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## Bee Boxes Can Help Solitary Species Survive

by Jeff Lysiak

**O**n April 3 at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) held a program on bees. Participants learned how to identify various bee species and made their own native solitary bee nesting box to take home.

Led by Dee Serage-Century, SCCF's recently retired Living with Wildlife Educator, and Wally Kain, construction guru from The Hammerheads, the 90-minute presentation offered the group some basics on bee identification, which plants they are attracted to and what people can do to help sustain or increase local bee populations.

"While European honey bees get the credit, research is showing that approximately 50 percent of our food crops are pollinated by native bees," said



Wally Kain and one of the participants building take-home structures

photos by Jeff Lysiak

Serage-Century, who noted that there are approximately 300 species of bees native to Florida. Other facts she shared include: Bees "smell" with their antennae and



Dee Serage-Century, center, leading the group on a tour of the Native Landscapes & Garden Center

"taste" with their feet;

Only female bees have stingers;  
A bee's wings produce a negative charge, while a plant's pollen produces a

positive charge.

"So when I go shopping for plants at The Home Depot, I just follow where the

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Attendees check out the new enclosures which will be on display for the public to view during CROW's Wildlife Walk guided hospital tours

photos provided

## CROW Unveils New Enclosures For Ambassadors

**T**he Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) presented its new animal ambassador enclosures during a ribbon cutting ceremony for a

small group of guests on April 2.

The project to build the permanent enclosures, generously funded by the Attardo Family, began over two years ago. Numerous setbacks, including Hurricane Irma affecting the availability of materials, put the project behind schedule.

"It just seemed as if we would take one step forward and two steps back,"



Christine Attardo, center, helps unveil the new enclosures with Paul Ben-Susan and CROW Executive Director Alison Charney Hussey

said Linda Estep, immediate past executive director of CROW.

Now complete, the enclosures will serve as a permanent home for CROW's animal ambassadors, animals that have sustained injuries or circumstances preventing their re-release into the wild. These animals – Mina, a great horned owl; Talon, a red-tailed hawk; Lola, an American kestrel; Billy, a

nine-banded armadillo; and Bashful, a Virginia opossum – are part of CROW's education and outreach programs.

"With homes for our ambassadors, we can ensure that they are happy, healthy and can continue to teach visitors about their species and CROW's mission," said Executive Director Alison Charney Hussey. "It also frees up

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Mariel Goss and Gayle Pence

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## Goss Talks About Early Days Of Shared Use Path

Mariel Goss recently spoke to the Sanibel Historical Village volunteers about the history of the shared use path, also referred to as the bike path.

Goss first came to Sanibel on vacation in 1966. The family moved to Sanibel from London in the early 1970s with four small children – just in time for the beginnings of the home rule efforts to form a city. Her husband, Porter Goss, started the *Island Reporter* newspaper, which kept islanders informed about the benefits of incorporation. Island incorporation could not have happened at that time without the *Island Reporter*, Goss said.

During this time in the 1970s, Periwinkle Way was heavily traveled with cars and big trucks, such as dump trucks and cement mixers, many exceeding the speed limit. A lot of construction was happening on Sanibel due to the first causeway that opened in 1963. Cars and trucks did not respect the bicyclists on the road, according to Goss.

“It’s important to note that at this time, Sanibel was governed by Lee County. It was not a city until 1974, so Sanibel was not able to control development or regulations on Sanibel,” said Goss.

In addition to growing concerns about bicycling and walking on Periwinkle Way with the increasing traffic, houses were far apart on the island, and Goss and other mothers wanted a safer way for their children to travel to see friends across the island and a safer way for bicyclists to get to Bailey’s General Store from the east end.

Eventually, a group of women met at The Community House to discuss these problems and to solve them. Goss’ friends from Washington, DC had told her about a bike path from Mount Vernon into DC that had just been created, and she felt

the same could be done on Sanibel.

The group approached local and state government officials who had never heard of such an idea as a bike path next to the road.

“They were not receptive to the idea and told the group it would take money to build a path and there was no money for such a purpose,” she said.

That’s when the group decided to raise money in other ways. They created and sold a Sanibel telephone book – which someone had to type, pulling names one by one from the Lee County directory. The books sold for about \$2 each. Mason jars were put in various stores to collect money. Their slogan was “Give us your feet,” referring to the fundraising goal of raising \$2 for each “foot” of paved bike path. They sold T-shirts. They organized a bike rodeo. All of these efforts netted \$53,000.

The biggest publicity the group received was when they organized a “Bike-In,” analogous to a “Sit-In” where islanders on bicycles blocked the right-hand lane of Periwinkle Way from the Periwinkle Park campground to Bailey’s General Store.

The biggest breakthrough in the fight for a bike path happened when Sanibel became a city and could govern itself and do its own city planning. Porter Goss was elected the first mayor of the new city of Sanibel. The new Sanibel government supported the idea of a bike path. They accepted the \$53,000 the group raised and set aside more money to build a path from the causeway to Bailey’s General Store.

Goss does not recall there being any resistance to the bike path from islanders. In fact, islanders actually volunteered to help clear the trees along Periwinkle Way so the path could be paved. She recalled having some trepidation about talking to homeowners whose Australian pines would have to be cut down – especially Clarence Rutland, who gave his consent.

Finally, Goss recalled some type of bike parade in recognition of the new bike path during the Bicentennial Celebration that was held on July 4, 1976.\*



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Captiva Island Historical Society

# Looking Back: Tarpon Catch

This week's image is Buzz Price, Dorothy "Dottie" Price and Capt. Stran with a tarpon, pre-1940.



The History Gallery, developed by the Captiva Island Historical Society, features many photos like this. All ages are welcome to step aboard a wooden replica of the old mailboat, *Santiva*, to capture the spirit of Captiva and learn through graphic and video panels about the events and people that shaped the island. The History Gallery is accessed through the Captiva Memorial Library, located on Chapin Lane and open during library hours. Call 533-4890 for information.

Visit the Captiva Island Historical Society website [www.captivaishistoricalociety.org/archives/research](http://www.captivaishistoricalociety.org/archives/research) to view many more images to bring you closer to Captiva.\*



Buzz and Dottie Price with Capt. Stran  
photo courtesy Captiva Island Historical Society Archives

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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 Barry Fulmer. [www.batyam.org](http://www.batyam.org), 2050 Periwinkle Way, 732-780-2016.

### HISTORIC CAPTIVA CHAPEL BY THE SEA

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a.m. Traditional in Main Sanctuary. Childcare available at all services. [www.sanibelchurch.com](http://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](http://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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### 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](mailto:ryi39@aol.com), 2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901.\*

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Crowd attending the fundraiser at St. Isabel Catholic Church

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## St. Isabel Men's Society Hosts Annual Fundraiser

On March 26, the St. Isabel Catholic Church Men's Society sponsored their 3rd annual BBQ fundraiser in benefit of the

Community Pregnancy Centers. The group was able to raise over \$12,000. Much of this money was given by individual donations and a 50/50 raffle in addition to the tickets sold for the dinner. The funds will be used to assist pregnant women needing extra support, both emotional and financial, to be able to deliver their babies in a secure and healthy environment.



Gary Ingold addressing the crowd at the dinner

Bailey's General Store supplied smoked pulled pork, grilled chicken breast tenders, picnic potato salad, maple glazed corn muffins and dessert. It was an enjoyable evening for all, with friendship and camaraderie shared among the parishioners and visitors of

St. Isabel Church. The underlying motivation and enthusiasm for this event is the commitment of the parish to the fight for life of the unborn. Watch for details on a "not to be missed" event scheduled for next year.✱

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Sanibel Bike Club volunteers, from left, Norm Flemington, Carol Kane, Helen Flemington, Marcus Owens, Jim Cryder, Cindy Owens, Bob Russell and Jay Jagodzinski preparing to tend to their monthly cleanup duties photos by Jeff Lysiak

## Bike Club Cleanups Foster Path Positives

by Jeff Lysiak

Throughout season, a group of 10 to 12 volunteers from the Sanibel Bicycle Club gather to conduct a monthly cleanup of the Shared Use Path Welcome Center, located on Periwinkle Way between She Sells Sea Shells and Huxter's Market & Deli. The open air gazebo includes bench seating, wayfinding maps and attraction information, along with a drinking fountain.

According to club member Jay Jagodzinski, volunteers get together on the second Thursday of every month to perform routine maintenance and cleanup of the shared use path amenity. That includes vegetation trimming, sweeping the gazebo of leaves and debris, wiping down the maps and

information boards and cleaning the drinking fountain.

"It's great to get together," said Jagodzinski, who reported the monthly cleaning sessions take about two hours to complete. "We always have fun when we come out here and we also get a lot accomplished as a group."

On April 4, nine Sanibel Bicycle Club volunteers arrived at the gazebo to review the task ahead of them. Soon, each member was tending to their own individual duties, trimming overgrown vegetation, picking up branches and twigs, and gathering all natural waste materials into a pile for removal later in the morning.

"I live here year-round, and I try to come as often as I can to clean this up in the summer," said Carol Kane. "This is a great structure. It gives bike riders a nice place to sit down in the shade and take a rest."

During the summer/fall months, between May and October, bike club partners from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)



Jim Cryder trimming one of the sea grapes next to the welcome center

perform monthly maintenance of the Shared Use Path Welcome Center. But in season, that work is a "labor of love" for Jagodzinski and his friends.

"So many people on the island enjoy volunteering because we realize how fortunate we are to be here," he added.

"That seems to be a commonality among Sanibel Bike Club members, too."

For more information, visit <http://sbcsite.altervista.org/SBC-Site/Home.html>.✱

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



From left, Owen, Kaia and Jack Geissinger when they were babies photos provided

It seems like yesterday when the announcement was made on the birth of triplets to Tara and Mark Geissinger, the daughter of John and Debbie Friedlund. Jack, Kaia and Owen turned 16 on April 3, 2019.

Tara attended Sanibel Elementary School, Cypress Lake Middle and



From left, Jack, Kaia and Owen Geissinger as teenagers

Cypress Lake High School. Jack, Kaia and Owen are sophomores at Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School in Fort Myers.✱

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## Bee Boxes

insects are going," Serage-Century told the group.

Historically, families have been keeping bees at the Bailey Homestead Preserve since the early part of the 20th century. Behind the main building is a structure called the Honey House, where visitors may purchase several varieties of locally harvested honey.

Serage-Century led a 35-minute tour of the demonstration gardens, pointing out the different species of bees – including the honey bee, carpenter bee, carpenter bee mimic, green orchid bee, green sweat bee, oil bee and leafcutter bee – that can be found locally. She also pointed out their everyday movements and which plants they are most attracted to.

"Many of Florida's solitary nesting bees raise their larvae in the hollow of branches," she explained. "The females carry nectar and pollen to make a ball that will feed the larvae in each nesting chamber. She lays an egg on the pollen ball, seals each chamber with leaves, plant oils, soil or wood, then starts another chamber. Female eggs are laid first for more protection and males are laid closer to the chamber entrance... she decides the sex of the eggs."

Back at the covered pavilion, the group sat down with Kain and Jenny Evans, SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center manager, to begin making their own native solitary bee nesting boxes, which will attract oil bees, leafcutter bees and carpenter bee mimics. The step-by-step process took each participant about 40 minutes to complete, using only a hammer, some wood glue, nails and pre-cut sections of wood, short cardboard tubes, some natural materials (including sticks, cotton and Spanish moss) and a thin metal panel.

Asked by one of the participants where they should place their solitary bee boxes in order to attract activity, Evans responded, "Anywhere you'd like to see bees." In fact, she noted,



One of the class participants nailing the roof into place photo by Jeff Lysick

the boxes should be placed close to pollen-yielding plants/flowers, in either sun or shade, but at a height that you can easily witness bee activity.

"Actually, the bees will know where to go and what to do," she added.

Upcoming presentations at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, located at 1300 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, include Making the Land Work, a historic walking tour of the iconic island property, held on Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Conservation Gateway Kiosk, at the head of Shipley Trail; the tour will last approximately one hour. Admission is free for SCCF members and children or \$5 per adult; reservations are not required.

SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday (January to April only) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 472-1932 for more information.✱

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## OBITUARY



## WILLIAM JAMES HOLLERAN

William James Holleran of Sanibel Island passed away on March 31, 2019 at his residence in St. Augustine, Florida. He was born to Helen McGeehan and James P. Holleran on December 28, 1935.

Bill was a scholarship football player and graduated from Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey. He was a member of the National Guard in Manasquan, New Jersey and the Elks Lodge in St Augustine. Bill was an incredible athlete and was inducted into the Football and Track & Field Hall of

Fame in at Millburn High School (Class of 1954) in 2005. Bill enjoyed 25 years as a sales executive for Hallmark Cards and various telecom companies. Bill enjoyed history, traveling, kayaking, hiking, biking, theater, orchestra music and sailing.

He was a volunteer and member of the Sanibel Recreational Center and JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge as well as an active member of the hobbyists, kayak, bike and theater clubs on Sanibel. He was a parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Ridgewood, New Jersey and St. Isabel Catholic Church on Sanibel. He enjoyed his retirement years on Sanibel and recently St. Augustine, and made lifelong friends.

Bill's family and friends were his passion and delight. His sense of humor and ability to tell stories were his true calling. To all of us, he was a loving brother, husband, uncle, grandfather and friend. Bill will be lovingly remembered by her surviving family members – his sister Ellyn Morrow; his five children – William, Timothy (Kara), Elizabeth (Tim) Robinson, Michael and Stephen; and his 12 grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Bill was predeceased by his beloved wife Tita of 56 years, brothers Jack, Jim, Joan Pappas and Terry Motzel.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Saturday April 13, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Augustine. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be sent to the children's mentoring program at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957.✽

## Easter Sunrise Celebration On The Causeway

Sanibel Community Church will hold its Easter Sunrise Celebration on Causeway Island A on Sunday, April 21. All are welcome to join hundreds of others at the break of dawn in celebrating the risen Jesus Christ. The church praise band will lead with music followed by music from H2O youth group and Teen Challenge. Mark Cahill will share an inspiring Easter message centered on Jesus Christ and the hope of new life available to all. Following the service, baptism will be offered in the Gulf Mexico.

Arrive early to secure your spot on the beach. Coffee and donut holes will be offered free of charge. The church will receive a love offering for Teen Challenge in Fort Myers.



Mark Cahill

photo provided

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Good Friday – Friday, April 19 at noon, liturgy;  
Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 21 at 11 a.m., worship service.  
All are welcome. Chapel by the Sea is located at 11580 Chapin Lane on Captiva. For more information, call 472-1646 or visit [www.captivachapel.com](http://www.captivachapel.com).✽

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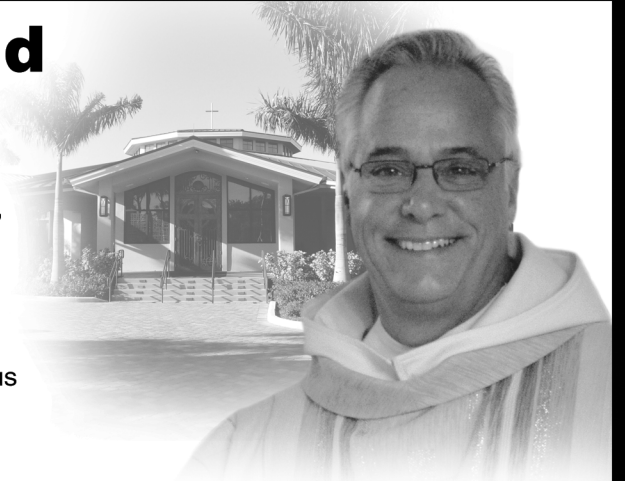
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# Regarding Fr. Christopher Senk and Saint Isabel Catholic Church

Island residents, and visitors alike, have been following what we consider to be the unjust actions against the long-time Pastor of St. Isabel Catholic Church, Fr. Christopher Senk. Since October 2016, Fr. Senk and his literally hundreds of devoted supporters have suffered terribly as a result of actions taken by the Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank Dewane. After nearly 30 months, a letter inserted in the St. Isabel bulletin (weekend of March 30-31) and posted on its website described the decision made and the consequences regarding the false allegations against Fr. Senk. The letter stated that the Congregation for Clergy (in Rome) and Bishop Dewane decreed that Fr. Senk should be sent to a health facility in Michigan for a year of "prayer and penance" and also be subject to various penalties for several years to come, implying that Pope Francis had signed off on this decree as well. Below is our reply to the Bishop's letter.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The letter from Bishop Frank Dewane inserted into the St. Isabel Parish bulletin on March 31, 2019, has brought, yet again, profound anguish and disillusionment to our beloved pastor, Father Christopher Senk, and serves as an instrument of division and distrust within the parish and wider community.

