, Linda Kramer, Dan Moeder, Tom Krekel and Sandy Zahorchak
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Commissioner Melanie Congress talked about the architectural firm HBM, who specializes in library design. She said, “The reimagined project result is a library that mixes the latest in high tech library design trends with the laid back Sanibel aesthetic.” Congress talked about how the new space brings the outdoors in, by reconfiguring the space, and adding floor-to-ceiling windows to maximize natural light and stunning views. HBM incorporated colors and textures that are reflective of the island environment. Congress said, “I urge you to notice these things and, as you take a closer look, try to envision the shoreline as it reaches the sands and shells. Take a seat and look out at the views from one of our new living rooms. Grab a book or device and

hook up to the latest ultra-fast WiFi, or use one of the new study rooms. Enjoy your newly-reimagined library.”

Dan Moeder, treasurer of the district board, said, “The good news is we had the reserves, the foundation helped us, and so did you – with your donations, which was important, so we didn’t have to do a fundraiser. The project was \$5.9 million; we are on budget.” Moeder said the library must again build up reserves, “so we added a little bit to the millage rate, just to make sure the next generation of commissioners in 15 or 20 years will have the money to do the next iteration. We hope you enjoy it, it’s been paid for.”

The improvements include two new study rooms; two computer labs with

high-speed Internet; a Think Tank MakerSpace; and an enhanced Teen Space. There is a new Archives Room with digitization capabilities for easier scanning of photos. Most of the updates are behind the scenes, with installation of more efficient infrastructure which will lower operating costs. The project has also “reimagined” the layout of the space to better serve community needs.

Library board commissioner Sandy Zahorchak noted how, during planning, the board was committed to keeping the library open during renovation. Chris-Tel has a lot of experience with this type of “phased” construction. Since the library is a vital community resource, closures were kept to a minimum, and the library

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From left, Trish Phillips, Kate Dietrich and Ken Burgener



From left, Wendy Lambrix, Gloria Krekel, Linda Estep and Lyn Kern



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From left, Maria Espinoza of FISH, Garry Decker and Willy Ocasio of Bank of the Islands photo provided

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Bank of the Islands made its latest nonprofit donation through its We Love Our Islands program. The winner, Garry Decker, was spotted with a “We Love Our Islands” decal on his vehicle, winning him the right to select which local nonprofit organization would receive a charitable contribution

from Bank of the Islands. Decker chose to donate the bank’s \$100 to FISH of SanCap.
“As a FISH board member, I know the crucial role the organization plays in helping our island neighbors in need,” said Willy Ocasio, Bank of the Islands vice president and Sanibel-Captiva office manager.
Islanders are invited to visit the bank’s Sanibel or Captiva office to learn more about the program and how you and your favorite charity can become the next winners.✧

Shell Museum Recognizes Volunteers



From left, Dorrie Hipschman, Bill Emerson and Leigh Gay photo provided

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum held its 2018 annual meeting and volunteer appreciation luncheon at The Community House on March 19 to honor its 138 active volunteers.
Awards were presented for the following hourly achievements:
5,500 Service Hours – Ann Moeder
3,500 Service Hours – Mike Reardon
1,500 Service Hours – Ann Reardon
1,000 Service Hours – Karen Turner
500 Service Hours – Linda Annesley, Linda Miller, Bob Schaeffer and Cynthia Trimbey
Longevity awards were presented to Cindy Timm and Karen Turner for 10 years of service. Sylvia Bleckwedel, Mike Reardon and Pat Schmidt were acknowledged for five years of service.
The 2018 Volunteer of the Year was Bill Emerson of Iowa, who led the museum in the creation of the

first-of-its-kind shell museum app, a revolutionary shell identification tool that helps users instantly identify more than 65 common shells found on Southwest Florida beaches. To download the app, search for “Shell Museum” in the Apple App Store; Google Play Store version coming soon.
“It is incredibly rewarding to our staff to have the opportunity to recognize each of our volunteers for their time and dedication to the museum’s mission,” said Dorrie Hipschman, executive director of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. “The museum couldn’t have made it through both the challenges and exciting milestones during 2018 without the continued support of its volunteers.”
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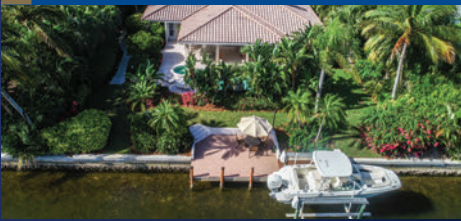
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Bank Adds Senior Manager

Greg Blurton has joined Edison National Bank in a newly created senior management position as vice president of commercial lending and business development.

“Greg is well known in the Southwest Florida business community,” said Robbie Roepstorff, bank president. “He has extensive experience in managerial, business development and lending roles with well-established local entities providing banking, financial and investment management services.”

Blurton holds a bachelor of science degree in business management from Hodges University, and is a graduate of the ABA Stonier National Graduate School of Banking at the University of Pennsylvania, the preeminent executive management school for the financial services industry. A long-time resident of Lee County, he has an active history of community engagement, serving organizations including Rotary Club of South Fort Myers, Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, and the



Greg Blurton photo provided Estate Planning Council of Lee County. An honorably discharged U.S. Air Force senior airman, Blurton has volunteered as a coach and mentor for several local schools and youth groups.✧

Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

Songs and Stories for Soldiers, a Sanibel-based 501(c)3 nonprofit, has joined with The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club in presenting the 1st annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament at The Dunes on Sunday, May 19. A shotgun start will kick off the event at 9 a.m.

The goal of the golf outing is to honor veterans and raise money for Songs and Stories to continue to supply veterans with its custom-designed audio player.

Songs and Stories started on Sanibel five years ago and, over that time, it has introduced its MP3-based audio system to over 120 veterans hospitals, clinics, homeless shelters, Warrior in Transition units, veterans centers and veteran service organizations across the United States. Songs and Stories have donated over 18,000 MP3 players to vets to help them deal with the impact of PTSD, sleep deprivation and suicide prevention.

The Veterans Administration (VA) recently reported that 70 percent of veterans that commit suicide have never been in a VA facility. With veterans killing themselves almost one per hour, it is a severe problem. Getting the veterans to REM level sleep can help treat sleep deprivation and suicide. The MP3 system given free to the veterans by Songs and Stories has a custom designed eight-hour sleep audio that helps them get to REM level sleep. In addition to sleep music, the MP3 is preloaded with two full-length novels. The website has a supply of free downloadable content with over 3 million songs, 100,000-plus audiobooks, over 30,000 old time radio shows and three additional eight-hour sleep audios.

The golf outing has two unique features. First, it is a memorial tournament instead of the typical golf outing. Sponsorship tees and greens will have signs honoring those who have served our country, living or dead. After the tournament, all the names on the placards will be entered on the wall of honor on the foundation website at www.songsandstoriesforsoldiers.us.

The second unique feature of the outing is that the five players closest to the pin on the 5-par three holes during

the outing will meet on a selected hole, and each winner will have one shot at a hole in one. If they are successful, they will win \$1,000,000. All five players can win a million dollars if they put their ball in the hole.

Tournament fee is \$48 for Dunes members and \$58 for non-members, and will include golf, cart fee, lunch and prizes. For more information, visit www.songsandstoriesforsoldiers.us or call Dan Perkins at 973-687-4826.✧

Progressive Club Hosting Farewell Snowbirds Potluck

On Thursday, April 11, the Progressive Club of the Islands (formerly Democratic Club of the Islands) will host a Farewell Snowbirds Potluck Supper at The Community House. The event begins at 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Entrée meats and beverages will be provided by the club and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. BYOB for those who have a preferred drink. The potluck supper provides an opportunity to learn strategies for upcoming elections, as well as assignments for snowbird volunteers to carry out during the summer.

Local businessman and Sanibel City Councilman Richard Johnson will be the featured speaker. He will discuss FLEC, the Florida Economic Council, which is a business-oriented organization designed to tell the story of the financial impacts to Florida lodging, restaurants, tourist destination economy, resulting from having polluted waterways, through the eyes of Florida's tourism related businesses. Johnson met with Gov. DeSantis at the FGCU Marine Lab to announce Order 19-12, the governor's initiative to impact water policy.

Everyone interested in renewing their friendships with progressive thinkers, or getting acquainted with ongoing opportunities for furthering progressive causes, is invited to attend. For more information, call 634-4295 or email demclubislands@gmail.com.

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Local Swim Team Members Pursuing Careers

Two members of Sanibel Water Attack Team's (SWAT) senior class have committed to continuing their swimming careers in college pools. Isabella "Izzy" DeCosta, age 17, has signed with Virginia Military Institute. Izzy was a district finalist and regional qualifier in her senior year. She also holds the Women's SWAT Team record in the 100



Isabella DeCosta

Backstroke at 1:09.27. Cameron Dolly, age 17, has signed with Rollins College. Cameron is a four-time Lee County Conference Swimming Champion. Cameron is also a four-time district, regional and state finalist. He finished 10th in the 100 Freestyle at the state championships his senior year. His time of 0:47.4 is a Men's SWAT Team record. He also holds all the Men's SWAT Team records from 11 years old on up. He holds the 50, 100, 200, 500 Freestyle; 50, 100, 200 Backstroke; 50, 100, 200 Butterfly; 100, 200, 400 Individual Medley; and the 200 Breaststroke records for the team.✱

Bank Appoints Concierge



Bank of the Islands President Robbie Roepstorff and concierge Susan Schulte photo provided

Bank of the Islands President Robbie Roepstorff announced that Susan Schulte has been appointed as the bank's concierge. "Susan is the perfect choice for greeting customers and visitors as our concierge," said Bank of the Islands Vice President and Sanibel-Captiva Office Manager Willy Ocasio. "Her diverse retail banking experience gives her the ability to anticipate our customers' needs from the time they walk through the door." Schulte brings 15 years of overall

banking knowledge to her position as concierge. Having lived in Southwest Florida since 1984, she and her husband, Kurt, are longstanding Sanibel residents with involvement in the island community. She is active in Sanibel Community Church, volunteers with the church LOGOS youth ministry program, and has organized and traveled abroad with missionary trips. Beyond her personal and professional responsibilities, Schulte is also pursuing a master's degree.✱

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Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel is set for Tuesday, April 9 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Cone Rooms on Chadwicks Square at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items will be a workshop on community and survey issues concerning the Captiva Code; a discussion about a proposed iguana control program; an update on the wastewater committee and the Captiva Drive walkway; plus committee reports and updates from other island organizations.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting tentatively

will be May 14. Information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

Progressive Club Hosting Program On Fair Housing

The Progressive Club of the Islands is sponsoring a free presentation by Dr. Arol I. Buntzman, chairman of the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance (IFHA), at The Community House on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

In the wake of Hurricane Irma, many people were severely impacted. Today, a year and half later, the need for sustainable housing is critical. The current housing stock in Immokalee for the migrant farm workers and their families consists of dilapidated trailers that landlords rent for \$60 per person

per week. This means a family of five is paying \$1,200 for substandard housing. After the hurricane, many families were forced to double up in these trailers, which means landlords are making over \$2,000 for housing that in other places would be condemned as unsafe or unlivable.

IFHA is working to build affordable, sustainable housing through a coalition of farm workers and local community organizations on a 10-acre property near the city center. By providing and maintaining housing stock for the farm worker community, they will be moving one step closer to breaking free of one the constraints that keep them in the cycle of poverty. For instance, instead of paying \$1,200 a month in rent, a family could pay \$600 for decent housing, freeing up \$600 for other expenses.

Dr. Buntzman earned a bachelor of science in real estate, a master of business administration degree

from Arizona State University and a doctorate of education in executive leadership programs from Fordham University. He retired from a successful career as a serial entrepreneur and educator including founding and serving as chairman and CEO of a public educational technology company. He has been recognized as a Smithsonian Laureate for his innovative work in development of interactive video multipoint distance learning and has served as chancellor of several colleges. Dr. Buntzman has been and continues to be active in human rights and social justice issues. He has served as chairman of the board of directors of the Children's Services Foundation of SWFL and co-founder and executive director of the We Can't Have That Foundation Inc.

The Community House is located at 2171 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For more information, call 304-707-1701.

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Ribbon Cutting

was only closed for a few days at a time, less than 25 days total during the project.

In 2017, the \$250,000 grant from Sanibel Public Library Foundation for Your Library Reimagined supported the renovation and in particular, technology infrastructure upgrade including meeting rooms, digitization, WiFi, gaming, digital signage and public catalog search. Foundation funds also went toward expanded reading porch, youth collections and furniture, and the Think Tank.

Sanibel Public Library Foundation is governed by a board of directors: Ken Nirenberg, Linda Uhler, Margaret Mohundro, Linda Estep and Jan Egeland. Uhler and Mohundro serve on the foundation board through their positions with the Sanibel Public Library District, as commissioner chair and library executive director, respectively.

Another major achievement in 2018 was the library's designation as a Five Star Library, one of 257 Star Libraries (of the 7,500 libraries reviewed) in the nation and one of only three in Florida.



Roy Gibson borrows a laptop from the TechItOut kiosk photo provided

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From left, Terry Igo, Louis Pappas, Joel Johnson and Al Hanser

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Trust Company Shareholders Meeting Report

SanCap Group Inc., holding company of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and its divisions (The Naples Trust Company and The Tampa Bay Trust Company) held their 18th annual shareholders meeting for approximately 70 guests last week at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa. Chairman and Founder S. Albert D. Hanser chaired the meeting of shareholders addressing the business of the trust company over the last year. He

covered the firm’s activity; highlighted its mission and values, and addressed the significant growth of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP); an exceptional benefit to employees, reaffirming that the company holds no interest in being sold. CEO Terence M. Igo presented on the company’s strategy and growth, announcing the firm’s record \$2 billion assets under management. “Our assets under management is a major accomplishment for us at the trust company,” said Igo, “and we owe it to our outstanding employees, an engaged board of directors, shareholders and most of all, our valued clients who have put their confidence in us.” The company increased consolidated net income by 33.5 percent, and has



From left, Al Hanser presents a plaque of appreciation to retiring board directors Dr. Stephen Brown and Charles H. Kettelman

experienced 15 percent annualized consolidated net profit from 2013 to 2018. Igo attributes the company’s growth and stability to a proven business strategy of “bigger is not better.” “We keep our primary focus on satisfied clients, strategic hires and managing expenses; only adding new markets when it benefits our clients and key stakeholders,” said Igo. Hanser then provided an update on the most recent board of directors and acknowledged retiring board members Dr. Stephen Brown (18 years of service) and Charles H. Kettelman (12 years of service), both of Sanibel, for their dedication through the years in helping to grow the business. Hanser also noted the firm’s impressive group of advisory

board members from Tampa Bay, Sanibel and Naples who continue to contribute constructive ideas and serve as community ambassadors where they live and work. Following the meeting, a luncheon presentation ensued, which showcased the firm’s youth, diversity and succession planning. Speakers were: Joel A. Johnson, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) graduate in finance and level 3 candidate in the CFA program; Louis N. Pappas, Stetson University graduate with a degree in family enterprise; and Ian N. Breusch, CFA, chief investment officer, a 2005 graduate in finance from FGCU. Johnson, vice president-investments, is located in the Sanibel office and spoke on Next Gen Observations addressing his experience

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COTI Board of Directors, from left, treasurer Susan Tucker, Malcolm Martini, Maryann Bell, Marty Packard, vice president Jan Holly, secretary Peter Walcott, incoming president Christine Andrews, past president Mike Miller, Barbara Joy Cooley and Joyce Craig. Not pictured, Erhard Joeres. photos provided

Water Quality Addressed At COTI Meeting

submitted by Jan Holly

Dr. Gary Goforth had an urgent message for islanders at the Committee of the Islands (COTI) annual meeting on March 22 at The Community House. “Water quality is our most pressing issue,” Goforth said. “The state of Florida is guilty of mismanagement of our estuaries. It

must refocus its efforts to improve our estuaries.” Goforth is a leading authority and advocate for water quality in Florida. Formerly chief consulting engineer for the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), during its Everglades Construction Project, he currently sits on the Florida Oceanographic Society Board of Directors. His keynote address, From Cradles of Life to Chambers of Death: The Mistreatment of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries, stressed both the need for rapid improvement and the tangible benefit of water quality on the entire region.

“We are blessed to live within Florida’s bio-diverse landscapes and water systems – like the Everglades, the Caloosahatchee estuary and the St. Lucie estuary,” Goforth said. “As a nation and as a state, we have a deplorable track record in protecting wildlife, the natural environment and our sea life.” Goforth called water quality “good for the economy. The combined assets of the Caloosahatchee and the St. Lucie provide 27,000 jobs,” he said. “It is a vibrant economic engine.” Goforth also pointed to Florida’s position as the fastest growing state in the union. Its burgeoning population “requires a lot of water,” he said, “but government wastes a billion gallons of water per day.” Owing to the construction of the “massive” Herbert Hoover Dike, “Lake Okeechobee can’t expand” to accommodate rainwater, Goforth noted. “When heavy rains come, the lake rises. To protect the area south of the lake, the government sends water to the estuaries. This water is over-enriched with nutrient pollution, especially phosphorus and nitrogen entering the lake,” he said, adding, “There has been no effectiveness



Water quality authority Dr. Gary Goforth in reducing pollution levels.” Goforth also reported that 2017 recorded the highest amounts of phosphorus in the lake’s history. “The lake carries, on average five times the amount of phosphorus that the total

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maximum daily load would allow," he said.

Addressing the health consequences of polluted water in the estuaries, Goforth listed several disorders that can be attributed to blue-green algae blooms in particular. "When algae hits saltwater, it releases a toxin that attacks the liver," he said. "It can cause gastrointestinal problems and liver cancer. It has been linked to ALS, dementia, Alzheimers and Parkinson's disease. We hope that this information will encourage the Army Corps of Engineers not to send water to the estuaries," he added.

Goforth called out state and regional leaders for "conscious decisions to pick winners and losers. The estuaries have been picked as losers," he said. "Every drop of water that goes south is treated in storm water treatment areas. None of the water (going to) our estuaries is treated. Our regions are being sacrificed – our public health, our economy and our environment."

Goforth provided a menu for improving water quality in the estuaries. "Send water south every month, including in the dry season," he said. "Strengthen water quality regulations, strengthen basin management, and strengthen bio-solids management."

Goforth voiced "cautious optimism" about the future. "Wonderful changes have occurred in the last six months," he said. "With the public engaged, a lot of progress can be made. The South Florida Water Management District knows people are watching."

Outgoing COTI President Mike Miller welcomed a capacity crowd, which



Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane congratulates Nicole McHale on being selected COTI's 2019 Citizen of the Year

included Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane and the South Florida Water Management District's new board chair, former Sanibel councilman Chauncey Goss.

Among COTI's long list of achievements of the past year, Miller cited, in particular, supporting the EAA Reservoir construction, opposing the SFWMD's new minimum flow rule, supporting legislation to reimpose a five-year inspection requirement for septic tanks, advocating against use of bio-solids as fertilizer in the Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee watersheds, advocating for more

water-quality monitoring stations, opposing the Eden Oak development, supporting a ban on plastic straws, and initiating a proposal to ban fuel-powered leaf blowers.