Parishioners for Justice continues to support our pastor, Fr. Christopher, because the decisions communicated by the Bishop are unwarranted and unjust, and the Bishop's letter itself is, unfortunately, misleading. Here are the facts as we understand them:

- Despite what the Bishop says, there is no reason to believe that Pope Francis had any role in this matter or ever saw or approved anything that the Bishop or the Congregation for Clergy proposed. There would have been no reason for the Pope to become involved, since Bishop Dewane was admittedly forced to withdraw his original, unfounded request that Fr. Christopher be dismissed from the clerical state, which is the only action that would have required the Pope's attention.
- The Bishop's artful reference to the "Apostolic See," as if he were describing actions by the Pope, is misleading, since the Apostolic See actually comprises the entire bureaucracy in the Vatican, such as the Congregation for Clergy.
- The contention that Fr. Christopher's acceptance of gifts from members of the parish constituted an "appearance of impropriety" and maybe even "exploitation" cannot be reconciled with the affidavits and other written assurances provided to the Bishop and to the Congregation. Those affidavits were authored by the persons who chose to make those gifts, or who were personally familiar with the circumstances under which they were given. These witnesses from the parish explained that not only did Fr. Christopher not solicit these gifts or trick them into giving them, but in all cases the parishioners chose to show their generosity for his faithful service to the parish without his prior knowledge.
- Evidence that showed that Fr. Christopher was innocent was disregarded as allegedly "implausible." This cavalier and condescending dismissal of the evidence from mature and sophisticated members of the parish who know the facts is gratuitously insulting to the witnesses and should be insulting to all members of the parish. Neither the Bishop nor his brother bishops on the Congregation for Clergy in Rome know Fr. Christopher nearly as well – or at all in the case of the Congregation – as do the many parishioners who provided the exculpatory evidence that they chose to ignore.
- For the Bishop and the Congregation to order Fr. Christopher to move to a remote facility for a year of "prayer and penance," when he has done nothing warranting any punishment, is unwarranted and cruel. It disregards the fact that he already has been excluded from his home at the rectory, banished from the parish, and forbidden to celebrate the Sacraments publicly for two and a half years.
- Ironically, Fr. Christopher's banishment also punishes the parish, the very people the Bishop and the Congregation supposedly are protecting. It is time for the hierarchy to recognize that "enough is enough" – indeed, too much – and to abandon this vendetta against Fr. Christopher.

Let us provide more background explaining why we continue to support Fr. Christopher, despite the actions of the Bishop and the Congregation.

Not one parishioner has ever stepped forward during Fr. Christopher's 42+ years of ministry to accuse him of exploitation. The only unhappiness was expressed by a single absentee relative of a parishioner. This relative also made certain that the supposedly exploited person was unavailable for comment by the time that the Bishop initiated his investigation. By that time, of course, the civil authorities in Lee County, to whom this same relative had complained, had concluded that there was no basis to charge Fr. Christopher with any misconduct. Indeed, the Sheriff later provided a letter formally acknowledging that Fr. Christopher had been exonerated by the civil authorities.

Even so, after the Bishop decided to open his own investigation, several parishioners, including trained medical and psychological professionals who knew that supposedly exploited parishioner well, provided affidavits that when she chose to make her gifts, she was competent, deliberate, and insistent about her desire to express her appreciation for Fr. Christopher's assistance to her and the parish in tangible ways. It is difficult to imagine a legitimate reason why the Bishop or the Congregation for Clergy, in full possession of the facts, would decide to impose sanctions based on supposed appearances that that are belied by the evidence.

In seeking to understand this action, we note that, at the beginning of Bishop Dewane's intervention into Fr. Christopher's ministry, his efforts were geared to having Fr. Christopher dismissed from the clerical state. It is reasonable to infer that this extraordinary action reflected the Bishop's desire to rid himself of another priest of the diocese who had had the temerity to question the his administration of the diocese. Apparently, it became clear that this tactic would be unsuccessful, so the Bishop had to withdraw this demand that Fr. Christopher be subjected to the death penalty for his priesthood. Fr. Christopher was never advised that this direct threat to his priesthood had been withdrawn almost a year ago, another cruel abuse of a good priest. To allow the Bishop to "save face" in this widely publicized matter, the Congregation allowed him to impose a long sentence of confinement and exile at a site of the Bishop's choosing.

Even if Fr. Christopher completed this year of proposed exile, the Bishop makes no commitment that he will ever allow Fr. Christopher to return to active ministry.

The Bishop also foresees a probation period of five years in which he will exercise detailed oversight and scrutiny of Fr. Christopher's finances. He also assumes the right to exercise this oversight over the future financial dealings of anyone for whom Fr. Christopher "has exercised priestly ministry" over his forty years of ministry. The stated oversight demonstrates a condescending, even contemptuous attitude, toward the laity and particularly the members of St. Isabel's Parish. The members of this parish are mostly successful professionals, entrepreneurs, people who are highly respected in their respective fields and communities. They have achieved the opportunity to live on Sanibel because of a lifetime of good judgement, personal efforts, and abilities. It is ironic that, in light of the extensive criticism the Bishop has received for his total lack of accountability in managing diocesan resources, he claims the right to oversee individuals in managing their own resources. Further, these people are mostly the ones whom he aggressively targets for funding for his own massive pot of cash.

From its inception, Parishioners For Justice has maintained that all abuses of power are inconsistent with the message of the Gospel. The hierarchy has fumbled its responsibility to address predatory sexual abuse, which festered and flourished because of lack of accountability of the bishops. Bishops must be called to account for their failures to respond to all forms of abuse. The actions and activities of the Bishop of Venice are abusive and require assertive reactions that call for an end to this behavior. PFJ takes no pleasure or delight in calling the Bishop to task. We nevertheless have a moral and spiritual obligation to our faith and our community to continue our efforts to right the wrongs of this Bishop that have brought scandal to our Church. We cannot stand by while a good priest is vilified and attacked.

We continue to stand with Fr. Christopher and urge all members of the Parish to do so as well.

Parishioners For Justice

To see the letter from Bishop Dewane go to: <http://tinyurl.com/Letter-from-Bishop-Dewane>

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Participants will create art from natural and recycled materials photo provided

## New Weekly Prayer Study At Sanibel Church

Beginning on Thursday, April 18, meeting weekly at noon through May 16, Pastor Doug Hummer of Sanibel Community Church will be leading a study on prayer using Andrew Murray's book, *With Christ in the School of Prayer*.

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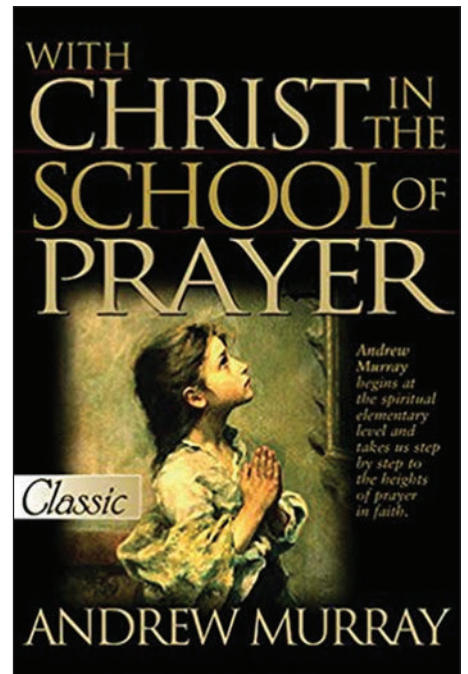


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## City Of Sanibel Hurricane Seminar

The City of Sanibel conducts a hurricane seminar every year to educate the residents, businesses and island workers. This year's seminar will be held on Friday, May 10 beginning at 11 a.m. at The Community House. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not required.

Featured speakers:

Dave Roberts, the City of Sanibel's weather consultant, will provide information on hurricane formation, the categories of tropical systems and the dangers of storm surge.

Lee Mayfield, Lee County public safety and emergency management director, will explain the county's responsibilities in dealing with tropical storm systems.

Sandra Tapfumaneyi, Lee County emergency management operations chief, will discuss family emergency planning.

Kathy Monroe, FISH program director, will discuss special needs issues on Sanibel and Captiva.

Keith Williams, Sanibel community services director, will discuss the city's post-storm recovery plan.

Harold Law, Sanibel building official, will review city building codes.

William Dalton, Sanibel Police chief, will lead the seminar and review the city's storm plans.

Citizens unable to attend are encouraged to watch the video on [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com) a few weeks afterwards. A press release and email will announce when the video is posted.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.✱



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Beachcombers gathered around a lightning whelk egg case in March 2017 photo provided

## Lightning Whelk Egg Cases On The Decline

submitted by Dr. Bruce Neill,  
Executive Director, Sanibel Sea School

If this was your first spring on our islands, or if you are not an observant, seasoned beachcomber, you might not notice that something on our islands is amiss. This spring is not like the others. The beaches are not the same as in the past. The difference is not a subtle one.

Many of us mark the seasons along our shores, and this year, the bastion of beach spring is missing – lightning whelk egg cases. Those two-foot long, “snake-like” helical structures laid by female lightning whelks to house and protect her thousands of offspring, until the young snails are a millimeter or two in diameter and crawl from their natal egg case into the sand to begin their new life. Originally, they are anchored in the sandy bottom, but many become detached during storms and wash ashore to either puzzle, horrify or delight beachgoers.

I say snake-like because that’s how they are commonly described by beachgoers

who are curious of their origin. They really don’t look much like snakes, but we humans are enthralled by snakes – whether in a good, or a not so good way. And somehow that large helical structure, at least in our minds, looks like a snake.

By now, our beaches should be littered with them. Over the years, I have created a private game with one player – me – to see how early I encounter my first lightning whelk egg case. My record is early February. But as of this third week of March, I have yet to find a single, glorious egg case. Maybe, just maybe, lightning whelk reproduction is late this year, and soon we will return to normal spring beaches festooned with egg cases. But sadly, a more likely explanation is that there will be no accumulation of egg cases this year, or perhaps maybe the next.

This likely loss is a lingering result of the red tide algal blooms of last summer and early fall. One of the phases of an intense and prolonged algal bloom is a separate but related biological process of mass decomposition; the decomposition of animals killed by the red tide toxins, and the decomposition of the billions of algal cells that bloomed and caused the red tide.

Decomposition is a process in which free-living bacteria consume organic matter. These bacteria undergo respiration

(i.e., they breathe), consuming oxygen and giving off carbon dioxide. When an algal bloom is so intense, and produces so much organic matter, the bacteria reproduce very rapidly (they also bloom) and ultimately consume all of the oxygen in the water and upper layers of the sandy bottom. This portion of the ocean stripped of oxygen is called an hypoxic zone.

Hypoxic areas are also known as dead zones. They are areas not life-supporting for the animals that normally occupy the

sandy ocean bottom habitats. The good news is that we no longer have hypoxic zones just off our shores. Most of the organic matter is gone, as storms have mixed the water and returned oxygen levels to normal.

The bad news is that seemingly most of the lightning whelks of reproductive age were killed during the hypoxic event. Now we wait, to see how many years it will take until our spring beaches are again decorated with lightning whelk egg cases.\*

### Plant Smart

## White Twinevine

by Gerri Reaves

Native white twinevine (*Funastrum clausum*) is a long-lived perennial and member of the dogbane or milkweed family, *Apocynaceae*. It grows in the lower half of the state in shell mounds, coastal hammocks and moist areas such as swamps.

Like its milkweed relatives, it is an excellent choice for a butterfly garden. It is a host and nectar plant for the monarch, queen and soldier butterflies, as well as an important nectar source for bees and wasps. The stems are fleshy, not woody, and grow up to 30 feet long.

The dark-green evergreen leaves are opposite, oblong or linear, and one to three inches long with pointed tips.

The umbels – think “umbrella” – of white five-petaled flowers are showy, fragrant and finely haired. Each flower stalk arises from a single point and bears only one flower at the top.

Flowers measure about a half-inch across and have purple color at the base of each lobe to form a circle at the center. Blooms can appear throughout the year absent of cold snaps, for the plant does not tolerate cold well.

The brown fruit bears a tuft of hairs that aids in wind dispersal.

Plant white twinevine in full to partial shade. Because it’s an aggressive grower, it will quickly cover a trellis or fence. However, if not pruned, it will spread a tangled mat over nearby plants as well.

Propagate it with seeds or cuttings.



Native twinevine is a host and nectar source for monarch, queen and soldier butterflies photo by Gerri Reaves

Take care when handling it, for it is toxic and, like milkweed, exudes an irritating milky sap when broken.

Remember to avoid the use of pesticides and lawn chemicals so butterflies and other pollinators are not killed by the very plants that attract them.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, [www.flawildflowers.org](http://www.flawildflowers.org), [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org), and [www.hawthornhillwildflowers.blogspot.com](http://www.hawthornhillwildflowers.blogspot.com).

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# Time To Think Tarpon



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

As we approach the middle of April, several times a week I'm seeing tarpon during my travels through the sound and hearing more and more reports of them being caught in random places. Booking April tarpon trips can be good or bad depending on if we get a late cold front, which causes all the fish to simply disappear. Most years I wait until May 1 before I schedule tarpon charters. This year, with so many fish here so early, I'm planning on starting at the end of April.

If you have never spent any time tarpon fishing, you won't get it. Simply put, it is addictive as we sit for hours some days chasing that crazy adrenaline rush that only a tarpon hook-up can give the angler. There is not another fish that swims our waters that arrival brings such anticipation. Words that come to mind when trying to describe a tarpon to someone who has never tarpon fished are "crazy strong, hard fighting, thrilling yet majestic." Such a adrenaline rush leaves the lucky angler

shaking and often exhausted.

Water conditions in the sound for the annual tarpon migration are better than we have seen in years. The sound is not only clean and clear but loaded with bait that will keep these fish around. Schools of ladyfish and Spanish mackerel have been popping up all over the sound and, wherever you find this setup, the tarpon are not far behind.

This week my second boat with Capt. Jason hooked our first tarpon of the season while shark fishing in the northern sound. Though I am carrying tarpon gear on every charter, it's not quite time for me to make the switch yet. If I run across these fish while doing something else though, I'm ready to do battle.

Our prep work for tarpon has already started with new rods and reels put together, re-spooling new line along with getting the tackle together. along with reconnecting with my crab and mullet people. Phone calls among our close circle of fellow guides have already started. The more eyes that are out there during tarpon time, the better. This will be my 20th tarpon season as a fishing guide and, even after doing it for so many years, the anticipation still gets me fired up.