To much applause, Miller announced that COTI will donate \$5,000 "to support the efforts of the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society to get the county to acquire 68 acres of undeveloped land at Wulfert and Sanibel-Captiva roads, known as the Wulfert Bayous. This is important," Miller said. "This land is the largest unprotected acreage on Sanibel, and development for new house

construction has already been permitted. We're grateful for the wildlife society's efforts working with Lee County to get this land acquired and protected."

COTI named Nicole McHale its 2019 Citizen of the Year. According to board member Barbara Joy Cooley, who presented the award, McHale "is a tireless volunteer and an accomplished and gracious community leader. She has served on the FISH advisory board since 2012," Cooley said. "She is also on the Sanibel Public Library board, and she co-chaired the campaign that raised funds to redesign and renovate The Community House."

Other of McHale's many accomplishments include helping to raise funds for FISH's new headquarters, developing the annual Throw FISH a Lifeline campaign to replenish the organization's food pantry in September, volunteering at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and The Sanibel School, and serving as a mentor for at-risk high school girls.

In expressing her thanks for the recognition, McHale said that the island community "has done so much for our family. I think it is important to give back and help make the community the best it can be. This is the most remarkable community anywhere," she added. "People come here, because they are very aware and are looking to give back. I am so fortunate to be a part of it. I thank you so much."

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From left, Bryden Williams, Colin Menzel and Lilly Doster

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Rotary Happenings

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The March 29 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meeting was dedicated to The Sanibel School student winners of our 2019 Rotary 4-Way Test Essay Contest. Chairman Chet Sadler said, "Over the past six years, the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has challenged the eighth graders at The Sanibel School to write an essay using the Rotary 4-Way Test as the foundation of a composition. Over 35 students submitted an essay this year. The students were challenged to consider a problem or conflict faced by teenagers or young people in their age group, perhaps a dilemma they have faced personally, or an issue facing our community, school, team, club or friends."

The Rotary 4-Way Test is based on the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is the 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as Rotary International president). Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

The Sanibel School language arts teacher JP Martin served as a mentor to this voluntary writing challenge. The winner of this year's first place award was Lilly Doster. Her well written essay on "A New Perspective" of how social media plays into the life of eighth grade students explained the need for adults to understand what social media really is today. She points out that the community can connect and be more together without being "physically together." Second place

went to Bryden Williams for his essay addressing the "Poor management of Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades." Third prize went to Colin Menzel for his essay on discrimination. Whether it's the extremely high 47 percent, of wrongful convictions of African Americans or attacks on Muslims after 9/11, Collin urges us all to work together to eliminate discrimination to "make our country better."

The essays are an opportunity to make the four principals of the 4-Way Test part of the students' lives now and into the future.

Just a brief snippet from each of the essays:

"A New Perspective by Lilly Doster – So our community doesn't understand that social media (If they accept it) can help them to get all of us more connected in the community. So our older generation isn't wrong that we are on social media a lot but they are wrong about the fact that "It can't do any good." Being scared of new things is not good for our community. Rotary Principle..." Will it build goodwill and better friendship? The answer to that is yes, social media can build goodwill and better friendships."

"Conflicts with Lake Okeechobee" by Bryden Williams – The unnatural freshwater discharges from Lake O cause much damage to our very sensitive estuary ecosystems. As a result, blue-green algae and red tide blooms kill wildlife all around the southwest Florida area. For example, in the recent summer of 2018, the Sanibel area experienced a disastrous red tide crisis, which killed much of our precious wildlife. This impacted friends, family, my community, and me significantly. We can use the Four-Way Test to try and resolve it. Is it the truth? Yes, this is the truth; this truth has killed fish, caused people to lose income, and caused extreme damage to the natural ecosystem. This is not a truth that can just be ignored, something has to be done."

"Discrimination" by Colin Menzel – The Four-Way Test could prove to many Americans that everyone is equal, and physical appearance can't alter a human's significance. Asking questions to not just yourself, but to society itself such as "Is this fair to everyone?" People can ask these questions, and realize that we are all people, and everybody should be equal. It is not fair to blame a whole group for

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United Way Campaign Raises Record Amount

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has reportedly exceeded the 2018-19 campaign goal of \$10,301,386. This is the 26th consecutive year that the goal has been met or exceeded.

Campaign Chairs Linda Doggett and Robert Shearman made the announcement that local residents and companies contributed a record amount of \$10,438,361 to the campaign, a 4 percent increase. The theme of the 2018-19 United Way Campaign was the The Power of U! "The generous people of Southwest Florida took The Power of U! theme to their hearts and put the campaign over the top," said Doggett.

Shearman said, "Not only did we top the goal, we exceeded it by over \$100,000. That means more local people can be helped by our 96 United Way Partner Agencies. We live in an extraordinarily generous community, and to all of you who gave, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

"Making the goal means our agencies will receive their full share of funding for the coming year, including agencies and programs that are new to the network such as the Cape Coral Caring Center, Midwest Food Bank, Cancer Alliance, and Gulf Coast Humane Society," said Doggett. "Long standing United Way partners like Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Children's Advocacy Center, The Salvation



Campaign chairs Robert Shearman and Linda Doggett

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Army, and Bonita Springs Assistance will be able to continue their vital programs because our United Way surpassed goal. Because of your generosity, hungry families will receive food, veterans will find support through Mission United, abused children will find safety and shelter, older persons can find assistance to remain in their own homes, and thousands of lower income families can get their taxes done free through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). You gave so others could have a better life."

Shearman added, "All funds raised by our United Way stay here in our community, and our United Way keeps administrative and fundraising cost extremely low, investing 92 percent of the money raised into local agencies and programs. Our United Way has been named a four-star charity, the top rating

on Charity Navigator for the past seven years, and we are one of very few charities in the nation to receive a perfect overall score of 100 percent. Charity Navigator is one of the most utilized evaluators of charities used to guide intelligent giving."

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

One Million Dollar+ Circle of Excellence – Publix, Bonita Bay Community

Five Hundred Thousand+ Circle of Excellence – Bonita Bay Group, Islands of Sanibel & Captiva

Two Hundred Thousand+ Circle of Excellence – Pelican Landing, Chico's FAS, FineMark National Bank & Trust, Enterprise Holdings, LCEC

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Break-Out Campaign Award – Alta Resources

Many United Way Partner Agencies were represented at the goal announcement, and executive directors of the agencies talked about how important United Way is to their success and ability to assist their clients.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee has raised and distributed over \$177 million since it was established in 1957. For more information, call United Way at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.

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Rotary Happenings

something that a few people did in that group. People can create equality all around the country and end discrimination."

We invited not only the essay contest winners to our meeting for the reading of their essays but the school principal, language arts teacher, parents and siblings. The entourage numbered around 14 and along with Rotarians in attendance, students were encouraged to use these ethical guidelines throughout their lives; knowing yourself and your strength to analyze situations and hold yourself accountable to serve a better purpose in life and solve problems, not make them.

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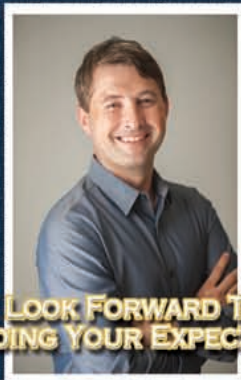
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Is A Wealth Tax Wise And Practical?



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

I've been following with great interest Democrat senator and presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren's proposal for a wealth tax. In a March 15, 2019 opinion entitled "Elizabeth Warren Actually Wants to Fix Capitalism," *The New York Times* columnist David Leonhardt wrote that Sen. Warren believes an annual wealth tax on net worth exceeding \$50 million would generate more than \$250 billion annually, paying for social programs she believes are vital to our continued prosperity.

Warren and some economists point out that our present system taxes our income but not our balance sheet, which would be more progressive. Many working-class Americans are taxed on all earned income, while wealthy individuals pay lower capital gains tax rates, avoid income taxation altogether on certain investments (such as state and municipal bonds), and largely avoid, or at least minimize, the federal estate tax, especially with the current exemption levels exceeding \$11 million.

When wealthy individuals make large lifetime gifts or bequests at death, the gift, estate and generation skipping transfer taxes (otherwise known as "transfer taxes") are imposed. This is a balance sheet determination of the fair market value of amounts transferred to a loved one.

Western governments imposed and collected transfer taxes as early as the 17th century, usually to pay for wartime expenditures. They became a staple of the American tax system under presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson in the early 20th century as a revenue enhancement as well as a means to address social inequality, and not allow for great concentrations of wealth to be held in the hands of a "ruling class."

In England, Winston Churchill argued that estate taxes are "a certain corrective against the development of a race of idle rich." This issue has been referred to as the "Carnegie effect," for Andrew Carnegie. Carnegie once commented, "The parent who leaves his son enormous wealth generally deadens the talents and energies of the son, and tempts him to lead a less useful and less worthy life than he otherwise would."

Sen. Warren extends this philosophy to an annual balance sheet tax. Most of us pay, directly or indirectly, property taxes, which are also a balance sheet tax based on the value of one line-item, real estate. So working class families pay an income tax and a partial balance sheet tax. Essentially, income and the major asset that many working class families own is taxed. Sen. Warren wants to broaden the balance sheet tax for wealthy individuals to encompass their entire net worth.

As Sen. Warren proposes, an annual wealth tax would break up concentrations of individual wealth while providing a means to correct "economic fairness," which itself is a nebulous phrase.

As anyone who has ever filed a Federal Gift Tax Return Form 709 or a Federal Estate Tax Return Form 706 knows, determining a date certain, fair market value of one's balance sheet is a largely subjective exercise, especially when one owns commercial and rental real estate and/or closely held business interests.

As opposed to publicly traded stocks, whose value is easily determined at any given moment, determining the "fair market value" for difficult-to-value assets can take many months and cost many thousands of dollars. First, the taxpayer hires an appraiser to determine the value of land, building and other hard assets. Next, a business valuation specialist must then address the value of the shares, partnership or membership interests of the company or partnership that owns the hard assets.

The share/partnership interests are usually discounted because closely held business interests can't be easily liquidated (as opposed to shares of publicly traded shares of stock), transfers are restricted by agreement among the shareholders and partners, and other factors, such as minority interests that can't control the direction of the company or partnership.

What about foreign assets owned by a wealthy person? Presumably those would be included in the computation, otherwise the wealth tax could be easily avoided by establishing foreign entities to own domestic stocks, bonds and real estate.

Intellectual property also poses difficult valuation obstacles. How long can one expect the income stream to last? What will future sales look like? Will the underlying service or product be usurped by new and better products, services or technologies? This, not to mention how complicated irrevocable trusts and other ownership devices play into whether an asset is even part of the balance sheet of any particular taxpayer.

Determining these values for a one-time gift or as a date of death value is difficult enough. I can't imagine the regulatory, compliance and enforcement costs associated with an ongoing, annual wealth tax.

The debate is just now starting and will presumably last through the 2020 presidential election. I wonder whether this wealth tax that many candidates are sure to endorse is intended merely as a campaign pledge to gain votes or is truly something intended for a legislative agenda. One selling point is obvious. "There aren't many individuals that will be subject to the tax because the floor is so high." That was the original, persuasive argument for the imposition of an estate tax. You may recall that in the early 1970s the federal estate tax exemptions fell to the point where many regular working-class individuals were affected, as those whose estates above \$250,000 became subjected to the tax.

I suggest that any wealth tax act should be labeled "The Trust Attorney's Full Employment Act." It certainly will be interesting to follow.

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Trust Company

at the trust company over the last four years. "I was fortunate enough to join the firm in 2015," said Johnson. "One of the things that most appealed to me was the desire by the team to have meaningful and productive relationships with their clients, rather than see them as a number. Working directly with clients is my favorite part of the role, and I plan to be part of the trust company for many years to come."

Pappas, vice president-family office services, is in the Tampa office and is a descendent of four generations of business owners in Tarpon Springs. "I was thrilled that this private, independent trust company had a family office division, and

focused on assisting families with their succession planning and family governance after the transfer or sale of the business," he said. "Coming from a community of privately-held family businesses, I understand how important it is to do this right and take care of multiple generations of family members."

Ian Breusch, CIO, provided highlights from the year's Economic Outlook presentation. He leads a team of portfolio managers and investment analysts across the company.

The trust company also held more than 50 events and presentations for clients and area residents in 2018 and supported more than 60 nonprofit organizations from Tampa Bay to Marco Island. For more information, visit www.sancapgroupinc.com.

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Refuge Honors Volunteers At Luncheon

The "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) annual volunteer awards luncheon was held on March 26 at The Community House.

"This really is the best day on the refuge," said Bill Miller, acting refuge manager while Paul Tritaik is on detail at regional headquarters in Atlanta. "We get to celebrate you (volunteers). Our staff gets to serve you and thank you for all that you do for us."

Refuge staff reported that in fiscal year 2018, 292 volunteers worked 42,109.5 hours at the refuge, representing a labor and benefits savings of more than a million dollars, equivalent to 20 full-time employees.

"That million-dollar figure exceeds the budget allocation we receive yearly," said Miller.

DDWS Executive Director Birgie Miller stated the increasing need for volunteers in another way: "I just find it amazing that when (supervisory refuge ranger) Toni Westland started here about 15 years ago, there were about 600,000 visitors each year and less land to manage with 22 staff members. Today we have 11 staff members to handle a million visitors and more land."



Acting Refuge Manager Bill Miller, left, and Deputy Refuge Manager Nate Caswell, right, congratulate 20-year volunteers photo provided

DDWS formed in 1982 specifically to support a volunteer corps after the opening of the refuge's first visitor center that year. More than 11,000 people visited in the first month after the center opened, overwhelming a staff unaccustomed to dealing with the inquisitive public.

"Volunteers stepped in then to fill in the gaps left by inadequate federal funding, and they continue to do so even more today as funding further declines," said Miller.

Following is a list of volunteers who won awards for reaching hour and year achievement levels.

Years Awards

20 years: Sally Barsley, Barbara Baumecker, Malcolm Harpham, Susan Harpham, Joanne Heroy-Giller, Harold Johnstone, Joyce Krivenko and Martin Pokedoff

10 years: Jane Gieryic and Mike Gieryic

Hours Awards

8,500 hours: Doris Hardy

6,000 hours: Ed Combs and Judy Davis

5,500 hours: Is Cloak

5,000 hours: Jack Wettstein and

Patty Wettstein

4,500 hours: Latham Morris

4,000 hours: Miriam Hursey and

John McCabe

3,500 hours: Betsy Doonan, John

McCabe, Alan Parker and Linda Parker

3,000 hours: Susan Harpham

2,500 hours: Joanne Heroy-Giller

2,000 hours: Allan Marcus, Greg Scherer, Shirley Schiffman and Anne Scott

1,500 hours: Mike Baldwin, Jim Bennight, Bob Gonser, Joan Gonser, Jan Lucree, Walt McNairy and Arland Oleson

1,000 hours: Pat Appino, Robert Blacklow, Barbara Broadhurst, Bob Gonser, Joan Gonser, Millicent Heeney, Mary Horney, Ronald Horney, Tom Mehalic and Roger Tosch

500 hours: Judy Barbieri, Sue Danford, Kenneth Gum, Lou Ann Gum, Thomas Hoopes, Zdenko Krizan, Michael Rice, Cathy Swerdlick and Ray Vasquez

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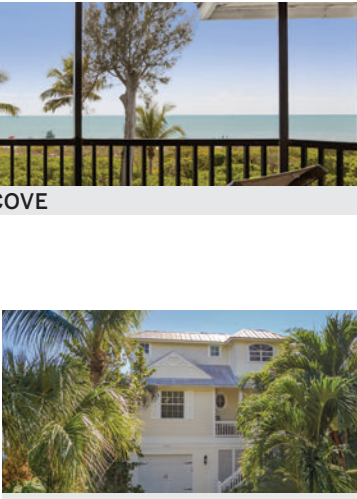
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Redfish Pass Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	2:04 am	7:39 am	1:55 pm	8:10 pm
Sat	2:43 am	7:58 am	2:12 pm	8:46 pm
Sun	3:24 am	8:18 am	2:35 pm	9:26 pm
Mon	4:11 am	8:39 am	3:03 pm	10:13 pm
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Fri	1:09 am	7:41 am	1:00 pm	8:12 pm
Sat	1:48 am	8:00 am	1:17 pm	8:48 pm
Sun	2:29 am	8:20 am	1:40 pm	9:28 pm
Mon	3:16 am	8:41 am	2:08 pm	10:15 pm
Tue	4:15 am	9:01 am	2:41 pm	11:11 pm
Wed	5:36 am	9:17 am	3:21 pm	None
Thu	4:11 pm	12:20 am	None	None

Punta Rassa Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:38 am	8:03 am	1:57 pm	8:31 pm
Sat	2:12 am	8:27 am	2:06 pm	9:08 pm
Sun	2:51 am	8:49 am	2:13 pm	9:46 pm
Mon	3:41 am	9:11 am	2:33 pm	10:26 pm
Tue	4:42 am	9:35 am	3:05 pm	11:11 pm
Wed	5:48 am	10:00 am	3:49 pm	None
Thu	7:06 am	12:12 am	4:42 pm	10:27 am

Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	4:14 am	10:55 am	4:05 pm	11:26 pm
Sat	4:53 am	11:14 am	4:22 pm	None
Sun	5:34 am	12:02 am	4:45 pm	11:34 am
Mon	6:21 am	12:42 am	5:13 pm	11:55 am
Tue	7:20 am	1:29 am	5:46 pm	12:15 pm
Wed	8:41 am	2:25 am	6:26 pm	12:31 pm
Thu	7:16 pm	3:34 am	None	None

Island Seniors At Center 4 Life

Meet your friends and make some new ones at the Center 4 Life. Browse through the following activities, then stop by to sign up.

Donations Needed For Trash & Treasures Sale – The center is now accepting donations for the fall Trash & Treasures Sale. Whether you are refreshing your home before returning in the fall or doing some spring cleaning, donate your clean, gently used items. A tax deductible receipt will be provided. Bring your donations – excluding books, clothes, shoes, computers or TVs – to the center Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you have any questions, call 472-5743.

Page Turners with Louise Fitzgerald and Ann Hartman – If you are not on the Page Turners list and wish to be, email oceann@comcast.net or contact the center.

The book for discussion on Wednesday, April 10 at 2:30 p.m. is *The Day The World Came to Town 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim Defede.

“When 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada by the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island swelled from 10,300 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill. As the passengers stepped from the airplanes, exhausted, hungry and distraught after being held on board for nearly 24 hours while security checked all of the baggage, they were greeted with a feast prepared



Island Seniors at the village hut during a recent day trip to ECHO Global Farms
photo courtesy Anita Force Marshall

by the townspeople. Local bus drivers who had been on strike came off the picket lines to transport the passengers to the various shelters set up in local schools and churches. Linens and toiletries were bought and donated. A middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news.”

– HarperCollins

Painting with Friends – Wednesdays, March 27, April 3, 17 and 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members. Spend a relaxing afternoon with a friendly group of experienced painters.

This is a non-instructional course; bring your own painting supplies and drop cloths. Class is limited to 10 participants. Advance registration is required.