*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](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).* ✪



John Stockdale from Tampa with a 32-inch snook caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided

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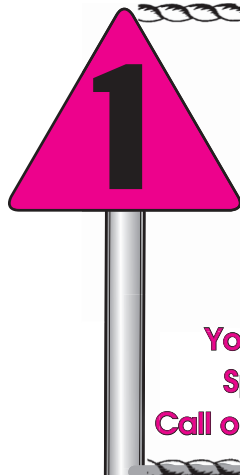
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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Mottled Ducklings

by Bob Petcher



A mottled duck (*A. fulvigula fulvigula*) is similar in size to a mallard and possesses a sturdy body, short neck, short tail and a good-sized bill. In fact, the Florida mottled duck is

often referred to as the Florida duck or the Florida mallard.

The mottled duck is one of a few non-migratory ducks in North America. These stay-at-home dabbling ducks mainly feed at the surface and are known to only dive when being pursued by a predator.

Mottled ducks form pair bonds earlier in life than most other ducks. In fact, unlike most waterfowl, mottled ducks are almost never seen in large flocks and travel in pairs or small groups.

A major threat to the survival of the mottled duck is the release of numerous mallards in the southeast. These feral birds interbreed with mottled ducks, diluting their wild population.

Young mottled ducks are said to leave the nest shortly after hatching. Their mothers will lead them to feeding sites in water roughly 24 to 48 hours after hatching, and the young are forced to feed themselves. These juveniles are able to make short flights to escape danger at

about 50 days old. They are also capable of sustained flight between 60 to 70 days.

At CROW, a group of 11 mottled ducklings was admitted from Fort Myers. A female mottled duck apparently laid her eggs in a courtyard of an apartment building that contained a pool, but no other suitable water source was around.

When the ducklings hatched, they were unable to escape the courtyard because it was surrounded on all four sides by an apartment building. Residents corralled the ducklings and brought them to CROW. The ducklings were all given vet checks and appeared to be in good health.

An attempt to reunite the ducklings with their mother, who evidently flew out of the courtyard, was unsuccessful. As with many other orphaned/abducted wildlife this time of year, the ducklings will be raised at the wildlife hospital until they are old enough to survive on their own in the wild.

"The ducklings were less than one week old when they came to us," said Dr. Kyle Abbott, CROW veterinary intern. "Ducklings are usually able to fend for themselves at around two to three months of age."

Until the ducklings are old enough, they will remain at CROW to be cared for.

"The ducklings are fed a duck chow diet that is designed for growing ducklings. It has the right balance of nutrients for their development," said Dr. Abbott. "As they grow, the diet is transitioned to an adult duck diet. They are fed their duck chow, as well as



Patients #19-0927 through #19-0937 go about their daily business while being cared for at CROW photo by Brian Bohlman

greens, in water so that they know how to feed themselves when returned to the wild."

After a couple of months of care and feeding, the patients should be able to return to the wild.

"The ducklings will be released as close to where they were found as possible, with the location being chosen based on where there is adequate food supply and minimal human interaction," said Dr. Abbott. "Once the ducklings

have their full adult plumage and can fly and avoid predators, they will be released."

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



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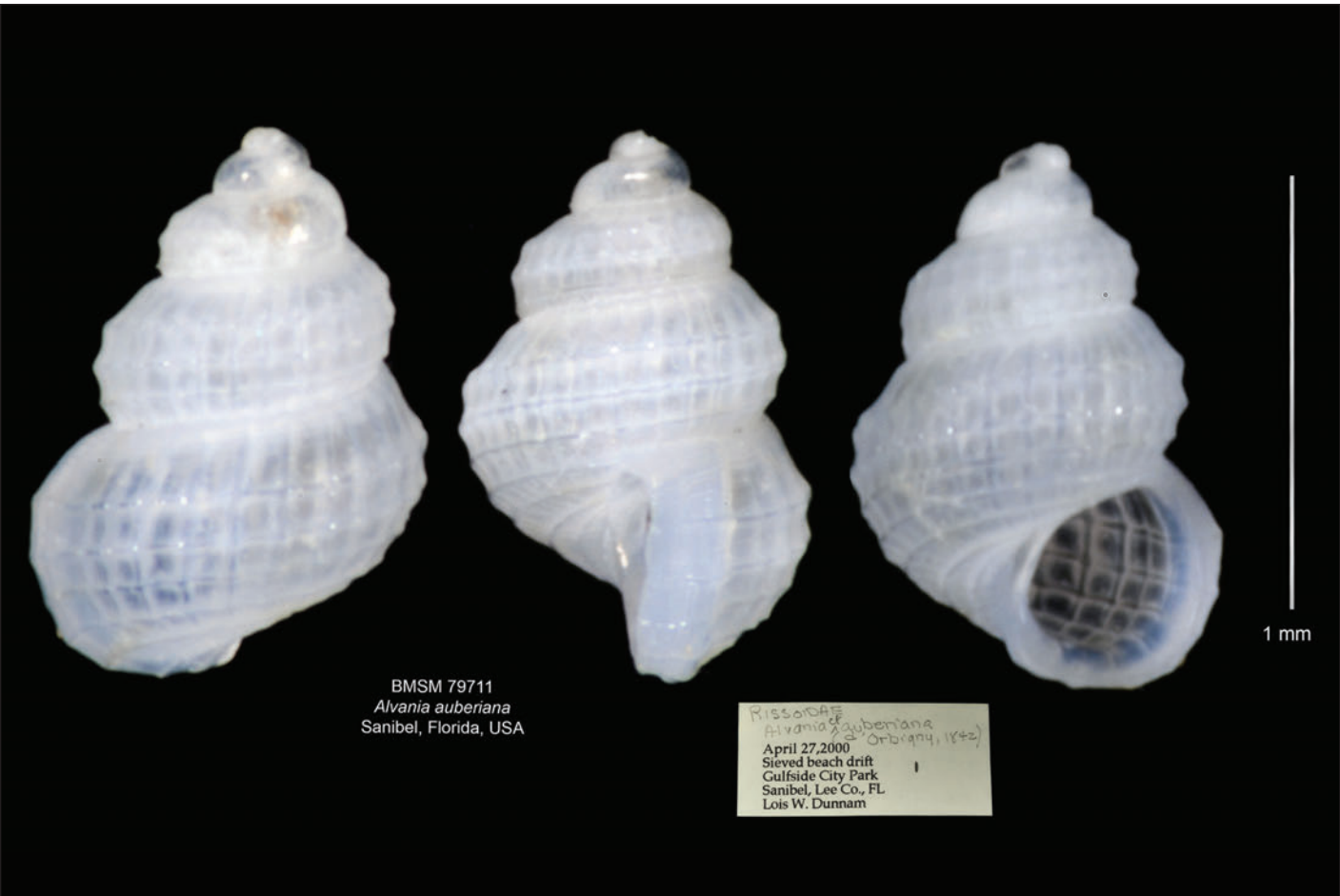
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Reaching only about 1.5 mm (0.06 inch) in size, *Alvania auberiana* (d'Orbigny, 1842)

is one of the smallest mollusks found along the coast of Southwest Florida. Reaching about 1.5 mm (0.06 inch) in size at most, its shell is literally the size of a medium-sized grain of sand. A powerful hand lens or, better yet, a small microscope, reveals a sculpture of strong (relatively speaking), intercepting spiral cords and axial ridges, which render a crisscrossed aspect to the shell. The free-swimming larvae of this species leave the egg mass about seven days after spawning. Read more about local Southwest Florida mollusks and their shells at [www.shellmuseum.org/southwest-florida-shells](http://www.shellmuseum.org/southwest-florida-shells) and [www.shellmuseum.org/blog](http://www.shellmuseum.org/blog).

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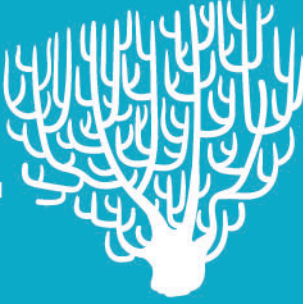
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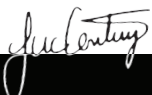
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## Laugh And Learn About Ospreys

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) is offering a presentation on The Story of Ospreys on Tuesday, April 16. If you are curious about those large brown and white birds who nest up high and make a lot of noise, attend the program at 4:15 p.m. in the Visitor Education Center, located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School.

Ospreys breed in Southwest Florida from December through April. Because they build their nests right out in the open, their behavior is easy to observe and often entertaining. But it's not always easy to understand, so presenter Claudia Burns, who has monitored osprey nests for 25-plus years as an International Osprey Foundation volunteer, uses photos, videos, recorded vocalizations and humor to explain

osprey behavior. The presentation is dedicated to Mark "Bird" Westall, founder of The International Osprey Foundation.

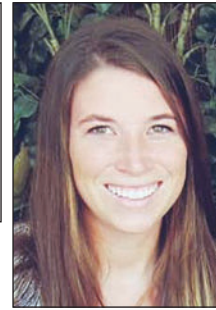
Prior to the presentation, visitors may explore the Visitor Education Center, which exhibits CROW's commitment to save wildlife through state-of-the-art veterinary care, research, education and conservation medicine. Reservations are recommended, with admission of \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens and no charge for children under age 13.

For reservations or more information, call 472-3644 ext. 229 or email [info@crowclinic.org](mailto:info@crowclinic.org).✱

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Bye Bye Birdy* by Jennifer Schiff
  2. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
  3. *A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza
  4. *Daisy Jones & the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
  5. *Parade* by Dave Eggers
  6. *Chef* by James Patterson
  7. *My Husband's Wife* by Jane Corry
  8. *Us Against You* by Fredrick Backman
  9. *Educated* by Tara Westover
  10. *Protecting Sanibel and Captiva Islands* by Charles LeBuff and Betty Anholt
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## Paddle The Mangrove Canals



by Kealy McNeal

On April 17, the Ocean Tribe Paddling Club will host an afternoon paddling excursion through the Bowman's Beach mangrove canals. Participants in this community event can look forward to beautiful views of Sanibel's unique "walking trees," excellent wildlife watching opportunities, and a chance to learn a bit about the local flora and fauna. We organize a paddle at least once a month to help paddling enthusiasts meet, exchange ideas and explore some of our favorite areas.

Those interested in joining the group should meet at the kayak launch in the Bowman's Beach parking lot at 2:45 p.m. The paddle will begin at 3 p.m. and last approximately one and a half hours. Participants are invited to bring their own vessel, or a limited number of loaner vessels can be reserved in advance by contacting [oceantribepaddlers@sanibelseaschool.org](mailto:oceantribepaddlers@sanibelseaschool.org). Any weather

related updates or schedule changes will be posted on the Ocean Tribe Outfitters Facebook page at least one hour prior to the event.

Our paddling community is open to everyone and your first event is always free. After that, we request that you purchase a club membership via our website.

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](http://www.oceantribepaddlers.org), or follow on Facebook or Instagram to learn more.✱

## Tickets Available For Octifest

Tickets are still available for Sanibel Sea School's Octifest, an annual celebration of meaningful ocean education for all. The event will be held bayside on the Sanibel Causeway under a big top tent on Saturday, April 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will support the organization's scholarship program and help purchase program equipment.

In addition to the sunset views, there will be a cocktail hour, sustainable dinner, live and silent auctions, opportunities to win prizes, and few other surprises.

Sanibel Sea School is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to improve the ocean's future, one person at a time. To purchase tickets, visit [www.octifest.org](http://www.octifest.org) or call 472-8585.✱

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# Historical Village Honors Volunteers

The Sanibel Historical Village celebrated its volunteers at a luncheon last week at The Dunes. Nearly 70 volunteers gathered to honor those celebrating key anniversaries.

“We hold this annual event to show our volunteers how much they are appreciated,” said Emilie Alfino, executive director. “Words are really inadequate to express how much we count on them to keep the historical village operating, and how much we enjoy working with them. Simply put, without our wonderful volunteers, there could be no village.”

The Sanibel Historical Village will remain open during the BIG ARTS construction project. The project will continue through the remainder of the historical village’s season and into next season, but parking and access for village guests and volunteers will be available throughout that time. The traditional entrance to the village has been closed off for the construction and a new, temporary entrance has been made available down the road to the west at what was the exit drive. That drive will now function as both an entrance and exit access. Clear signage has been added at both places.

The Sanibel Historical Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults over 18. Members and children are free. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org) or call 472-4648.\*



Event co-chair Terry Jacob and village board president Bill Bachman  
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From left, 10 Years – Barbara Broadhurst, Terry Jacob and Bonnie Frankel



20 Years – Jeri Magg



15 years – Helane and Alan Smith



Wanda Malone and Gayle Pence



5 Years – Barbara Freeman and Judy McBroom



New Sanibel Historical Museum & Village docents





Cathy Kebbekus and Frankie Tozzi



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From left, Nancy Siegel, Karen Roberts and Ginny Darby



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## CROW Calendar Of Events

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

For reservations, contact the Visitor Education Center at 472-3644 ext. 229 or [reservations@crowclinic.org](mailto: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 12, 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 12, 11 a.m.**, adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Species Profile: Snakes of Southwest Florida (daily presentation).

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

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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, specifically the five species of nocturnal hunters known as owls. One of CROW's animal

**Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.**, adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Baby Care at CROW (daily presentation).

Wildlife parents are devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them, and juveniles found "abandoned" might actually be in a natural stage



of development. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided supportive care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves.

**Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.**, adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises (daily presentation).

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

**Monday, April 15, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff hospital tour.

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**Monday, April 15, 2 p.m.**, adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week (daily presentation).

CROW's teaching hospital offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation, and share their favorite patient stories. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

**Tuesday, April 16, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff hospital tour.

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**Tuesday, April 16, 11 a.m.**, adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Virginia Opossums (daily presentation).

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

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**Tuesday, April 16, 4:15 p.m.**, adults: \$10, ages 13 to 17: \$5, ages 12 and under no charge, advance registration recommended (seasonal program) – Speaker Series: The Story of Ospreys, presented by Claudia Burns, volunteer for The International Osprey Foundation.

Ospreys are large brown and white raptors who breed in Southwest Florida from December through April and can be seen diving for live fish in shallow waters throughout the area. Because they build their nests right out in the open, their behavior is easy to observe, but not always easy to understand. This presentation uses photos, videos and recorded vocalizations to explain osprey behavior.

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**Wednesday, April 17, 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

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## FISH Helping Neighbors This Easter Holiday

**F**ISH of SanCap will be assembling Easter dinner and Easter Bunny baskets for those needing a hand up during the holiday. The dinner basket for families contains everything needed for a healthy, festive Easter dinner. FISH will also be assembling Easter Bunny baskets for children filled with candy, small toys and school supplies. Items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and candy were donated by CVS Pharmacy, and MacIntosh Books held a book sale on behalf of FISH for books and other items that will be included in the Easter Bunny baskets.

Demand for holiday baskets has increased this year as neighbors continue to recoup from lost wages and jobs in the summer red tide months, as well as a slower than expected start to season. FISH will provide approximately 80 Easter dinner baskets and 50 bunny baskets this year for children ages 5 to 10. Donations for the program come from a variety of donors and businesses as well as from the FISH Holiday Food Program Campaign held annually in November and December.

Distribution this year will occur on April 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FISH Walk-In Center, located at 2430 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Basket recipients are those known to FISH through usage of other FISH programs such as the food pantry and emergency



**FISH volunteers are assembling Easter dinner and bunny baskets for those in need on the islands** photo provided

financial assistance. Food is picked up and baskets are assembled by FISH volunteers who make every effort to ensure the holiday is a special one for our neighbors. "I want to thank all the volunteers who pick up food and donations, assemble baskets and help on distribution days," said Maria Espinoza, FISH Walk-In Center manager, who coordinates the program.