Meditation at the Center 4 Life – Friday, April 12, 3 to 4 p.m.

Barbara P. Ward, psychotherapist and Kripalu yoga teacher for 30 years, will re-introduce meditation. No experience is necessary; bring a cushion or a towel. You may sit in a chair, lie down, or be seated on the ground with your back against the wall. There is no charge to attend but advance registration is required.

Line Dancing Classes – Tuesday,

April 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Join the group for an hour of fun. The instructor will review dance steps then turn up the music for dancing. Bring a friend.

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 12:30 p.m.; the game begins at 1 p.m.

Mahjongg – Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Hand & Foot – Thursday at noon.

Hearts – Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Kayaking on Tuesdays – April 9 at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors, Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun screen, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing. 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 \$10 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.

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Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club President Tom Annesley and Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Executive Director Dorrie Hipschman

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Shell Club Donates To Island Organizations

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club recently donated a portion of the proceeds from the 2018 Sanibel Shell Festival to the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation



SCCF Marine Laboratory Director Eric Milbrandt and Tom Annesley

(SCCF). The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club donated \$15,000 to the museum and an additional \$2,000 to the Adopt-a-Class program run by the museum. The Adopt-a-Class program brings fourth grade students from Fort Myers schools to the museum for educational and hands-on experiences to encourage an appreciation of mollusks and their important role in the ecosystem.

Each year, the club gives away all of its profits from the March Sanibel Shell Show. The total sum for the 2018 show was \$29,000. All funds go for grants and scholarships for organizations and educational institutions that support research and preservation of mollusks and marine environments.✱

Memories

by Bryan Hayes



Sometimes during the course of your normal day, something comes along that hits you out of the blue. I was recently asked to look at a condo as a follow-up to a four-point insurance

inspection. As I entered the home, there was a certain familiarity about the place but I couldn't place my finger on it. After 30 years of working on the islands, that is to be expected, so I shrugged it off and went about my business.

I checked what I needed and finally ended up at the breaker panel, opened the panel and there it was, it stopped me in my tracks. There on the bottom was a very familiar sight. It was one of our old Sanibel Repair Service stickers. And on this sticker was a handwritten note, "A/C Replaced 10/31/96." A couple of things started bringing the memories back: replacement was spelled wrong, this was more than 22 years ago, it was on Halloween and, finally, the handwriting was that of my recently deceased longtime partner, father and friend Dan Hayes. All the memories came back in an instant.

Dan and I had received a call for an a/c problem at this home that morning and we rushed over because it was hot. It



Service sticker from long ago

photo provided

was determined that an a/c replacement was needed so we got to work. We worked side by side as we had done countless times before to complete the job.

Each part of the sticker brought back a different memory. Replacement was probably spelled wrong because we worked a long hard day to get these people back in air conditioning. The date made me think of the early years when it was just my Dad and me. And all that had happened since. The date also reminded me that it was Halloween. I remember wanting/needing to get home to take a very anxious 2-year-old trick-or-treating; she's now 24.

So a little handwritten note 22 years ago brought back some great memories. Thanks Dad. Love you.

Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at Bryan@Sanibelair.com.✱



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Red Sox Pitch In To Raise Funds For Hospital

Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida raised more than \$505,000 at three fundraising events headlined by Boston Red Sox players, coaches and management. The Red Sox, which have held spring training in Fort Myers since 1993, partnered with the Lee Health Foundation for the 26th annual Boston Red Sox Celebrity Golf Classic, Green Tee Party and Dinner on the Diamond. Each event offered baseball fans the opportunity to

meet players from the 2018 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox, including MVP Steve Pearce, Andrew Benintendi, Brock Holt, Mitch Moreland, Blake Swihart, Rick Porcello and manager Alex Cora. “The Red Sox have consistently partnered with Golisano Children’s Hospital since the team first moved its spring training to Fort Myers, and we’re incredibly grateful to count on their generous support each spring,” said Chris Simoneau, Lee Health’s chief foundation and development officer. “The millions of dollars we’ve raised over the years at our Red Sox fundraisers have helped treat thousands of sick and injured children right here in Southwest Florida.” Proceeds from the three events this



Jahmai Webster and Alex Cora

year will support Kids’ Minds Matter, the hospital’s pediatric mental and behavioral healthcare fund. Kids’ Minds Matter advocates for the more than 46,000 Southwest Florida youth who are struggling with mental and behavioral health disorders like anxiety, depression, eating disorders, psychosis, substance abuse, autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Funds raised help align community, inpatient and outpatient care, provide proper screening, hire additional mental health professionals, and train physicians, parents, educators and caregivers. The Red Sox Green Tee Party was held February 18 in the concourse at JetBlue Park and included cocktails, food, entertainment, silent and live auctions, photo opportunities with Wally the Green Monster and the 2018 World Series trophy, and an autograph session with Swihart. The Celebrity Golf Classic on February 20 included golfing and mingling with

celebrities, as well as skills challenges. Red Sox greets Luis Tiant, Jason Varitek and other alumni joined current players and coaches on the course. Dinner on the Diamond, held March 19 at JetBlue Park, offered appetizers, drinks, dinner and an auction of autographed baseball merchandise, trips and other items. The event’s highlight was a private autograph session with Holt, Moreland and Cora, followed by a roundtable discussion moderated by NESN host Jahmai Webster. “Between all of the practices, games, training sessions and media obligations, two Red Sox pitchers – Chris Sale and Nathan Eovaldi – found time to stop by Golisano Children’s Hospital to visit with some of our pediatric patients and sign autographs,” said Armando Llechu, the hospital’s chief administrative officer. “It is amazing to see how much their presence in the hospital boosts the spirits of children and their families, and it’s something they’ll certainly remember for years to come.”**

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Who holds the major-league record for most All-Star Games pitched?
- 2. Name the last player before Jose Altuve and Enrique Hernandez in 2017 to hit three home runs in a postseason game.
- 3. When was the last time the Tampa Bay Buccaneers reached the NFL playoffs?
- 4. In 2018, Villanova’s men’s basketball team set a Final Four record with 18 3-pointers made in a game. Which two teams had held the mark?
- 5. Florida’s Roberto Luongo, in 2019, moved into second place on the career games played list for NHL goaltenders. Who is first on the list, and who is now third?
- 6. Canada’s men’s hockey team has won nine Olympic gold medals. How many silver and bronze medals has it captured?
- 7. When was the last time before 2018 that a team won golf’s Ryder Cup by at least seven points?

ANSWERS

1. Roger Clemens, with 10 games between 1986 and 2005. 2. San Francisco’s Pablo Sandoval, in 2012. 3. It was the 2007 season. 4. UNLV (1987) and Duke (2010), with 13 each. 5. Martin Brodeur (1,266) and Patrick Roy (1,029 games). 6. Four silver and three bronze medals. 7. It was 2006, when Europe won 18 1/2 to 9 1/2.

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Center 4 Life
Connie DeCicco is the instructor.
Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear is required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.
Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats are

used. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.
Gentle Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.
Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Similar to gentle yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Kim Kouril is the instructor.
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Caregiver Training Program

FISH of SanCap, along with Sue Townsend, RN, certified dementia practitioner with Home Instead Senior Care, is offering Caregiver Training: For Those Caring for a Loved One with Dementia/Alzheimer's on Wednesday, April 17. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Heron Hall at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at



Sue Townsend

2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Townsend said, "Every 65 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease." According to the Alzheimer's Association, there are an estimated 5.7 million Americans currently living with Alzheimer's disease and 16.1 million Americans providing unpaid care (family caregivers) for someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. Caregivers need to know how to provide the highest level of person-centered care from those suffering from it. Townsend will teach the caregiver the most comprehensive way of care and share resources and other information to help them as they continue to care for their loved one or client.

This seminar is open to the community. For more information and to RSVP, contact Kathy Y. Monroe or Anthony Morales at 472-4775.✱

O Positive Blood Donors Needed

Lee Health is asking the community for O positive blood donations to help refill inventory levels. As home to the region's only trauma center, it is vital that Lee Health's blood supply remains at healthy levels in order to quickly care for patients needing an urgent transfusion. Blood and blood products also treat cancer patients, premature babies, anemia and a variety of other conditions.

About 800 units of blood are needed per week, and the blood centers rely on life-saving donations from the community to maintain inventory levels. No blood donated at the centers is ever exported out of Southwest Florida.

Donors of all blood types are welcomed and encouraged to help serve the needs of the community. Anyone who is at least age 17, or age 16 with parental permission, weighs at least 115 pounds and is in good overall health is eligible to donate blood. A person can

donate blood approximately every eight weeks.

For more information, call 343-2333 or visit www.leehealth.org/bloodcenter.✱

Lee Health Hires New Officer

Chris Simoneau has joined Lee Health as chief foundation and development officer. In his new role, Simoneau will be responsible for Lee Health's strategic direction and oversight of the Lee Health Foundation, brand development, marketing, internal and external communications and community relationships in alignment with Lee Health's mission, vision, values and strategic objectives.

Simoneau has more than 25 years' experience in institutional development and fundraising. He comes to Lee Health from Florida Gulf Coast University, where he served as vice president of university advancement and executive director of

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Beachview Blue Division Team Wins Championship



From left, Gil Royal, Ken Kaltenmark, Steve Fuchs, Hunt Ethridge, co-captain Art Tupper, Forrest Sargent, Juris Kaps, Joe Kinczel and Jim Davis. Not pictured, co-captain Al Nagel, Jim Castle, Bob Fisher, Alan Goodsitt, Larry Haas, John Prann, Pat Quigley, Tony Scalia and Ernie Smith. photo provided

The Beachview Blue Division men's tennis team won the championship for the 2018- 2019 season. They won the "B" flight by playing seven teams from Lee County, once at home and once away, for a total of 14 matches over a four-month

season. Each match consisted of four doubles pairs playing the best out of three sets. The championship of the flight was not determined until a strong finish by the Beachview team on the final day of play which resulted in a one-point victory.✱

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Create A Jewel Box In Your Home



by Barb Cacchione

You might think a small bathroom doesn't deserve much design attention. Quite often during a renovation project, I find myself getting most excited about designing the powder room. While it is usually the smallest space in the home, I always encourage my clients to have some fun with it.

Powder rooms have long been favorites of designers and homeowners for expressing a wild side. That's because powder rooms are often small spaces frequently used by guests, which means these rooms are great for creating a little surprise even if the rest of the home is a bit tame. Think about it: While you may spend your hours primping in the master bath, the powder room is a space for guests to come visit... so why not give them something interesting to experience?

To me, small size means big potential. One perk to designing such a small space is that using a bold color, print, or pattern (whether it's on your walls, floors or even accessories) is less overwhelming. A wallpaper that would be overstimulating

on all your bedroom walls suddenly feels funky, charming and daring in these small little spaces. Another advantage of the small footprint of these rooms is that choosing to splurge on custom pieces or high-end materials doesn't necessarily mean breaking the bank. For example, upgrading from a ceramic tile to marble for your floors may only mean the difference of a few hundred dollars. Or if you aren't interested in the maintenance of natural stone, create an interesting tile pattern and turn an ordinary material into a statement.

Use "decorative" mirrors in a powder room instead of using the standard wall-to-wall mirror. Whether you are a minimalist or a traditionalist, this is an easy way to give the space personality and a more custom look. Consider adding a vanity that has a chest or dresser feel. This addition can be a newly manufactured piece, or retro-fitted by a finish carpenter. Have fun with your lighting. Because the powder room is generally not used for tasks (like shaving or makeup application), you don't need to worry about seeing every hair or shadow and can utilize a statement fixture such as a charming chandelier.

Remember the experience. Good design isn't limited to what instantly meets the eye. Stimulating your other senses by incorporating things like scent and texture are easy ways to enhance the function of the space. Find soft hand towels and keep your favorite candle in the bathroom to make your guests feel welcome.

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

Doctor and Dietician

Whiplash



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

Whiplash is commonly associated with rear-end automobile accidents, but it can also result from sports or other trauma. The sudden, rapid back-and-forth movement of the neck during whiplash causes injury to the ligaments, muscles, tendons, intervertebral joints, discs and nerves of the neck and upper back. The neck is particularly vulnerable to whiplash injury because of its ability to move in many directions. Research shows that when the head is rotated, like when the driver is looking in the rearview mirror, there is a significant increase in the amount of force placed on the neck during impact. Simply having your head turned to the side can predispose you to more ligament injuries and subsequent symptoms.

Common symptoms of whiplash-associated disorder include neck pain and crepitation, stiffness, headache,

dizziness, vertigo, fatigue, irritability, tinnitus, nausea/vomiting, cognitive impairment, anxiety, lightheadedness and memory problems. These may not all begin immediately after the trauma. Some symptoms of post-whiplash may improve within a few weeks using the traditional approach of pain medication and physical therapy. However, many people who suffer from chronic neck pain as well as other complications can begin a vicious cycle of increased medications to try and control worsening symptoms, but this lacks any real answers to resolve the issue. This can carry on for months or years after the initial accident and is indicative of undiagnosed ligament damage and spinal instability that was not initially seen after the accident.

In our experience, Digital Motion X-ray (DMX) is the ideal post-whiplash diagnostic tool because it shows the spine from various angles while in motion, unlike static MRI. DMX can identify spinal instability and curvature abnormalities caused by ligament laxity/injury. If identified, the ligament damage causing the neck pain and associated symptoms can then be resolved with prolotherapy, a regenerative injection treatment for post-traumatic ligament injuries.

*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.**

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Lee Health

the FGCU Foundation for the past six years. His experience in overseeing fundraising and marketing communications functions will strengthen Lee Health's bond with Southwest Florida and support its continued development as the health system grows with the community.

"We are excited to welcome Chris to our team. His expertise will allow Lee Health to continue to foster a close relationship with our community and pursue innovative health care services for our patients," said Larry Antonucci, MD, MBA, Lee Health president and CEO. "Chris is well-known throughout Southwest Florida and will help continue the health system's strong track record of community involvement and philanthropy."

While at FGCU, Simoneau's expertise

and network of relationships throughout the region allowed him to successfully implement a three-year, \$100 million comprehensive campaign in conjunction with the university's 20th anniversary. FGCU surpassed the campaign's goal by over \$27 million.

Simoneau has a bachelor of science degree in finance from Villanova University and an master of business administration degree from Columbia University. Prior to moving to Southwest Florida, he also worked in development at universities in Massachusetts and Ohio. He has served in a variety of professional and community service roles, including the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Moorings Park Foundation, Southwest Florida Regional Economic Development Alliance and the Association for Fundraising Professionals. He recently joined the independent sales surtax oversight committee for Lee County schools.*

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Calendula For Reflux And Skin Problems



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: In spring, we all like to hike and play outdoors. Getting bumped and bruised is more apt to occur as well. A natural remedy for this is calendula, and it's sold in health food stores nationwide.

Calendula oil is a natural oil extracted from flowers, specifically the marigold flowers, also known as *Calendula officinalis*. Calendula oil has some antifungal, anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties. This makes it great for topical use, especially for minor cuts, wounds and skin rashes. More specifically, calendula creams can be used to help cradle cap, diaper rash, eczema, poison ivy and allergic rashes.

Not too long ago, a friend of mine fell off her horse. She had some minor aches and pains, and her skin was broken. I recommended the calendula cream and reassured her this herbal remedy had been used for centuries. My friend used the cream on her bruises and scrapes and, within several days, she was as good as new. If you are creating a first-aid cabinet, I highly recommend you include calendula.

Put it next to your hydrocortisone and tea tree oil.

There was a study in October 2018, published in the *Journal of Family Medicine and Primary Care*. This study evaluated calendula ointment on cesarean wound healing. The trial evaluated 72 women, and they concluded that "using calendula ointment considerably increases the speed of cesarean wound healing."

There was a more recent study in February 2019, that evaluated calendula for patients who had suffered from dermatitis associated with their radiation. This is pretty common, up to 95 percent of patients develop radiation-related skin pain. Calendula appears to be a viable option and should be considered as an adjunct to pharmaceutical skin treatments.

I think calendula would make for a fantastic tea. I make it myself all the time at home, using locally grown flowers. The marigold flowers are beautiful orange, and they're dried. You just steep them in water for about 10 minutes, and add honey if desired. Calendula is a type of marigold. Not all marigold flowers can be ingested, so if you make the tea, make sure you buy the dried flowers that are consumable, and buy them from a reputable source.

One reason you might consider calendula as a tea, or dietary supplement is if you have ulcerative colitis. There is reason to believe this may be soothing to the intestinal tract and it's been studied for this very condition. It might be one of the most healing herbs to consider if you have gastritis or reflux, but of course ask your practitioner if it's right for you.

Some people are allergic to flowers in the marigold family, in which case

calendula should be avoided. Avoid calendula if you are allergic to ragweed, chrysanthemums or daisies due to potential reactions. Please consult with your doctor about taking any herb orally, including calendula, if you take blood thinners.

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I seem to feel fear a lot and it's paralyzing. Can you help with some strategies to overcome fear?

A: Fear grips all of us at one time or another. Fear holds us back from

taking risks and having opportunities to grow. It prevents us from growing strong, meaningful relationships. When we're anxious or afraid, we have a physiological response. Our heart begins to pound, we secrete stress chemicals, our GI tract is affected and digestion slows down our body. We get into the fight, flight or freeze response. Over time, our body begins to shut down and we become ill.

Neuroscience tells us that fear changes the brain. When we have the same thoughts over and over (average 60,000 thoughts a day), a habit begins to form. When these habits are shaped

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by fear, we get caught in the pattern of shame, judgment and anger. That anxiety heightens and can become addictive.

So how do we free ourselves from the grips of fear? What we do know now are the positive effects of mindfulness meditation. It may sound simple – sit and breathe. However, through learning mindfulness techniques, mindfulness practices scientifically show the brain can be rewired and you can eliminate the toxicity of living with fear day to day. Navigating fear can be complicated. I suggest you either enroll in some mindfulness training classes, or take a course in mindfulness meditation as this change does require deep work. Some master teachers and authors in the field of mindfulness are Jon Kabat-Zinn, PhD, Tara Brach, PhD, Ron Seigel, PsyD, and Sharon Salzberg. You may want to research mindfulness practices and see what teachings may feel best for you. It can be life-transforming, and I would start with exploring mindfulness practices.