To learn more about the Holiday Food and Gift Basket program, contact Maria Espinoza or Anthony Morales at 472-4775.\*

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## CROW Calendar

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.

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**Cucumber Relish**  
 2 large cucumbers, diced small  
 2 large tomatoes, seeded and diced small  
 1 lemon, juiced  
 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped fine  
 2 tablespoons fresh mint, chopped fine  
 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper, to taste  
 In a medium bowl combine all ingredients and mix well. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve.



**Pan-Seared Red Snapper with Cucumber Relish and Spicy Yogurt Sauce**  
 photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

**Yogurt Sauce**  
 1 cup Greek yogurt  
 1 lemon, juiced  
 1 tablespoon seasoning mix (blackened or seafood spice)  
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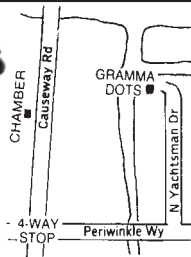
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# The Big Calusa Week-Long Water Festival

Calusa Waterkeeper, the leading nonprofit clean water advocacy group, will hold The Big Calusa, a family-friendly, recreational, educational and cultural week-long festival and cleanup, during the week of April 22. The festival is being held to reconnect the community in a positive way with all that is loved about local waterways.

"All year long, we at Calusa Waterkeeper find ourselves talking about the catastrophic harm we have suffered due to red tide and blue-green algae: fish and marine life dying by the millions,

citizens at higher risk of illness, significant economic damage and on and on," said John Cassani of Calusa Waterkeeper. "Now it's time to remind everyone why our water is so special."

The Big Calusa begins with the Calusa Kayakers Clean-Up Kick-Off Party at Millennial Brewing Company on Earth Day, Monday, April 22 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A brew specially crafted for the event, called The Big Calusa, will be unveiled and on tap at various venues all week. The party will feature musical entertainment, food trucks and sporting vendors to create a festival launch and to sign up kayak racers and cleanup crews.

The Big Calusa will team up with Keep Lee County Beautiful to initiate Calusa Clean-up, a comprehensive week-long effort to clean local waterways throughout

the region, partnering with kayak outfitters, civic associations, home-owners associations, service groups, churches and schools. The person who cleans the most garbage out of waterways and posts photos to social media with the hashtag #calusacleanup will be celebrated as cleanup champion at the Big Calusa Awards.

Calusa Culture Night will be held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Wednesday, April 24. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be storytellers, historians, artists and musicians. Speakers include Woody Hanson, Ralph Woodring, Seminole Tribe member Brian Zepeda, Cindy Bear from the Randell Research Center, Amy Bennett Williams, Bill Hammond and Calusa Waterkeeper John Cassani. As a backdrop

for the speakers, there will be a Seminole dugout canoe on display along with water-themed works of art by prominent Naples-based painter Paul Arsenault and noted Sanibel artist Myra Roberts. Music will be provided by electric acoustic duo Roots 2 Vine, who will premiere a song written for the occasion called *The Big Calusa*. Tickets are available by calling 333-1933 or at [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).

Big Calusa Day will involve a full day of recreation at North Shore Park along the Caloosahatchee in North Fort Myers on Saturday, April 27. ACA-sanctioned kayak and paddleboard races start at 8:30 a.m.. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the public is invited for sailboat rides, fossil hunting, mermaid tales and The Little Toot Magic Tugboat for kids, along with fishing and

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## Thurs & Fri

This one-hour walking tour of the Bailey Homestead Preserve blends SCCF's work on the property, the history of the land and stories about the Bailey family, which farmed the land for three generations. Tour includes the Windmill, demonstration gardens, the Devitt Pond constructed by SCCF and entrance to the Bailey family home. Walking shoes recommended. Thursday and Friday, 10 - 11 a.m. 1300 Periwinkle Way, Meet at Conservation Gateway Kiosk at the head of the Shipley Trail. Walk is free but \$5 donation welcome. Call 472-1932 for more info.

## Thurs - 18

### 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.

## 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.

## TIME TO VOLLEY!

## — SCCF's 27TH ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT —

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT BEACHVIEW TENNIS CLUB — ENTRY FEE \$75

To register, please call Toni Halski at Beachview Tennis at 472-9099. Make checks payable to SCCF or to pay by credit card, call SCCF at 472-2329. Winners and runners-up receive a Luc Century etched wine glass. All players receive T-shirts plus breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

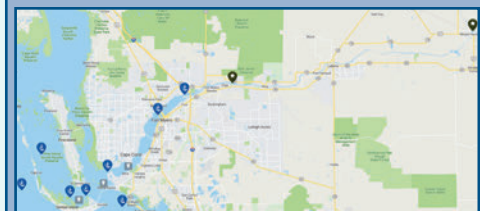
## SCCF at Work



The Marine Laboratory's A.J. Martignette and Kevin Jones visited the McIntyre Creek RECON sensor for monthly cleaning and to deploy a new sensor for WETLabs as part of a beta test.

[recon.sccf.org](http://recon.sccf.org) will take you directly to the RECON website, where

you can find current information on water temperature, clarity, salinity and more from the seven sensors. You can also find out how much water is being released from the Moore Haven Lock (by Lake Okeechobee) and the Franklin Lock (which includes the Caloosahatchee watershed); flow numbers are from the previous day, the most current info available from the USACE.



# Beer in the Bushes



A night of positivity, community, and music featuring Langhorne Slim & the Law with support by Tameca Jones

White attire requested.



Saturday, April 20th, 6-10 pm, SCCF Nature Center, Tix at: [beerinthebushes.com](http://beerinthebushes.com)



## Summer Camp Lineup For Teens

Sanibel Sea School has an exciting lineup of 2019 summer camp programs planned for children ages 4 to 18. Registration is open now, and teen offerings will include coral reef expeditions, paddling camps and an adventure filled week on Cayo Costa.

Keys Coral Reef Week takes place on Big Pine Key, and campers will enjoy sleeping in tents under the stars and snorkeling in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The focus is on coral reef ecology, and exploring a completely different ecosystem than we are surrounded by in Southwest Florida. "Coral Reef Week participants can expect to see a variety of corals, queen conchs, parrotfish, eagle rays, sharks and so much more," said educator Shannon Stainken. "We also have campfires and a very fun tent competition each week," she added.

Two age-segregated weeks are offered: 11- and 12-year-olds can register for July 8 to 13; and 13- to 15-year-olds can register for July 15 to 19. The cost is \$575, including transportation, accommodations and food. A coral reef expedition to Belize is planned for 15- to 18-year-olds, and will take place July 29 to August 7. This trip begins in the rainforest, then campers are transported to the IZE Field Station on South Water Caye, along the beautiful Belizean reef system, where the emphasis is placed on developing critical skills of scientific inquiry as students design and carry out their own research projects on the local biota. The all-inclusive



**Campers prepare to snorkel in the seagrass at Big Pine Key** photo provided

cost for this program is \$2,700.

Paddling camps will include Have Paddleboard, Will Survive Week from June 10 to 14, which provides an introduction to basic paddling and survival skills and culminates in an epic paddle to camp on Picnic Island. From June 17 to 21, an all female version of this camp, called Wahine Toa Week, will be offered. What's SUP in the Keys Week is new for 2019, and will be based at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. Paddlers will venture out from a different location in the Keys each morning to snorkel near seagrass beds and coral reefs. In the evenings, they will cook and have campfires under the stars.

This camp runs from July 22 to 26. All paddling camps are open to ages 13 to 18 and cost \$400.

The Cayo Costa Kayak Coddwomple is sure to be an unforgettable five-day adventure. Participants will launch their kayaks from Pine Island for a seven-mile paddle to Cayo Costa State Park, where they will camp, snorkel, hike, create artwork, practice survival skills and spend

time outdoors. "Surprise is really the key ingredient this week," said program leader Kealy McNeal. "We are going to wake up each morning and decide together how we want to spend our day." For ages 13 to 18, this camp runs from July 29 to August 2 and costs \$400.

To learn more and register for camps, visit [www.sanibelseaschool.org](http://www.sanibelseaschool.org) or call 472-8585.\*

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## The Big Calusa

boating safety workshops, and master naturalist ecotours.

The Big Calusa Awards ceremony will be held at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates on Sunday, April 28 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Calusa cleanup champions, race-winners and local clean water heroes will be honored. Newly appointed South Florida Water Management District chairman and Sanibel resident Chauncey Goss will give the remarks at the awards ceremony.

"The Big Calusa was created to remind our community why it is important to protect and preserve our waterways," said KC Schulberg, executive director of Calusa Waterkeeper and creator of The Big Calusa. "These precious natural resources, including our palm-lined beaches, exotic mangrove islands, unique ecosystems of marshes, tributaries, rivers and estuaries, not only provide boundless recreational opportunities, they serve as the underpinning of our economy, our livelihood and our enjoyment of Southwest Florida. We need to cherish and preserve

these resources for future generations."

Big Calusa sponsors include Golden Sawfish sponsors: Pinchers Marina at Edison Ford and Severus Foundation; Silver Manatee sponsors: Manatee Eco & River Tours and CONRIC PR & Marketing; Roseate Spoonbill sponsors: Millennial Brewing, Captains for Clean Water, Kayak DIY, Three Fishermen Restaurant, Edison Sailing Center, Pure Florida, Metro Blinds, Keep Lee County Beautiful, Jensen's Cottages and Marina and Sydney & Berne Davis Art Center; and Blue Heron sponsors: Edison & Ford Winter Estates, GAEA Guides, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, Lee County Parks & Recreation Conservation 20/20, LightHawk Environmental Flights, CCRC. The official hotel sponsor is Best Western Waterfront Hotel. To sponsor, email Schulberg at [kc@calusawaterkeeper.org](mailto:kc@calusawaterkeeper.org).

Volunteers are welcome to participate throughout the week. For more information or to fill out a volunteer form, visit [www.calusawaterkeeper.org/big-calusa](http://www.calusawaterkeeper.org/big-calusa), follow Calusa Waterkeeper on Facebook at [facebook.com/calusawaterkeeper](https://www.facebook.com/calusawaterkeeper) or contact [info@calusawaterkeeper.org](mailto:info@calusawaterkeeper.org).\*



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## SCCF Fundraiser Celebrates Community

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) will host its 8th annual Beer in the Bushes fundraiser on Saturday, April 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Nature Center. Advance tickets are \$70 or \$80 the day of (if available). Reserve online at [www.beerinthebushes.com](http://www.beerinthebushes.com).

The theme this year is the celebration of the community. Beer in the Bushes creator Jeff Siwicke said, "When we were approached by Mark Wimmer of Milwaukee-based Wimmer Communities, he offered to become involved as our new presenting sponsor because 'My family... has much love for Sanibel.'"

Subsequently, Siwicke was speaking to some SCCF members who are big music lovers, who offered to become a band co-sponsor (with long-time band sponsors Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina). They initially opted for anonymity but decided to allow SCCF to recognize the Marcums with the thought that their support might encourage others in the community to join in.



From left, SCCF's Jeff Siwicke with Calli, Baillie and Dane Johnson from Bailey's General Store, which is this year's wine sponsor

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"This was the 'aha!' moment for me," said Siwicke, "when everything clicked and our theme was born. I began to

understand that this event is all about positivity, community, music and love for our islands."

All white attire is requested as a show of love for the islands and community.

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

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.

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

SCCF's Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-2329.\*

## Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Reagan Nowell of Sanibel was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Nowell is pursuing a degree in public relations at Florida State University.\*



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# Trailways Camper Reunion And Birthday Party Highlights



Steve Greenstein, emcee of the 6th annual I Am Special Trailways Camper Reunion and Birthday Party, held on April 6 at Sanibel Community Church

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Island Ballroom provided music for nearly 300 Trailways campers, family members/caregivers and volunteers



Center from left, Susan Berg of Captiva Chapel by the Sea, Tito Concepcion and Pat Boris of Chapel by the Sea dancing with Walter Smith



Mike Clay, Trailways Camp coordinator, right, presents the birthday cake to Ben Miller, honorary chair, assisted by his mother, Sharon Miller



From left, Trailways Camp founders Sharon and Jerry Miller accept a \$5,000 check from Grampy's Charities Board Chairman Bob Risch, Jim Castle, Grampy, Joe Callaghan and Jonatha Castle



From left, servers Jean Robinson, Donna Leahy, Beth Smith, Nancy Niesel and Bev Web serving cupcakes created by Bailey's General Store



From left, Sharon and Jerry Miller present Captiva Chapel by the Sea - represented by Pat Boris and Susan Berg - with a Trailways camper-created bird house in recognition of their support as co-host of the reunion



From left, Mike Clay, co-host Nancy Niesel and Sharon Miller with the Duffey family, winners of a drawing for Respite Week at Shalimar Resort on Sanibel during the October 2019 camp





*Sand and Sunset* by Jan Ellen Atkielski

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## Public Invited To Art League Critique Session

Jan Ellen Atkielski will be the guest speaker at the next Sanibel Captiva Art League meeting on Thursday, April 18. The public is invited and there is no charge to attend the session at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way from 1 to 3 p.m. Atkielski will be critiquing the work of art league members. Those interested in participating may bring one painting for review.

Atkielski is a contemporary impressionist who works in oil, pastel and watercolor. Often working directly from nature, her work emphasizes the effects of color and natural light. A professional artist who has exhibited over 40 years, Atkielski is also an experienced teacher, judge, author and lecturer. Her popular workshops begin with a two- to three-hour demonstration showing how to mix colors and create a painting from start to finish. Each workshop ends with a critique.

"Critiques are an important part of an artist's growth," said Atkielski. "Having someone look at your work with a fresh eye is extremely valuable. Often as artists, we just get too close to our work. Sometimes we are too hard on ourselves and don't recognize what is working, or too soft on ourselves and denying that



Jan Ellen Atkielski

we might have been a little lazy or simply don't see some problem areas. I often ask my peers to view my work and give me an honest opinion. I may take or leave it, but hearing another viewpoint is valuable."

Sanibel Captiva Art League activities include weekly plein aire painting, exhibits and community involvement. For more information, visit [www.sancapart.com](http://www.sancapart.com).✱

## Evening Bird Walk At Bunche Beach

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Wednesday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

Provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, the beachfront walk is free with paid parking of \$2 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). Participants meet on the beach located in South

Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south on John Morris Road until it dead ends.

Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Participants may also see waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

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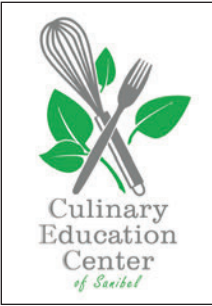
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by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

Thyme is fragrant herb that is a member of the Lamiaceae or Deadnettle family. Related to basil, rosemary, lavender and sage, it is widely used in the culinary world to flavor, meat, chicken, fish, desserts, soups and sauces. Indigenous to the Mediterranean, thyme has been used as medicine and in rituals for thousands of years. During religious ceremonies, coffins were filled with thyme as a guarantee for safe and successful passage to the next life. In fact, thyme was used in the mummification process by ancient Egyptians.

In religious folklore, thyme was in the straw bed of the Virgin Mary and the Christ child. Ancient Romans and Greeks used thyme to treat depression and as a sleep aid.

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Thyme has been used for soothing wounds and preventing infections. It is also used to treat cough, stomach disorders, gout and improve digestion. In the 18th century, thyme was widely used as a hangover cure.

Thyme can be used to treat bronchitis, fungal infections and even acne.

Thyme can be found fresh, dried and in tea or ointments.