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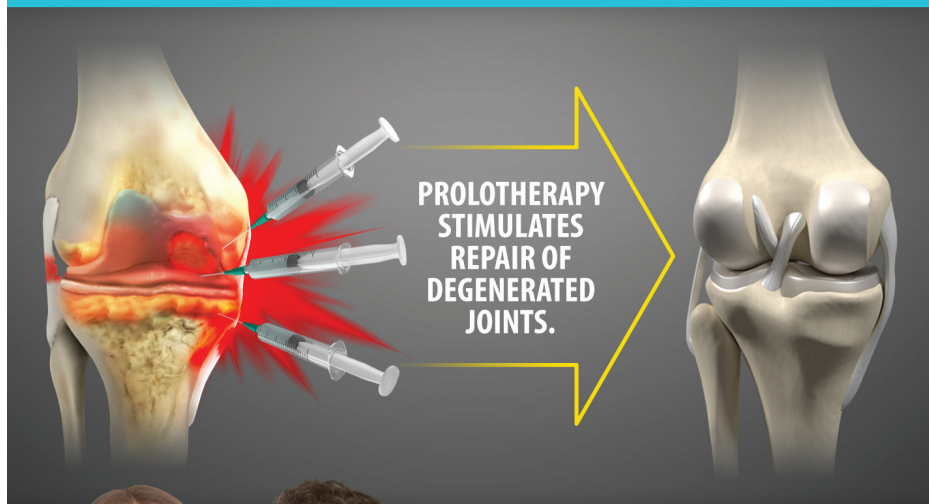
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PETS OF THE WEEK

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Elsa And Lulu



Elsa ID# A771236

Hello, my name is Elsa. I am a 5-year-old female pit bull who has had a rough go of things to get to our adoption floor. Now that I am here, I am making up for it with tons of kisses and tail wags for the volunteer staff. I am certainly one of the most well-mannered gals around. I will sit and wait patiently for you to give me attention and hopefully a treat here and there. If a lifetime of loyalty and companionship is what you are looking for, then look no further. As Olaf said, "Some people are worth melting for" – we think he meant dogs, specifically me.

My adoption fee is \$30.
Hi, I'm LuLu. I am a 4-year-old female domestic medium hair who is a petite girl weighing in at just over 5 pounds. My personality, however, is bigger than I am. I have tons of spunk, and the volunteers call it fun to just sit and watch



LuLu ID# A770291

my daily antics. My stunning blue eyes combined with my brown fur are a striking combination. My adoption fee is \$30.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is having an April promotion called Adopt Don't Shop – Give a Shelter Pet a Chance. From April 1 through April 30, all adoption fees will be reduced to \$30 with an approved application.

The reduced adoption fee includes the complete package of services: sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heartworm test for dogs, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, and a 10-day health guarantee. The adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

The shelter is open to the public Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, visit Lee County Domestic Animal Services at www.leegov.com/animalservices or call 533-7387.✽

Haven on Earth Animal League

Joy And Athena



Joy

Hi, I'm Joy and I am just a joy to have around. I'm a beautiful 2-year-old calico girl. I raised a litter of my own kittens and then nursed two more litters that didn't have a mommy cat. I am looking for someone to love me forever. I am currently staying with a foster mom. I have been fully vetted, will be spayed and brought up to date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$100.



Athena

Hello, I'm Athena. I'm a beautiful girl and I know it. I have a really unique brown and black color coat. I am spayed and current on all vaccinations. I'm only 1-year old and a very sweet girl with a big, fluffy tail. I'm currently staying with a foster mom. My adoption fee is \$100.

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

PUZZLES

Answers on page 29B

Super Crossword

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

ACROSS

1 Cut, as film
5 "— I lie?"
10 Grows dim
15 Opera parts
19 Major- — (butler)
20 Region of old Greece
21 Fictional belle Scarlett
22 Tales of old
23 One stealing a serpent?
25 Houses, to Hernando
26 Came to rest
27 Aid in antiquing
28 Escort a wild canine?
31 Slender, like stags tend to be?
35 Suit jacket
36 35mm camera inits.
37 Wimple
38 King Kong and others
39 Caucus state
42 "Capeesh?"
44 Golf prop
45 Glass rims
46 Grizzly who's a country music star?
48 Battery part
49 Vital artery
50 Norse deity
51 Of the eyes

54 Verdi opera
56 Vim
58 Terminate
62 Choice between an impish practical joke and an aquarium fish?
66 Boomer's son, say
68 Sequoia, e.g.
69 Gobbling fowl
70 Show open disdain for
72 Neighbor of Kenya
75 Butyl ender
76 Feline sign
78 Young sheep from an ancient Palestinian region?
80 Varnish stuff
83 Antelope of Africa
85 Went lower
86 French novelist Jules
87 Octa- plus two
89 Belie
92 \$5 bills, informally
94 Pinniped pedestrian?
98 Certain Fed
99 K-12 org.
102 Mrs. monster

103 Make at work
104 Singer Andy
105 Outward appearance
106 — hunch
107 Tiny, to tots
109 Steed native to the Garden State?

112 The absolute best
117 Thus
118 Gymnast Comaneci
119 Gratitude expressed by a chatty bird?
124 Retail (for)
125 Wicked things
126 Innately know
127 — Tzu (dog)
128 Sequoia, e.g.
129 Chief belief
130 Trample
131 Totally fill

DOWN

1 Mag staffers
2 Phil who had a talk show
3 Conceive of
4 Coin substitutes

5 Jokester
6 "Nice one!"
7 Octa- minus seven
8 Feudal superiors
9 "Platoon" actor Willem
10 Points where rays meet
11 At the drop of —
12 Windshield- attached recorder
13 Muse of hymns
14 Glided down the runway
15 "There oughta be —!"
16 Huge statues
17 Singer doing a vocal quaver
18 Emancipate
24 Time period of interest
29 More twisted, as humor
30 Running shoe brand
31 Blasting material
32 Go by sea
33 Materialize
34 — Moines, Iowa
40 Granola bar bit

41 End a shoot
43 — Reader (magazine)
45 "Willard" actress
46 Moored ship used as lodging
47 Get by
48 Opt for
49 Yemen port
51 Ferret cousin
52 Pare down
53 Car's four
55 "Let's do this thing!"
57 Praise highly
59 Seven-Emmy Ed
60 Neighbor of Ethiopia
61 Get by
63 Popeye's Olive
64 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
65 Amount that can be carried
67 Hairpiece, slangily
71 Help in a bad deed
73 Accepted fact
74 Toby brews
77 The same, to Henri
79 Served in blazing brandy

81 Notion, to Henri
82 Reporter, colloquially
84 — Major
88 Musical clicker
90 Always, in sonnets
91 Bluegrass instrument
93 Wee toddler
94 Most quickly
95 Cold-shoulder giver
96 Make dirty by trailing through mud
97 Entered, as data
98 Mil. enlistees
99 Nasty fish
100 Diagnostic package
101 Hex- follower
104 Less cheery, to a Brit
105 Boggy tract
108 Barrel slat
110 "Nightmare" film setting: Abbr.
111 "So there!"
113 Part in a play
114 Really peeve
115 Gigantic
120 Rome-to-Vienna dir.
121 Slow — snail
122 Politico Cruz
123 That vessel

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23 24 25 26

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87 88 89 90 91 92 93

94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101

102 103 104 105

106 107 108 109 110 111

112 113 114 115 116

117 118 119 120 121 122 123

124 125 126 127

128 129 130 131

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Jewel
4 Appointment
8 Con job
12 Boxing leg- end
13 Big story
14 — Major
15 Medieval entertainer
17 Anger
18 "— lazy river ..."
19 Extreme
21 Assault
24 Heavy weight
25 Hawaian neckwear
26 With it
28 Complete range
32 Exam format
34 Illustrations
36 Soybean
37 Eastern potentate (Var.)
39 LummoX
41 Profit
42 Needlefish
44 Aplenty
46 Graham of "Monty Python"
50 Bay State sch.
51 Humdinger
52 Alternatives to station wag- ons

56 Israeli airline
57 Carbon com- pound
58 Where (Lat.)
59 Roll up
60 Almost black
61 Knock

country
9 Gator's cous- in
10 Largest conti- nent
11 Shoppers' mecca
16 Hot tub
20 Pooch
21 Lotion addi- tive
22 Expression
23 Sedona auto- maker
27 Expert
29 Labyrinth beast
30 Addict
31 Carry

33 Humorous hoax
35 Playground game
38 Aries
40 Kin
43 Japanese noodles
45 Actress Ullmann
46 Staff leader?
47 Streaming video giant
48 Winged
49 1492 craft
53 Penultimate mo.
54 Cagers' org.
55 Try the tea

DOWN

1 Leg, slangily
2 Yale student
3 Little details
4 Break off
5 Spring mo.
6 Layer
7 Brilliance
8 Older spelling for a South American

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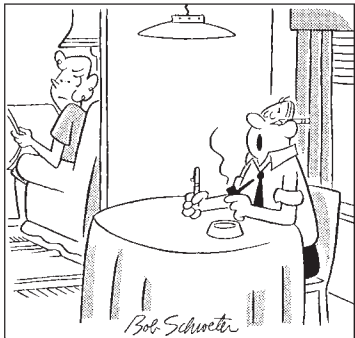
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Antic Funny Hoodwink Spoof
Comical Gag Humorous Stunt
Deception Gullible Joker Trickery
Dupe Hoax Ruse



"I'm ready, dear—bring me the bills, the checkbook and the _____."

answer on page 31B

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!

Abuse
UNSHIP

Excite
RIPEINS

Rock
KEASH

Cower
CIN EW

TODAY'S WORD

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		5	3		1		2	
	8		5					4
1				3			5	8
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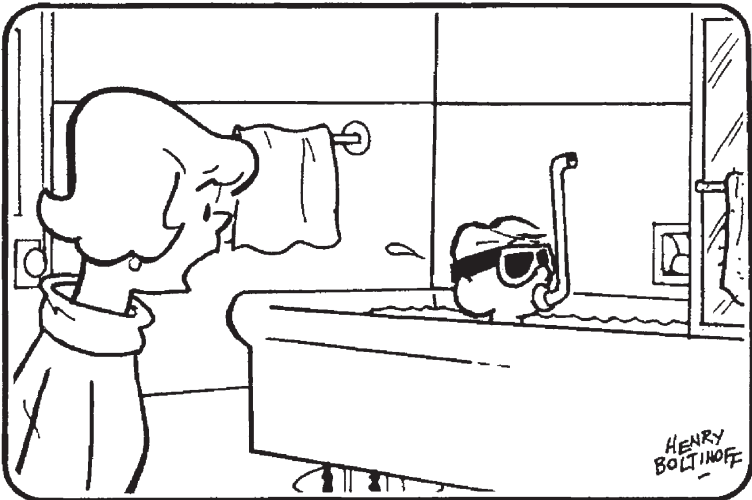
SUDOKU

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.