Here is a simple recipe to try;

**Thyme Roasted Carrots and Parsnips**

**Ingredients**

1 ½ pounds medium carrots (cut in half, lengthwise)

1 ½ pounds parsnips (cut in half, lengthwise)

2 tbsp. fresh thyme or 2 tsp. of dried thyme

2 tbsp. vegetable oil

1 tbsp. honey

1 tsp. salt

**Method**

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Divide carrots and parsnips between two greased baking pans.

In a small bowl, mix thyme, oil, honey and salt.

Brush over carrots and parsnips, then roast for 20-25 minutes or until tender.

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.✽

American Legion Post 123

American Legion Post 123 is serving barbecued ribs and chicken this Sunday, April 14 from noon to 8 p.m. A ham dinner will be served on Easter Sunday, April 21, from noon to 8 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.✽

Shells Found



Sophie and Charlie Mickey

photo by Justin Wilder

Sophie and Charlie Mickey from Rockford, Michigan found two sand dollars, an apple murex, a fan shell and an olive on the beach near West Gulf Drive. They were staying at their Grammy and Grampy's house, and have been coming to Sanibel since they were babies.✽

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The Easter Bunny will lead the way in a hunt for over 1,000 eggs on Picnic Island

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## Cruise To Picnic Island And Meet The Easter Bunny

Adventures In Paradise is offering its annual Easter Egg Hunt & Dolphin Cruise on Sunday, April 21, departing at 9 a.m. Take a relaxing journey through the waters surrounding Sanibel and Captiva islands aboard *Dolphin Waters*, a 45-foot Corinthian

Power Catamaran. Cruise among the dolphins on a journey to Picnic Island, where children can visit with the Easter Bunny and search for over 1,000 eggs on the island. Return time is 10:30 a.m.

Easter pails and bottled water will be provided. Tickets are \$45 per adult and \$35 per child. Tickets sell out quickly and reservations are required. Call 472-8443 or visit [www.adventuresinparadise.com](http://www.adventuresinparadise.com).

Adventures in Paradise Cruises depart from "G" dock at Port Sanibel Marina, located just off Sanibel at 14341 Port Comfort Road.✱

## Film By Sanibel Resident Part Of Fort Myers Festival

Sanibel resident Julia F. Mann adapted, produced and directed the short film *AKA*, which will be shown at the Fort Myers Film Festival at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Saturday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Mann was inspired to share the story based on *AKA* – a 1981 novel by seafaring adventurer Tristan Jones – after reading it on Sanibel's shores decades ago while visiting the island on vacation. Mann assembled a local production crew with videographer Rusty Farst of Sanibel and visual and sound editor Dave Beaty of Dreamtime Entertainment in Fort Myers. Craig Wolf is the narrator, with Elliot Sudal in a starring role. Jim Syoen provided voice talent, while Chris Nealon produced the voice recordings. Water footage was filmed off Sanibel with boat coordination by Capt. Bill Cromie and Capt. Billy Kirkland. "I was extremely fortunate to have a wonderfully talented local cast and crew," Mann said.

The film centers on a dolphin named Aka and his tribe of bottlenose dolphins that share a cautionary tale with a lone sailor when they cross paths in the equatorial mid-Atlantic seas. "Why do dolphins help people in trouble at sea?" Mann asks. "We have a familiar fascination and curious connection with dolphins. If sharing this epic story inspires one person to become a greater steward



Julia F. Mann

photo provided

of our oceans, then I will be delighted."

*AKA* premiered at the Glendale International Film Festival in California, where it was awarded Best Short Made by a Woman in October 2018. It has also screened at Sunshine City Film Festival in St. Petersburg, Florida, where it earned an honorable mention, and Big Apple Film Festival Florida Filmmakers and Screenwriters Showcase in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Following the Fort Myers Film Festival, *AKA* will be shown at the Myrtle Beach International Film Festival in South Carolina from April 23 to April 27. For a complete listing of films at the Fort Myers Film Festival, visit [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).✱

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Book Review

# An American Marriage



by Di Saggau

A friend told me about *An American Marriage*, and I was intrigued so I picked up a copy. It was an Oprah Pick for 2018, and it's well worth reading.

Roy and Celestial have only been married for about a year, and they are madly in love. She is an artist and he's a businessman. While visiting Roy's parents in a small Louisiana town, their lives are ripped apart when Roy is arrested and sentenced to 12 years in prison for a crime they know he didn't commit.

The majority of the story is told through their private letters while Roy is in prison. While this is not my favorite way of reading, I must say it works for this book. Over the course of several years, their correspondence leaves the reader feeling the intimacy involved between the two and also understanding what happens to their relationship. Hanging onto their marriage is their goal, but as the years go by we witness a dissolving of their union. Jones does an excellent job of changing the readers' perceptions and yet it's hard to take

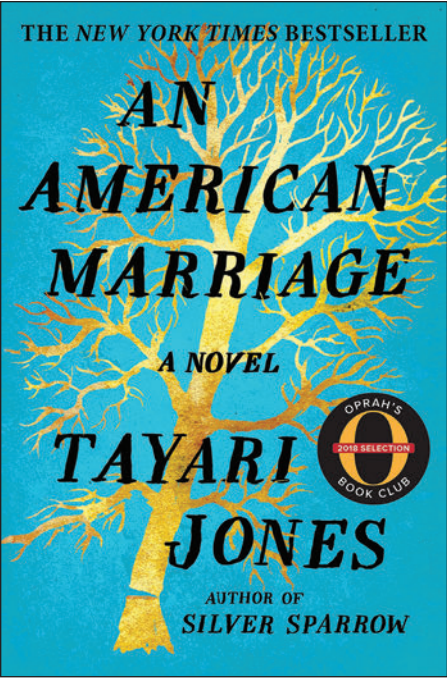


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sides.

When Roy is released from prison after serving five years, he writes to Celestial, "I am coming home." But the home he knew is no longer there. For the past three years, Celestial has formed a close relationship with Andre, their old friend and best man at their wedding. She cares for both men but must make a decision. Conflicts come to a head as the present collides with the past. All three try to find a way to move past the pain and cling to an earlier intimacy including

childhood friendship and new emotions.

*An American Marriage* is a beautifully written love story that gives a profound look into the hearts and minds of three people who are separated by forces beyond their control. Barack Obama

called it, "A moving portrayal of the effects of a wrongful conviction on a young African-American couple." *People* magazine says, "A tense and timely love story. Packed with brave questions about race and class." ✨

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, I homeschool my two children, ages 5 and 7, and I'd like some ideas for math games.

Jennifer G. Fort Myers

**Jennifer,**

Here are some math learning aids you may already have around the house and ideas to use them as learning tools to help your children work on important math skills.

**Coins** – Working with coins can help your child practice giving the correct value to each coin. More practice can help your child memorize which value goes with which coin. Then have your children play "store" with real coins so they get used to using them and talking about each coin's worth. Make sure that the items in the store are marked within the range of numerical values so that the kids can understand the value. You can also use coins to help your child practice solving the same math problem in more than one way. How many different combinations of coins can add up to 15 cents?

**Crayons** – Using small groups of crayons and moving some from one pile to another can help your child create and visualize number bonds. Draw a big square and write "10" inside it. Put 10 crayons inside the square, too. Then draw two spokes coming out from the bottom of the square and put a big

circle at the end of each spoke. Put five crayons inside one of the circles. Then ask your child how many crayons need to go inside the other circle to make 10. After your child solves this problem, keep changing the number of crayons in the first circle and asking your child to make changes to the second pile to complete the number bond.

**Dried Beans** – Dried beans are so interesting with their unique colors and textures. And you can use them with kids to practice a math skill called grouping. This is the term for dividing a quantity into smaller parts. Ask your child to count 10 beans and then split them into two equal groups. What about splitting the 10 beans into three equal groups? Ask your children to try to divide the 10 beans into three equal groups. When your child sees it's not possible for the three groups to have the same number of beans, this helps your child understand that numbers are not always equally divisible and that there may be something "leftover." As they get older, they will be introduced to the concept of factors and will have a better understanding of them. Afterwards, you can make a bean recipe and ask the kids to help measure the ingredients.

**Fruit Roll-Ups** – This can be a tasty way to help your child understand and compare fractions. Help your child cut the roll-ups into precise pieces. Then, before eating, have your children practice making fractions with two equal strips. Cut one strip in half and cut the other into fourths. Then ask which piece is bigger – one-half or one-quarter? Start with using the concept of half and when they get that, move on to a fourth and then thirds etc.

**Measuring Cups** – This is another great way to help your child think about

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Keith Trowbridge opened his first resort, Sanibel Beach Club, in 1973

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## Book Signing At Sanibel Library

Keith Trowbridge and Barbara Hill Freeman, co-authors of *Time to Share*, will be discussing and signing copies of their book at the Sanibel Public Library on Thursday, April 18 at 2 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

*Time to Share* features a colorful cast of characters and runs the gamut of tragedy, comedy and drama; love and hate; rags and riches. It also serves as a primer of sorts on real estate

development. It's a cautionary tale. It makes good on the subtitle's promise to tell how Trowbridge "started a global real estate revolution on Sanibel Island, Florida." It also tells of the pitfalls that led to his invention of a brand-new form of real estate: vacation ownership or interval ownership, now universally known as timesharing.

Freeman, of Sanibel and midcoast Maine, didn't realize when she and her husband purchased two interval ownership weeks at Sanibel Cottages in 1983 that one day she'd write about "The Father of Timeshare." Her background as an award-winning reporter and feature writer was helpful during the interviews that

produced *Time to Share*. A freelance writer and editor, Freeman is the author of *The Spare-time Gardener* and co-author/photographer for a comprehensive coffee table book about Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, where she was director of communications.

*Time to Share* (232 pages with 83

photos) will be available at the library talk and is also for sale at MacIntosh Books, Bailey's supermarket, the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, and Amazon.com.

The Sanibel Public Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road. For more information, call 472-2483.✱



Linda Estep, CROW's former executive director, explains some of the trials and tribulations of the project

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## Ambassadors

enclosures where they were previously housed for patients."

Patrons of CROW's AWC Visitor Education Center will be able to



Morgan Hester, wildlife rehabilitator, with Animal Ambassador Talon, a red-tailed hawk

see new enclosures as part of the Wildlife Walk guided hospital tour. Tours are currently offered Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Advanced registration for the tours is required.

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# Book Sale, Virtual Reality, Storytime At The Library

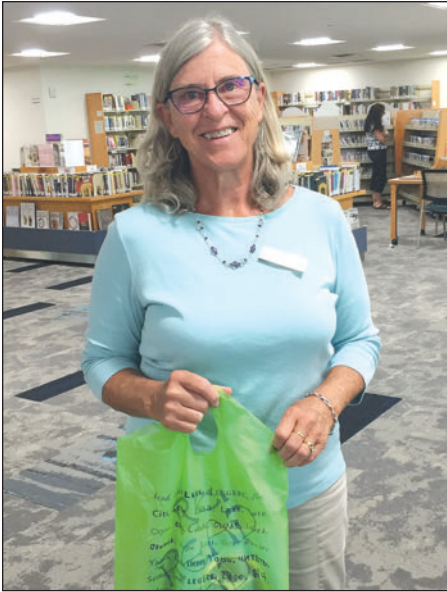
Weekly children's programs with youth service Librarian Deanna Evans continue in April at Sanibel Public Library. The full schedule, which includes technology programs in virtual reality, is on the calendar at [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org).

The popular Fill-A-Bag for A Dollar book sale starts Monday, April 15. the sale will continue until inventory is depleted.

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, also called legacy letters, which pass on values, wisdom and faith traditions.

At 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, there will be a book talk with Keith Trowbridge, who invented the concept of timesharing starting with a single resort on Sanibel in 1973. Relive the adventures, by turns comic and tragic, of Trowbridge's hardscrabble childhood in Sarnia, Ontario. Learn how intelligence, promises to himself, and most of all perseverance brought him fortunes won and lost... and won again.

Experience virtual reality on Friday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to noon; for patrons ages 10 and older. First come, first



Fill-A-Bag-For-A-Dollar book sale begins April 15 photos provided

served, no registration required.

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.

A Bedtime Storytime will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25. Children: wear your jammies, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and enjoy stories and a few cookies. For babies through elementary school and their adults.

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## Experience virtual reality

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. on rain-free Thursday afternoons, sign up on-the-spot;

program finishes by 5 p.m. No registration is required for weekly children's programs.

The public is invited and there is no registration required or 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](http://www.sanlib.org).

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## School Smart

and compare fractions. They can also help your child practice adding fractions. Get two measuring cups. Pour one-third of a cup of milk or juice into one cup and another one-third of a cup into the other. Then combine them to make two-thirds. Now take the empty cup and fill it up halfway. Which cup has more liquid? Which fraction is bigger – one-half or two-thirds?

These are simple but effective activities

for your children to enjoy and learn about basic math.

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](mailto:smgreggs@gmail.com). Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.

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Frida Kahlo by Myra Roberts

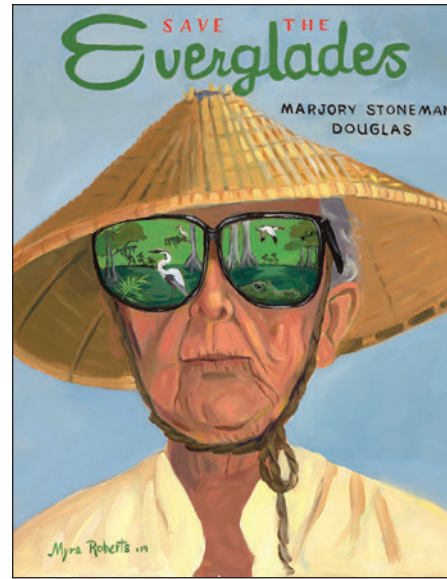
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Aretha Franklin by Myra Roberts

reception for the four artists will be held on Friday, May 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. A Conversational Walk and Talk with the Artists is set for Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m.

Roberts' Spokeswoman paintings feature remarkable women from the U.S. and throughout the world – living and deceased – who represent women's empowerment and/or the ongoing struggle for human rights. Her subjects include Shirley Chisholm, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Aretha Franklin, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Audrey Hepburn, Anita Hill, Frida Kahlo, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Nancy Pelosi and Malala



Marjory Stoneman Douglas by Myra Roberts

Yousafzai.

Roberts has exhibited and lectured at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center of Fort Myers; Cab Calloway School of the Arts in Wilmington, Delaware (grant-funded); the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg; the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida; Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida SouthWestern State College.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) or call 939-2787..✱

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# SCCF Thanks Volunteers At Appreciation Luncheon



At last Friday's SCCF Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, held at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, SCCF Facilities and Events Manager Jeff Siwicke, left, and members of The Hammerheads gathered for a group photo following the presentation of individual awards. Photographing the group was SCCF Public Outreach Coordinator Alexis Horn. photos by Jeff Lysick



Richard Finkel chatting with Kerry Salatino



Ryan Orgera stated during his speech that SCCF's volunteers were "absolutely vital to what we do here"



From left, Gwenda Hiett-Clements, Wendy Cerdan and Linda Boyd



From left, Diane Neitzel with Red and Kristie Anders



SCCF shorebird program volunteers with CEO Ryan Orgera



More than 125 SCCF staff and volunteers attended the picnic-style celebration



Jenny Evans, Native Landscapes & Garden Center manager



Kelly Sloan, left, with volunteers from SCCF's Sea Turtle program and CEO Ryan Orgera



Chris Lechowicz, Wildlife & Habitat Management program director





Elsa Marcet

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## Lee County Students Excel At Science Fair

Four students from the School District of Lee County won second place category awards at the 64th annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida STEM Competition. Three are advancing to this year's Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Elsa Marcet, a seventh grader at Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School, placed second in the Junior Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry category. Her experiment is *Lunchbox Science: The*



Cynthia Sheng

*Effect of a Homemade Organic, Acidic Solution on Organic Fuji Apples.*

Cynthia Sheng, a senior at Fort Myers High School, placed second in the Senior Cellular/Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Category. Her experiment is *Investigation of the Effects of DNA Concentration on PEI Transfection Success and Efficacy of the SERP-2 Secretion Signal.*

Mark Leone, a junior at Estero High School, placed second in the Earth and Environmental Sciences Category. His experiment is *Mitigation of Florida Red Tide (Karenia brevis) Blooms through Flocculation with Enhanced Local Sediments.*

Dahlia Dry, a senior at Fort Myers High School, placed second in the Mathematics and Computational



Mark Leone

Sciences Category. Her experiment is *Plotting New Horizons: A Statistical Analysis of Potential Factors Influencing the Probability of Planetary System Formation.*

Sheng, Leone and Dry move on to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona from May 12 to 17. They will showcase their independent research and compete against 1,800 high school students from more than 75 countries, regions and territories.