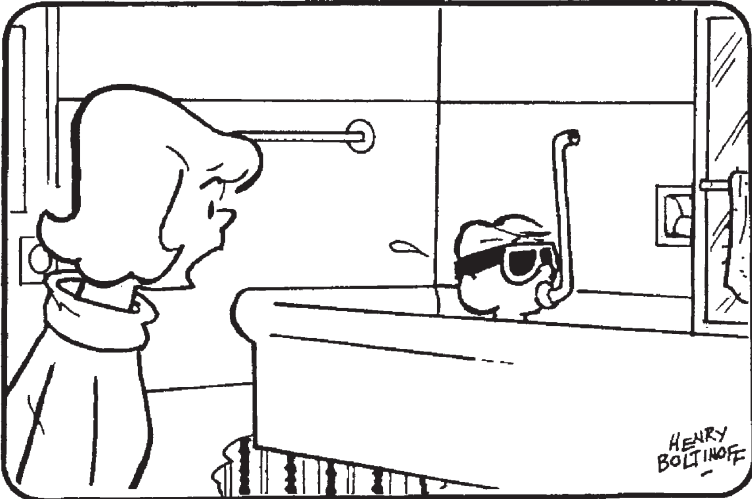
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Towel is missing. 2. Mom's hair is longer. 3. Puddle is bigger. 4. Water in tub is not visible. 5. Snorkel is longer. 6. Soap dish is higher.

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Aries (March 21 to April 19) A suggestion from a colleague on how to work out a problem might not sit too well with you. But before you suspect his or her motives, why not just accept it as a friendly gesture?

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) An associate might seek your counsel on a workplace dispute with another co-worker. Listen to what she or he has to say, but withhold advice until you've heard the other side of the story.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Use your Twin gifts for creativity and practicality to score points in landing an opportunity that could open doors to a new career. Someone returns after a long absence.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Although things are pretty hectic through much of the week, some quiet time with loved ones helps restore balance. An unexpected visitor brings welcome news about a mutual friend.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Getting used to change isn't always easy for the Big Cat. But make the adjustments gradually, and soon you'll hardly remember when things were any different from how they are now.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)

Continue to stay the course you've chosen, and avoid distractions that could throw you off track. Some knowledgeable folks are happy to provide guidance if you need it.

Libra (September 23 to October 22)

Although you earned plaudits from most co-workers for your recent stand on a workplace situation, you also raised the envy quotient among others. Tread carefully for now.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)

You feel more positive about that delayed project, and you're ready to pick it up on a moment's notice. However, you might need to re-motivate those who have since lost interest.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December

21) Some welcome news should be coming your way. In the meantime, use that Sagittarius charm to convince some still-reluctant colleagues that your ideas have merit.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait for a misunderstanding to work itself out. Instead, ask for a chance to explain the circumstances before those bruised feelings lead to an irreversible break.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) A physical problem should be checked out in order to avoid it going from just being a nuisance to something more serious. Your social life takes an unexpected but not

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From page 29B

My Stars ★★★★★

unwelcome turn.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Yours might be the wisest sign in the Zodiac. But you still could benefit from the wisdom of a close friend who has suggestions on how to handle a perplexing personal problem.

Born This Week: Your passion for doing the right thing inspires others to follow your well-trodden path toward justice.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was 20th-century French air force brigadier general and geopolitician – and bearer of the nickname “father of the French atom bomb” – Pierre Marie Gallois who made the following sage observation: “If you put tomfoolery into a computer, nothing comes out of it but tomfoolery. But this tomfoolery, having passed through a very expensive machine, is somehow ennobled and no one dares criticize it.”

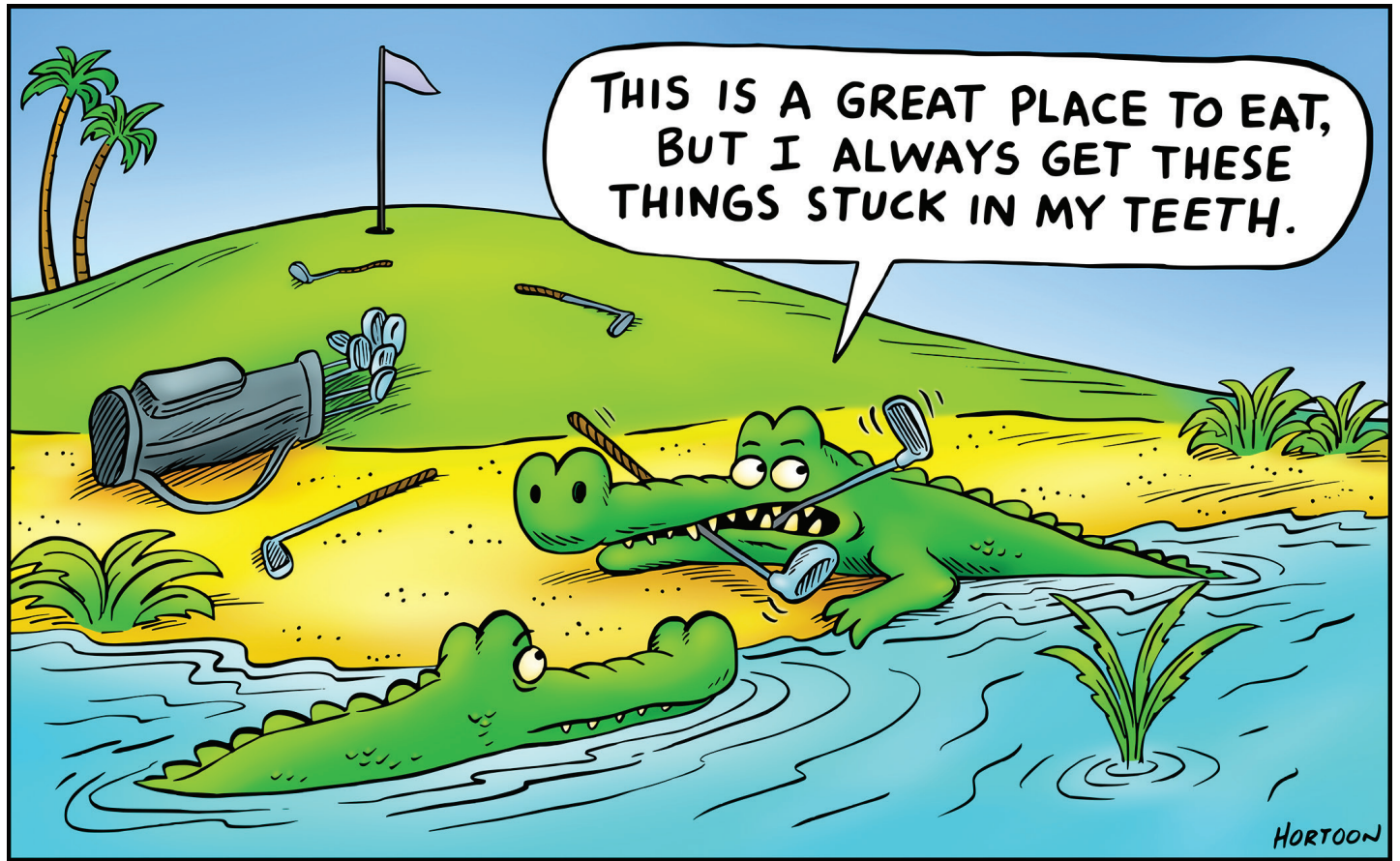
- Fashion historians claim that England's Queen Elizabeth I owned 3,000 of the elaborate dresses popular during her time.

- Those who study such things say that the European starling is one of the world's great mimics. They have the ability to imitate a surprisingly wide variety of sounds, including a dog's bark, a cat's meow, a cow's moo, the songs of 50 other bird species, the drumming of a woodpecker and a ringing telephone.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything.” – Walter Bagehot

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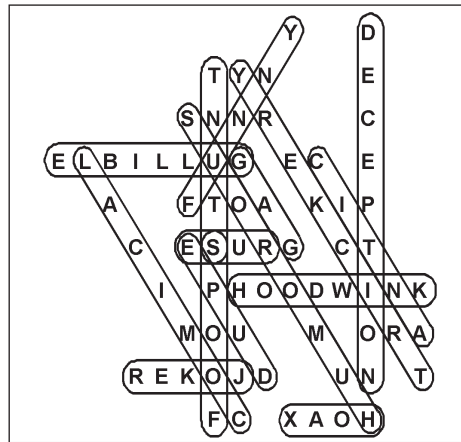
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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Palmetto Point	Fort Myers	1979	4,867	\$2,795,000	\$2,300,000	55
Trevi	Fort Myers	2019	3,700	\$2,495,000	\$2,365,000	21
Sandpiper Village	Fort Myers Beach	1967	2,240	\$2,100,000	\$1,775,000	138
Town And River	Fort Myers	2013	4,256	\$1,800,000	\$1,750,000	6
Sanctuary At Wulfert	Sanibel	1996	7,209	\$1,795,000	\$1,550,000	156
Butterknife	Sanibel	2013	2,955	\$1,429,000	\$1,375,000	140
Bellamare	Miromar Lakes	2006	3,374	\$1,299,000	\$1,175,000	152
Palm Acres	Fort Myers	1972	1,875	\$1,175,000	\$1,050,000	13
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2001	3,594	\$974,900	\$964,000	150
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