Dahlia Dry

Thirty finalists from the 62nd annual Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Science and Engineering Fair participated at the state competition, which concluded on March 28 with the awards ceremony in Lakeland. All 30 students had already been granted scholarships to FGCU for their work, and 23 Kiwanis Science Fair finalists from area public and private schools received state-level recognition by winning multiple first, second, third and fourth place, honorable mention, recognition awards and special awards.✱



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From left, contest judges Andrew West, Laura Harkey and Bill Miller holding winning photos, and contest coordinators Sierra Hoisington and Terry Baldwin photos provided

## 'Ding' Darling Photography Contest Winners

At a ceremony on March 30, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) announced winners and finalists in the 6th annual "Ding" Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest.

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Family Charitable Foundation, the competition invited high school students from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties to compete for prizes that included a Canon digital SLR camera package, chartered class trips to the refuge, Tarpon Bay Explorers excursions and copies of *Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding Adventures* by contest namesake, the late Theodore Cross.

Andrew West, longtime photojournalist at *The News-Press*, judged this year's contest, along with acting refuge manager



*Owl at Sunset* by Jackson Mytnik

Bill Miller and Sanibel resident Laura Harkey. They reviewed 122 images taken by students from 16 different schools.

First place went to an image titled *Owl at Sunset* by Jackson Mytnik from Cape Coral High School. "What's not to love about any owl?" said Harkey. "These guys are just too cute. I tend to favor wildlife over vegetation."

*Leaves at the Beach* by Nathaniel Pechenino from Island Coast High School earned second place. "I love the composition, I love the light, how the photographer used the light," said West. "It has a good vibe, it feels good. It makes me

want to dive into that water."

*Inversion* by Ethan Epperly of Port Charlotte High School took third place. "I like the fact that the colors are not what you'd expect; they're not blue, but purple," Miller said. "The light pulls me in. I'm on a journey. There's a lot to find and discover in the image."

"It always amazes me, the quality of photos we get from these young adults," said Sierra Hoisington, who coordinates the contest. "We marvel at the unique perspectives and angles."

"Theodore Cross' family made this continued on page 6B



*Leaves at the Beach* by Nathaniel Pechenino



*Inversion* by Ethan Epperly



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The 2019 board officers, from left, Lynne Birdt, secretary; Dave Nichols, vice president; Cindy M. Hawkins, treasurer; and Paul Ben-Susan, president photos provided

## CROW Holds Membership Meeting

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) held its 2018 Membership Meeting at CROW's Visitor Education Center on March 27. Those in attendance included members, staff and the board of the directors.

The agenda consisted of the introduction of new and returning board members and a review of 2018 achievements.

CROW announced the election of two new board members: Darrin Grotian and Cindy M. Hawkins. Grotian is the assistant manager/assistant vice president at Bank of the Islands. A 2009 graduate of Manchester University with a degree in business management and a Certificate of Entrepreneurial Thinking, he currently serves as the treasurer for the Sanibel Community Association. In 2015, Grotian was selected to represent Bank of the Islands at the Florida Bankers Association Emerging Leaders, Washington, DC Fly-In.

Grotian has been an island resident since 2010 with his wife Rebecca, who works for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) at the Native Landscapes and Garden Center. They both have been volunteers for the sea turtle program at SCCF for eight years. He is also a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club.

Hawkins is a shareholder, president and member of the board of directors of Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, PA, a full-service accounting firm. She joined her CPA firm in 1989, and provides a range of services with a focus in tax planning, preparation, trusts and estates, employee benefit plans and exempt organizations.

A University of South Florida graduate with a summa cum laude bachelor's degree in business administration and a master of accountancy in taxation, Hawkins is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She earned the Elijah Watt Sells Award, a national recognition conferred by the American Institute



New board member, Darrin Grotian

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A resident of Florida since 1972, Hawkins grew up in a military family that moved according to her dad's United States Navy assignments. She is an active member of the board of United Way Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee and is past president and treasurer of Pilot Club of Fort Myers, a chapter of the international service organization. She has two children; Jason, a recent graduate Florida State University and Jessica, a junior at Bishop Verot High School.

The 2019 board officers are: Paul Ben-Susan, president; Dave Nichols, vice president; Cindy M. Hawkins, treasurer; and Lynne Birdt, secretary.

Returning board members are Christine Attardo, Edgar Burton, Amanda Curran, Bill Horvath, Cathie Lewis, Dan Murphy and Kelley Provo, Esq.

Alison Charney Hussey, executive director, Dr. Heather Barron, medical and research director, and Dr. Robin Bast, staff veterinarian presented CROW's 2018 highlights:

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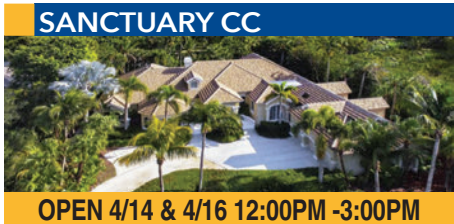




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## Republican Caucus Meeting

**R**ay Rodrigues, who represents Sanibel and Captiva in the Florida House of Representatives, is on the schedule to speak to the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus at the Sanibel Public Library on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. He will address some major issues facing this district (#76), and results from the current session in the legislature. The public is welcome.

Rep. Rodrigues is from Estero, and received his bachelor of arts degree from Berry College, Georgia in 1992. He was first elected to the legislature in 2012, and is now serving his fourth term. The last term, he served as majority leader of the House, and is now chair of the health and human services committee, as well as serving on several other committees in the House.

Refreshments will be served. For



**Ray Rodrigues** photo provided  
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com.✱

## New Teller At Sanibel Bank

**B**ank of the Islands President Robbie Roepstorff announced that Tammy Friend has joined the staff as a teller at the bank's Sanibel location.

"Tammy brings more than five years of banking and teller experience to her work here," said Bank of the Islands Vice President and Sanibel-Captiva Office Manager Willy Ocasio. "Her friendly demeanor and commitment to customer service are right in line with the Bank of the Islands' way of doing business."

Formerly a resident of Wisconsin, Friend has called Florida home for almost a decade. She enjoys participating in the bank's community volunteerism opportunities with her colleagues.✱



**Tammy Friend** photo provided

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## Contest Winners

contest possible, and it has become a solid success story," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "We couldn't be more thrilled that the family wants its donations used in this way – to reach an age group that often falls through the cracks of conservation education. Kudos to development officer Sierra Hoisington, volunteer Terry Baldwin and our staff for a fabulous job of running the contest."

"We are so happy to be supporting a contest in my father's name, a contest that will get our youth involved with nature by looking at it – as my father so loved doing – through a camera lens," said Amanda Cross.

Students were able to submit up to two photographs. Winning and honorable mention images are on display at the "Ding" Darling Education & Visitor Center. To view online and for more information on the 2020 photo contest, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/photo-contests](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/photo-contests).

The following students earned honorable mentions: Asai Aviles, Cape Coral High; Samantha Colon, Island Coast High; Hailey Gervais, Cape Coral High; Brigitte Grover, Port Charlotte High; Hannah Hendry, Gulf Coast High; Kaylie Morgen, Ida S. Baker High; Kynlee Price, Ida S. Baker High; Hailey Rozanski, South Fort Myers High; Sedona Scott, Cape Coral High; Yalexis Sensat, Ida S. Baker High;

Finalists included Bella Bastedo, Port Charlotte High; Adara Bonilla, Cape Coral High; Meegan DeYoung, Port Charlotte High; Eric Feichthaler, Oasis High; Julian Gonzalez, Cypress Lake High; Ilyssa Harrison, Cape Coral High; Hannah Hendry, Gulf Coast High; Luis Hernandez-Trejo, Labelle High; Leah Herold, Ida S. Baker High; Paige Moyer, Port Charlotte High; Nathaniel Pechenino, Island Coast High; Gabriella Schol, Cypress Lake High; Sedona Scott, Cape Coral High; Hannah Simon, Cape Coral High; Kailyn Uria, Island Coast High; Lauren VanDyke, Cape Coral High; and Christina Walch, Cape Coral High.✱



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League Of Women Voters Annual Meeting



Patricia Borns



Janine Zeitlin

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All are invited to attend the 2019 annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Sanibel (LWVS) on Thursday, April 18. This will conclude

a successful series of luncheon programs for the year. We are excited that the award-winning journalists Patricia Borns and Janine Zeitlin will be our distinguished speakers. In the past few years, they have closely reported on two social justice issues involving the devastating results of contaminated ground water in two Lee County communities: Dunbar and Charleston Park. As you will hear, their stories have truly made a difference in the lives of the affected residents.

In the Dunbar neighborhood, the City of Fort Myers had been disposing of toxic sludge in a residential area for a number of years. Only recently has the city committed to cleaning up the site. Homeowners in Charleston Park, a rural community near Alva, were using drinking water from contaminated wells. Motivated by Borns' and Zeitlin's coverage of this problem, a handful of Lee County citizens organized to have filtration devices installed in a number of these wells. Both of these stories highlight the need for consistent, well-documented journalistic coverage of the often under-covered social justice issues

of our day.

Borns is known for her work as a social justice reporter in Southwest Florida. She was a 2018 recipient of the Green Eyeshade and Florida Society of News Editors first place awards for public service and community leadership. She is skilled at change-making investigations and storytelling from deep source building, data and public records. Before coming to the Fort Myers News-Press, she reported for the Miami Herald and Boston Globe, and did video reporting in Haiti where she has volunteered for a healthcare clinic.

Zeitlin is a freelance writer and storyteller for The News-Press. She is also a contributor to Gulfshore Life and Gulfshore Business, and she has taught feature writing at FGCU. She was also a winner of the 2018 Green Eyeshade Award for public service, as well as the 2018 Florida Society of Newspaper

Editors community leadership award for environmental justice reporting in Southwest Florida. Her articles and essays have appeared in a variety of publications including The Washington Post, USA Today, Village Voice Media, Miami Herald and New York Daily News.

The luncheon and program will take place at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa, located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with the lunch and program at noon. The annual business meeting will follow, and LWVS members are urged to attend, even if they cannot attend the luncheon and program.

Luncheon meals are \$25 per person. To reserve your place, email the LWVS at lwvsanibel@gmail.com with the names of those attending. You can pay at the door or mail your check to: LWV Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. RSVP no later than Monday, April 15.✳

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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CROW

blooms devastated the coast of Southwest Florida. As a result, CROW admitted over 500 patients exhibiting symptoms caused by the toxic algae. This number was significantly higher than an average year's red tide patient caseload.

Throughout the entire year, CROW celebrated its 50th anniversary. Events included an open house in January that drew nearly 1,000 people to the AWC Visitor Education Center, two off-island events, and CROW founder Shirley Walter as the grand marshal of the Sanibel-Captive Independence Day Parade.

CROW received numerous recognitions including a Chrysalis Award for Eco-Innovation and being named a finalist for The News-Press People of the Year Awards.✳



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## Island Cotillion Hosts Spring Dinner Dance

The Island Cotillion conducted its Spring Dinner Dance on April 3 at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel. Members and guests danced the night away to the music of the Double Dare Band.

The Island Cotillion is made up of Sanibel and Captiva residents who enjoy dancing. The group hosts two formal dinner dances and one informal dance each year. For more information, call Julie Boyd at 395-0464. ✱



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Hosts for the Spring Dinner Dance, from left, Andy and JoAnn McKelvey, Dan Drucker and Sandy Grecko, and Sylvia and Roger Heider



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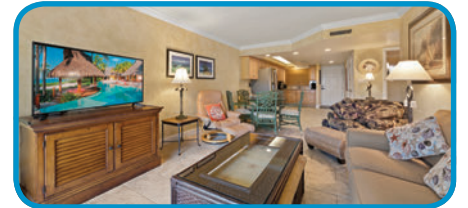
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Corcoran was honored to be invited back to participate in discussions with the Vatican this year after attending the international conference on the third anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, *Saving Our Common Home* and the *Future of Life*



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on Earth there in July, 2018. That gathering was inspired by Pope Francis' groundbreaking 2015 encyclical on the care for our common home. *Laudato Si'* communicated a sense of urgency and need for action, especially by religious leadership, in protecting Earth for future

Following the conclusion of the most recent conference at the Vatican, Corcoran attended the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) in Nairobi, Kenya March 11 to 15. UNEA is the world's highest-level decision-making

Corcoran spoke on March 24 at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Care for Creation: The Challenge of Following the Primordial Scripture in the Christian Education Forum. He updated the audience on these critically important recent global interfaith initiatives. ✠

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Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.\*



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Back from left, CECI Director Cindy DeCosta, and Gaby Bell and Mona Strasser of Sanibel Captiva Community Bank with some of the preschoolers photo provided

## Bank Sponsoring Children's Center Spring Festival

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank is sponsoring the Children's Education Center of the Islands (CECI) 25th annual Spring Festival. The bank has been longtime supporters of the Spring Festival. The family friendly Spring Festival is

open to the public and will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Sanibel Community Park on Periwinkle Way. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. sharp with a free Easter egg hunt for children of all ages. Shiny gold coins will be hidden in some of the eggs for the older egg hunters.

The games, contests and crafts will begin immediately after and will continue until 11 a.m. A \$15 wristband will allow each child unlimited fun to participate in all

activities including pony and unicorn rides, a bounce house, giant slide, and crafts and games. Best of all, the Easter Bunny will be available at 10:15 a.m. for pictures. There will also be a silent auction with over 60 baskets to bid on.

Since 1974, CECI has supported the community as a 501(c)3 nonprofit preschool that is dedicated to create a nurturing learning environment that creates happy, curious and confident children. The school relies heavily on the support of the community. Proceeds from the Spring Festival will benefit the center's scholarship

fund and capital improvements.

For more information, call Cindy DeCosta at 472-4538 or visit [www.childrenducationcenter.com](http://www.childrenducationcenter.com).

The Sanibel Captiva Community Bank joins the following businesses as sponsors of the Spring Festival: RS Walsh Landscaping, Bank of the Islands, Heidrick Insurance, Periwinkle Park Coffee Club, Adventures in Paradise, The Bailey Family, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, John Grey Painting and the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club.✱

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Entrants may enter once per day to increase their odds at [www.sanibelcaptivabeachresorts.com/choose-your-paradise](http://www.sanibelcaptivabeachresorts.com/choose-your-paradise).✱



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# Four Elected To Island Water Association Board

by Jeff Lysiak

During the Island Water Association (IWA) annual meeting held on Monday morning, three incumbents and one newcomer were elected to fill vacancies on the IWA's board of directors.

Board President Dennis Berry and Board Vice President Ken Kouril were both nominated for re-election to their second of three two-year terms. Fellow incumbent and Board Treasurer Jeff Springer, who had been appointed by the board to fill a vacancy in between election cycles, was nominated to complete the second year of the term. Newcomer Mike Boris was nominated to fill the seat being vacated by Board Secretary Paul Garvey, who completed his third and final two-year term. Chet Sadler, a board nominee by petition, was also seeking election to the five-member panel.

The election results, as verified by the law firm Henderson Franklin, were as follows: Berry – 544 votes; Boris – 545 votes; Kouril – 476 votes; Springer – 544 votes; Sadler – 74 votes.

The April 8 meeting also included a brief summary of the previous year, with Berry pronouncing the IWA as

“financially sound.” He pointed to the company’s excellent liquidity, solid capital, efficient operation and stable water prices. Looking to the future, IWA hopes to build their reserves and modernize their financial planning tools.

General Manager Diana Wilson, who joined the IWA team in late January, shared that the company’s mission of providing quality water at a reasonable cost was again met in 2018. She also talked about the Department of Environmental Protection’s Plant Operations Excellence Award received by the IWA last year.

During the meeting, the company’s decision to join the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Local 2301, District 78, AFL-CIO was also discussed. One of the reasons cited for the decision to join a union was to improve communications between staff and the IWA board throughout the contract negotiation process.

“If you’re completely transparent, I can assure you that when you negotiate, collective bargaining will work for both sides,” said Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane, one of several city representatives attending the open public meeting.

Later, Sadler questioned the process in which someone nominates themselves for consideration to be elected to the IWA board. Berry responded by saying the board will look into its current by-laws and take his comments into consideration.✱



From left, Toni Halski from Beachview Tennis Club, Jim Castle from Grampy's Charities and Joe McEntyre from Beachview Tennis Club

## Presenting Sponsor Named For Tournament

Grampy's Charities will be Presenting Sponsor of the 27th annual Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Tennis Tournament, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28 at Beachview Tennis Club. The entry fee is \$75 and the deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 24. For more information or to register, call Toni Halski at Beachview Tennis Club, 472-9099.

Grampy's Charities' mission is to raise funds and support for children's organizations, with the hope that by partnering with comfort and research based charities, they will be able to make a difference in the lives of children who need it most. In practice, they look for small charities to fund, where the money can be more transformative. An all-volunteer organization, Grampy's has partnered with Robbie's Riders, Save the Kids and the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank to provide 50 adaptive tricycles last year for



One of the adaptive tricycle recipients getting to know Grampy in July, 2018

children with autism and cerebral palsy. They have also pledged to raise \$500,000 in support of the Ronald McDonald House Mobile Medical Units serving children who

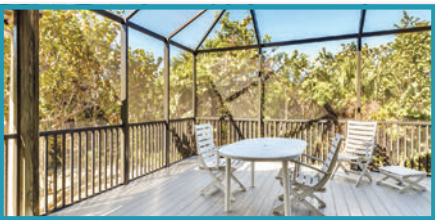
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Children's Education Center of the Island Executive Director Cindy DeCosta, center, with Sanibel Captiva Trust Company staff, from left, Steve Greenstein, Frances Steger, Phyllis Gibson and Robin L. Cook  
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## Trust Company Supports Annual Spring Festival

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has signed on as a sponsor for the 25th annual Children's Education Center of the Islands Spring Festival. The trust company has been a longtime supporter of the Spring Festival.

The festival will be held at Sanibel

Community Park, next to the playground on Periwinkle Way, on Saturday, April 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. and all families are welcome. The festivities begin with a free Easter egg hunt for children of all ages. Games, contests and crafts will follow.

A \$15 armband will allow each child unlimited fun to participate in all activities including pony and unicorn rides, a bounce house, giant slide, crafts and games. The Easter Bunny will be available at 10:15 a.m. for pictures. There will also be a silent auction with over 50 baskets up for bid.\*

## Golf Cart Raffle Tickets On Sale



From left, Babs Maughan, Melissa Congress, Dana Foster, Rob Linsenbee, Amy Costello and Carolyn Tongyai standing next to the golf cart being raffled off at this year's Blue Ribbon Golf Classic  
photo by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

The 11th annual Blue Ribbon Golf Classic, a fundraiser for the Sanibel School Fund, will be held on Saturday, May 11 at The Sanctuary Golf Club. Money raised at the event helps support The Sanibel School's Spanish, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Business Leadership programs.

In addition to individual hole prizes,

a hole in one prize lease from Scanlon Lexus, helicopter golf ball drop, dinner, music, dancing and both a silent and live auction, funds are being raised through a golf cart raffle drawing. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. The drawing for the 2019 Club Car street ready golf cart will take place at the May 11 golf tournament.

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# A Conversation On Illegal Immigration



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

In the early 1900s, a Jewish family from Kishinev in what is now Moldova, led by a man named Shmuel (anglicized as Samuel) Fogle, made a difficult decision to leave everything and everyone they knew and loved to immigrate to America. Some 35 years before the Holocaust, brutal pogroms flared across eastern Europe. Jews weren't allowed to conduct business or vote. During the Kishinev pogrom of 1903, Russians pillaged the Jewish shtetl, raping dozens and killing 73 souls.

There were so many Jewish families fleeing persecution in eastern Europe that the United States limited the number it would accept. At the time, immigrants who didn't share the majority's religious views weren't viewed as valuable new citizens.

They couldn't speak English. Many hadn't attained university diplomas. The Jewish immigrants displaced lower middle-class citizens because they'd perform manual labor on the cheap. Sound familiar?

The Fogle family could not get visas and were therefore denied entry to the land of liberty, so they made their way across the Atlantic to Canada, who did accept them. Eventually, the family snuck across the Vermont border, hiked across the Berkshires and down the Hudson River Valley to the lower east side of Manhattan in New York City, at the time the most densely populated place on earth, where they settled.

It wasn't uncommon for an entire family (husband, wife and four or more children were the norm) to share one 600-square-foot apartment. The streets were dirty and smelly. No one but these grimy immigrants would reside there. Tuberculosis spread rapidly, and if you didn't speak Yiddish, you couldn't easily navigate the neighborhood.

Over the next 100 years, their progeny became doctors, accountants, businessmen, judges, engineers... and yes, lawyers. Many of whom are now productive, upstanding, taxpaying members of society. In fact, I'm a great-grandson of Sam Fogle. The illegal immigrant.

Richard Viguerie, a conservative political consultant spoke at a conference I attended last week. Over breakfast, we discussed many topics, one of which was illegal immigration, which he opposes, and President Trump's tough stance on immigration, which he favors. When I expressed my sympathies towards today's immigrants given my family history, he simply stated, "bending to illegal immigration and having wide open

borders jeopardizes our sovereignty as a nation so I oppose it. You can't allow outlaws."

Explaining his view on why many don't have a problem voicing opposition to hardline immigration policies, Viguerie quipped, "The left wants open borders because it leads to undocumented Democrats!" Several others, all with differing views, participated in our breakfast conversation. No one expressed anger, and there was, in my opinion, an interesting, valuable and polite exchange of ideas.

I venture away from my normal estate planning topics today, for which I hope you forgive me, because I don't believe, even in today's heated political atmosphere, that we should shy away from political discussions on divisive subjects. I say this with the caveat that everyone show respect for one another, especially to those with differing views. Too often we all live in our own echo chamber, only listening to those with whom we agree. There's value in listening to the other side.

The American system of government anticipates conflicting ideas. It's why our country is so great. It's only when we aren't willing to respect one another, truly listen and look for common ground seeking compromise that our political system breaks down. Our system is imperfect in that no one usually gets everything that he or she wants. In a heterogenous melting pot society, that's actually a preferred outcome.

I feel fortunate that my ancestors had the guts to leave horrifying conditions to overcome, or even circumnavigate, political obstacles to reach their intended destination. They sacrificed so that their progeny two, three and even four generations removed could lead fruitful, productive and peaceful lives.

At the end of our conversation, I asked Viguerie whether he believes we're heading towards a civil war of sorts. "I believe we're already in one," he answered.

I certainly hope not.

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## Investment Outlook



by Craig Holston,  
Chief Operating  
Officer, Senior  
Portfolio Manager

After a dramatic sell off in the equity markets to end 2018, the S&P 500 rallied 13.65 percent in the first quarter of 2019. Investors looked past ongoing trade negotiations and focused instead on the continued strength of the U.S. economy and the companies that would most benefit from long-term growth. The Industrial and Energy sectors (which benefited from a 28 percent increase in crude oil) were big winners in the quarter along with Information Technology.

Investors also seemingly took advantage of temporarily cheaper prices to bid stocks back up toward their autumn 2018 highs. Indeed, we commented at the beginning of January that stock prices seemed sufficiently cheap to us that the S&P 500 could rally 10 percent or more in 2019 just to get back to "fair value." Since then, the price to earnings ratio (P/E) of the S&P 500 has moved back up to its historical average. Once a market reverts to fair value, stocks tend to appreciate at the

rate of future earnings growth, holding interest rates constant.

The move by the Federal Reserve Board to pause its campaign of steadily hiking interest rates also played a big factor in the equity rally. The yield on 10-Year Treasury bonds fell sharply below 2.5 percent in late March from 2.8 percent at the end of 2018, and 3.2 percent in October. After underperforming in 2018, real estate companies, utilities and other high dividend payers rose in price as these companies benefited from the relative value of the income they provide versus traditional bonds.

Corporate earnings grew more than 20 percent in 2018, as the reduction in the corporate tax rate to 21 percent led to a quantum, one-time leap in profits. We would, however, expect both earnings and equity market returns to be more muted for the balance of 2019, as recent data points to a continued slowdown in Europe and Asia, as well as pockets of the U.S. economy. In addition, the decision by the U.S. government to initiate tariffs on some of its trading partners, and keep those tariffs in place, has sowed growing concern that U.S. companies will pay more for their input costs and see their sales slow overseas. We are watching closely how our portfolio companies are affected by, and try to fly around, a trade-induced slowdown.

Despite this more cautious tone, we still feel that high-quality equities remain appropriate for long-term investors depending on their overall risk tolerance

and income needs. For clients who may benefit from the volatility reducing properties of traditional fixed income, we have been building individual bond portfolios. We are careful to emphasize shorter maturities, however. Because the yield curve is nearly flat (meaning yields on short-term and long-term bonds are essentially the same) we can protect our clients from future interest-rate moves to the upside by avoiding longer maturities.

Although most clients own both elements of growth and income in their portfolios, there are some who rely on larger distributions from their portfolios to help fund living expenses. For this group of investors, we continue

to recommend higher dividend-paying equities that have a long history of increasing dividend payouts over time. In periods of higher market volatility, the consistency of the income stream of dividends has allowed investors to "weather the storm" better than those owning pure growth investments.

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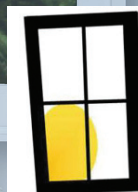
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Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	6:14 pm	1:37 am	None	None
Sat	7:50 pm	2:56 am	None	None
Sun	12:08 pm	4:03 am	9:34 pm	3:23 pm
Mon	12:22 pm	4:58 am	10:59 pm	4:45 pm
Tue	12:39 pm	5:43 am	None	5:45 pm
Wed	12:09 am	6:21 am	12:57 pm	6:37 pm
Thu	1:09 am	6:53 am	1:16 pm	7:24 pm

Point Ybel Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	5:19 pm	1:39 am	None	None
Sat	6:55 pm	2:58 am	None	None
Sun	11:13 am	4:05 am	8:39 pm	3:25 pm
Mon	11:27 am	5:00 am	10:04 pm	4:47 pm
Tue	11:44 am	5:45 am	11:14 pm	5:47 pm
Wed	12:02 pm	6:23 am	None	6:39 pm
Thu	12:14 am	6:55 am	12:21 pm	7:26 pm

Punta Rassa Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	8:26 am	1:42 am	5:48 pm	10:58 am
Sat	9:38 am	3:00 am	8:08 pm	11:50 am
Sun	10:46 am	4:01 am	9:47 pm	3:48 pm
Mon	11:32 am	4:55 am	11:05 pm	4:53 pm
Tue	12:05 pm	5:44 am	None	5:52 pm
Wed	12:07 am	6:28 am	12:34 pm	6:44 pm
Thu	12:56 am	7:07 am	1:01 pm	7:32 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	8:24 pm	4:53 am	None	None
Sat	10:00 pm	6:12 am	None	None
Sun	2:18 pm	7:19 am	11:44 pm	6:39 pm
Mon	2:32 pm	8:14 am	None	8:01 pm
Tue	1:09 am	8:59 am	2:49 pm	9:01 pm
Wed	2:19 am	9:37 am	3:07 pm	9:53 pm
Thu	3:19 am	10:09 am	3:26 pm	10:40 pm

# 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 would like to be on the list for Page Turners book discussions, email oceann@comcast.net or contact the center.

**Painting with Friends** – Wednesdays, April 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 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 23 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. Connie DeCicco is the instructor.

**Essential Total Fitness** – Monday,

Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear is required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

**Gentle Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

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

For more information, call 472-5743 or stop by the Center 4 Life, located at 2401 Library Way on Sanibel.\*

## Pioneer Club Picnic April 27

The Pioneer Club of Lee County will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its founding at the Lee Civic Center-Tinsley Pavilion on Saturday, April 27. Registration and visiting begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by presentations and a raffle at 1 p.m.

The Pioneer Club of Lee County was founded in 1949 by RA Henderson, Jr. It was formed to honor those living persons who had been residents of old Lee County for 50 or more years. The initial meeting was held in 1950 at the Lions Park on Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.


The classes of 1969 from Alva High School, Bishop Verot High School, Cypress Lake High School, Dunbar High School, Fort Myers High School and North Fort Myers High School will be recognized at the picnic as celebrating their 50th class reunions. Also recognized at the picnic will be the eldest pioneer man and woman born in Lee County, the couple married the longest (both spouses need to be in attendance), pioneer who traveled the longest distance to the picnic and the eldest person in attendance.

Approximately 1,200 invitations are mailed out for the picnic of which two-thirds are sent to local residents and the remainder to those people who live out of the area. There are usually 600 to 700 people in attendance. Barbecued chicken or pork, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and iced tea or lemonade will be available to the attendees for \$10 per plate.

The eligibility requirement for membership is that the person was a resident of Lee County prior to 1969. Email pioneerleecounty@gmail.com to receive registration information or you may register the day of the picnic. There are no membership dues.

Through the generosity of the City of Fort Myers, free admission on that weekend is given to the members of the Pioneer Club by presenting their membership card to the Edison and Ford Winter Estates on Thursday, April 25, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27; and the Burroughs Home and Garden Tour on Thursday, April 25 at 11 a.m. To RSVP for the Burroughs Home tour, call 337-9505.


Lee Civic Center-Tinsley Pavilion is located at 11831 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers.\*



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## CARD OF THANKS

The Dunes held its annual Play For PINK Golf Tournament on February 9 and raised over \$31,000 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF). This highly accountable organization funded by Estée Lauder Companies donates 100 percent of funds raised to support breast cancer research and is rated A+ by CharityWatch.

A beautiful, sunny Sanibel day welcomed 120 golfers for a total sellout on February 9. Those present showed their generosity by buying mulligans, bidding on silent auction items, purchasing 50/30/20 raffle tickets and raffle tickets for the numerous items donated by local merchants and artists. We are so very thankful for the kind and generous support of the island financial institutions, merchants, businesses, artists, private foundations and many others who helped make this event such a fantastic success.

A special thanks to The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club for hosting this annual function – General Manager Brian Kautz, Dunes Head Pro Ryan Hagerman and staff for organizing 120 golfers, Food Service Manager Dwight Doherty, Dana Swanson for her creative signage and to Chef Roro for our delicious luncheon which was underwritten by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

The Play for PINK Committee sends a special note of gratitude to those island businesses who so generously supported the cause, including The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, the Hanser Foundation,



Play for PINK participants

a member's family foundation, J. McLaughlin and Walgreens. Hole sponsors included Bank of the Islands, Bondurant Realty Group, Cip's Place, H2O Outfitters, Island Grooming, Jerry's Foods, Kingfisher Real Estate, Lighthouse Cafe, On Island, Pfeifer Realty Group, Rosier Insurance, The Timbers Restaurant, Traders and John R. Wood Realty. Jerry's Foods graciously provided fruit for breakfast, and Bailey's fresh donuts were enjoyed. Also, thank you to the many Dunes members/friends who opened up their hearts and their wallets to sponsor both holes and carts in the names of loved ones and friends.

The following local and island businesses/artists provided items to be auctioned: Billy's Segway, Captiva Cruises, Cip's Place, Luc Century, Amy Clapp, many Coach/Ralph Lauren items (privately

donated), Congress Jewelers, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, Eileen Fisher, Floral Artistry, Golf4Less, Shari Hannon, Her Sports Closet, Miguel Hnatow, Sue Housler, Island Pharmacy, Mad Hatter, MacIntosh Books, Linda Miller, Sandbar Restaurant, Sanibel Day Spa, Sanibel Health Club, Sanibel Home Furnishings, Sanibel Inn, Sanibel Sea School, Sanibel Skin Spa, Sanibel Surf Shop, Caren Schoen, South Seas Island Resort, Stone Harbor Golf Club, Sundial Beach Resort & Spa, Tarpon Bay Explorers, West Wind Inn, Vera Bradley and Annie Wainwright.

The following individuals and businesses donated raffle items: Adventures in Paradise, Beach Daisy, B-Unique, Cape Nails, Chico's, The Clam Shack, Doc Ford's, Finnimore's Cycle Shop, Gale's Designs, JB Designs, Lazy Flamingo,

Lumpy's, Malia Restaurant, Massage Envy, Linda Miller, Naples Soap Company, Kate Nichols, Peach Republic, Rinaldi's, Roberta Rohl, Sanibel Fresh, Sanibel Resort Wear, Shiny Objects, Suncatchers' Dream, Three Crafty Ladies, Traders, Whims, Why Knot and Wilford & Lee.

The Play for PINK Committee – which now includes members of DWGA, DMGA and Nifty Niners – is looking forward to organizing another successful fundraiser to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Mark your calendars.

And as always, we encourage our islanders to shop locally and support these many kind and generous contributors.

Again, thanks to all.

– The Dunes Play for PINK Committee\*

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# Dunes Charity Golf Winners

The Dunes Men's Golf Association (DMGA) hosted its annual Will to Live charity fundraiser for teen suicide awareness and prevention. The DMGA thanks all the contributors and participants for making the tournament a success. This year's winners included:

Overall Low Gross – Don Denecke  
II Tee Low Net – Jim Clapp  
II Tee CTP – Kevin Steel  
II Tee Longest Drive – Doug Mallon  
III Tee Low Net (Flight 1) – Bob Schoen  
III Tee Low Net (Flight 2) – Jack Strothman  
III Tee CTP – Jim Burkholder  
III Tee CTP – Jay Sleiter  
III Tee Longest Drive – Tom Veratti  
III/IV Tee Low Net – Ley Smith  
III/IV Tee Longest Drive – Dan Alton  
Updated Player of the Year points:  
Jim Burkholder – 150  
Bill Arons – 132  
Doug Mallon – 132✱



The winners from each flight, as well as the Skills Challenge winners

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# Players, Sponsors Sought For SCCF Tournament

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) will hold its 27th annual Tennis Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28 at Beachview Tennis Club. The entry fee is \$75 and the deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 24. Categories are 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 men's and women's doubles; court times to be determined. Winners and runners-up will receive a Luc Century etched wine glass. To register or for more information, call Toni Halski at Beachview Tennis Club, 472-9099. All entrants will receive a tournament T-shirt plus breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

For sponsorship opportunities, call SCCF at 472-2329 (credit cards accepted). Sponsorship levels are Championship, \$1,200; Match, \$500; Set, \$250; and Game \$150.

Tennis proceeds benefit the work of SCCF, which is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed through environmental education, land acquisition



Tournament founder Luc Century  
photo provided

and stewardship, Native Landscapes & Garden Center, Marine Laboratory, natural resource policy, sea turtle and shorebird conservation, and wildlife and habitat management. Community support through membership dues and tax-deductible contributions, in addition to grants and staff-generated revenue, make this work possible.✱

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LCEC lenders require financial ratios to remain at minimum levels. Depending on operating costs and capital requirements, it is not always possible to return equity, and this year we are." The LCEC Board of Trustees reviews the LCEC financial position each year to make a determination regarding equity management.✱

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Between 1980 and 1989, a member of the Boston Red Sox led the AL in walks for a season five times. Name either of the two Boston players to do it.
2. True or false: Slugger Jose Canseco had more strikeouts than hits during his major-league career.
3. When was the last time before 2016-18 that Army's football team went to consecutive bowl games?
4. Other than James Harden, who has scored the most points in a single game for the Houston Rockets?
5. In the 2018-19 season, Tuukka Rask became the career leader in goaltender victories for the Boston Bruins. Who had been No. 1?
6. Who was the last driver to win the pole for the Daytona 500, then capture the race itself?
7. Who was the last teenager to win a women's singles title at a Grand Slam tennis tournament?

## ANSWERS

1. Dwight Evans (1981, '85, '87) and Wade Boggs ('86, '88). 2. True. He had 1,942 strikeouts and 1,877 hits (including 462 home runs). 3. It was 1984-85. 4. Calvin Murphy had 57 points in a game in 1978. 5. Tiny Thompson had 252 victories for Boston (1928-38). 6. Dale Jarrett, in 2000. 7. Maria Sharapova was 19 when she won the 2006 U.S. Open.

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From left, Dr. Larry Antonucci with Pam and Chris Simoneau

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## Madisen's Match Raises Funds For Cancer Programs

More than 200 people gathered to raise \$103,000 for pediatric and adult cancer charities at the 11th annual Madisen's Match VIP Gala and Auction at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club on March 16.

To date, Madisen's Match has raised more than \$1 million to benefit national

and Southwest Florida-based charities like the Brain Tumor Navigator Program at Regional Cancer Center, Barbara's Friends – Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Center Fund, Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, and the Tim and Tom Gullikson Foundation.

Attendees had a chance to bid on dozens of items in silent and live auctions, including trips to the U.S. Open in New York City and the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California, as well as a custom-designed pendant by award-winning jewelry designer Denny Wong.✱



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From left, Sandy and Dr. Stuart Levy with John Naumann



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Superior Interiors

# Four Areas That You're Forgetting To Decorate



by Jeanie Tinch  
**D**o you have a room in your home that feels incomplete even after dedicating time to decorating each space? Perhaps you've spent too much effort focused on the focal points of the living space

and neglected to fill the areas that you don't frequent nearly as much. This is a common occurrence among homeowners – forgetting to decorate those nooks and corners that tend to be out of sight, which often results in becoming out of mind as well.

Home design is all about bringing a room together. With the right pieces of decor, color scheme and accessories, you can transform a room from corner to corner. Yes, this includes that spot you've accidentally left in the shadows for years.

Head to the staircase and walk up the stairs. How do you feel about the decor when you reach the top? This is one of the common areas of the home that's

neglected, but it's a very simple space to fill. Place artwork along the wall as well as a bench or chaise lounge for resting. It can also be used as a place to store and retrieve items you grab on the way out, saving space in the entryway.

An often-neglected space is the foot of the bed. This is a great space to place a bench for sitting while putting your shoes on in the morning. It can also be used as a place to put the comforter or extra pillows at night when not in use.

You likely spend a lot of time here, so there's no reason to let the laundry room remain an eyesore. Have fun and be creative so you can start getting excited about a usually mundane chore. Give this space some character by decorating with accessories, colors and patterns. There's no denying that doing laundry is one of the most truly thankless tasks in the universe, which is even more reason to add a little decorative ambiance. Think beyond the basic white machines, add pretty accessories and art, styled floating shelves with all the supplies, prettier lighting or a beautiful patterned floor.

A fireplace can be gorgeous on its own, even when it's out of service. But this is also a great place to get creative. An arrangement of candles, rocks, succulents or other living plants can take this beautiful feature to new heights. Use the rest of the living space to inspire the pieces that will complete the fireplace vignette.

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at [jeanie@coindcedden.com](mailto:jeanie@coindcedden.com).✧

Beautifulife:

# Sacrifice



by Kay Casperson  
**T**his is a word that means something unique and different to most everyone. When I was deciding what to write about this week, this word kept coming to mind for many reasons. First and foremost, since we are about

to begin Holy Week, I think about the ultimate sacrifice that was made for us on the cross. Jesus Christ gave his life so that we would have a path to righteousness, be forgiven, see the light and know the truth.

One of the ways to look at sacrifice is to give up something you love for something you love more. Another is to give up something in order to accomplish something greater and for the overall beautiful life you are striving for. And then there is the just plain giving all you have for those you love so that they thrive and become all that they can be. You see, there are just so many ways to look at sacrifice.

I took the time to ask individuals what the word sacrifice means to them and what first comes to mind with this word and, with no surprise, here are the answers;

Moms – I sacrifice the time for myself, my quality sleep, my career focus and overall self-care to give my all to my children.

Dads – I sacrifice my time with family because of my career. I sacrificed choosing a job that I love versus a job that supports my family and lifestyle. I sacrifice sports or

hobbies due to responsibilities.  
Teachers – I sacrifice a better paying job because of a love for children, people and education. I sacrifice countless hours learning how I can teach others to become better and to grow.

Volunteers – I sacrifice my time so that I can give to a cause that I believe in. I also sacrifice my resources to help others heal, grow and to fulfill a need.

Entrepreneurs – I sacrifice money, time and energy for an idea, a vision and a dream in hopes that my hard work will continue to make it a reality that becomes bigger and better every day.

So, my question is... what does sacrifice mean to you? What are some of the things that you have sacrificed over the years and what was the positive outcome for that sacrifice? I encourage you to take some time this next week to dig a little deeper to see and appreciate the sacrifices you have made in your life and for the lives of others. I also want you to recognize the sacrifices that others have made for you. We all have those individuals in our lives that gave more than we can even imagine so that we could thrive, dream, imagine, grow, believe and be free.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I am thankful and appreciate the sacrifices that were made for me and continue to embrace the sacrifices I make every day to move towards having my most balanced and beautiful life."

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Doctor and Dietician

# Ways To Get In Exercise



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

**W**e love to take long bike rides and hikes with our friends, and participate in various running events. But not everyone enjoys these same types of exercise. What are some other ways you can break a sweat? Ask your kids or grandkids about virtual reality or other active video games that could be fun for the whole family. There are some highly entertaining games for dancing, boxing, fencing, tennis, basketball, and more. Create fun memories with the younger generations while working up a serious sweat and improving coordination. You can even increase the challenge by wearing ankle and wrist weights.

What about that ever-growing “to

do” list? It's amazing how much of a workout you can get by cleaning out the garage, prepping and painting a room, scrubbing down the patio furniture or bathrooms, or washing and detailing your car or boat. When cleaning, scrub with more effort and move with more intention to try and get your heart rate up. Spiff up the garden by digging, clipping and weed-eating for a half hour or more. Thirty minutes can pass in a jiffy and accomplish several things: a moderate workout, tasks checked off your list and a boosted mood.

Though sprinting intervals really aren't for everyone, studies show just three 20-second “sprint” intervals, such as running or cycling, can offer a similar benefit as a 50-minute jog. So, it is possible to squeeze a quick, effective run or ride into really busy schedules.

Find activities that bring you joy and purpose. If you prefer group activities, join a sports team or go walking or dancing regularly with friends. These provide the many benefits of being social, while toning and strengthening your muscles, including your heart. Staying active is vital to your long-term health and physical independence.

*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@carimgmedical.com](mailto:info@carimgmedical.com).✧*

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# Natural Remedies For Reflux And Esophagitis



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Readers: I finally got reflux and heartburn after all these years. I have newfound respect for those of you who deal with it. I traced my problem to drinking shots of yerba mate. I drank

them several times a week for energy. I noticed the heartburn and belching about 20 minutes after drinking one tiny glass bottle of it.

It happened three times last week and then I made the connection. I did a little research and apparently drinking too much mate, especially hot mate is tied to esophageal cancer. I've stopped drinking yerba mate (cold) shots as a result of my pain as well as these concerns.

I didn't take famotidine (H2 antagonists) or omeprazole (Prilosec, a popular PPI med). I started taking natural remedies and my strategy worked. Just one week later, I have experienced a complete turnaround. I'm 75 percent better. I have a longer version of this article that I can email to you if you sign up for my newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://www.suzycohen.com)

Here's the short story of my strategy:

1. Discontinue the offender – For me, the yerba mate was the problem. Sometimes it's smoking, spicy foods, alcohol, or hot drinks. Whatever it is, discontinue your trigger.

2. Discontinue spices and hot foods – I've temporarily given up spicy mayo, cayenne and black pepper and even vinegar to give my esophagus a rest. Also, I noticed if I drank hot coffee or tea, it would hurt. According to the article published in International Journal of Cancer, drinking hot tea dramatically increases your chance for developing esophageal cancer. So drink your beverages lukewarm.

3. Drink marshmallow root water – I put about one tablespoon

of dried marshmallow root (per cup of water) in a big glass jar with cold water. In a few hours, you have a water that is somewhat thicker, preserving the mucilaginous properties of the marshmallow, which coats and soothes delicate membranes as you drink it.

4. Mastic Gum – Mastic Gum is a resin that is extracted from a tree. This is sold as a dietary supplement, and it's used as a natural remedy for many intestinal problems including indigestion, acid reflux, inflammatory bowel disease, gastritis and ulcers.

5. Zinc Carnosine – This is a dietary supplement that chemically ties together a zinc molecule to a carnosine molecule. The tissue healing effects come from both compounds which allow for tissue repair and a reduction in intestinal inflammation.

Symptoms of esophagitis vary and include some of the following: Swallowing food and then experiencing mild pain in the chest or throat, the sensation that something is stuck in the throat or sternum, early satiety, belching, mouth sores, heartburn, reflux and mild nausea.

Acid blockers do not soothe, coat or directly patch up the mucosal lining. They suppress acid which gives your esophagus a break. It's indirect, but okay if that's what your doctor recommended. If you're not significantly better within a week of your home treatment (natural or over-the-counter), please go see a specialist to make sure there is no serious underlying cause for your problems.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.SuzyCohen.com](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).*

## Chronic Disease Workshops

**L**ee Health's Lee Health Solutions, in partnership with many local community agencies and supported in part initially by a grant from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, is offering It's All About You, a research based chronic disease self-management program originally developed at Stanford University Patient

Education Research Center.

The program is designed for people 18 years of age or older with chronic health conditions to help them learn ways to better manage their chronic conditions and the symptoms that often accompany chronic health conditions.

## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** I am one of those people who really dislikes exercise, yet I know it's important. I have a hard time getting motivated to exercise. What can you suggest?

**A:** Perhaps instead of thinking of movement as exercise, you can rediscover the spirit of play and finding energetic physical activities that are fun for you. Begin by asking yourself the following questions:

1. What kinds of physical activities do I enjoy?
2. What activities have I wanted to try but never have?
3. How can I bring those activities into my life now?
4. Is there a buddy I can ask to go with me?
5. How and where can I fit 30 to 40 minutes of exercise into my life at least

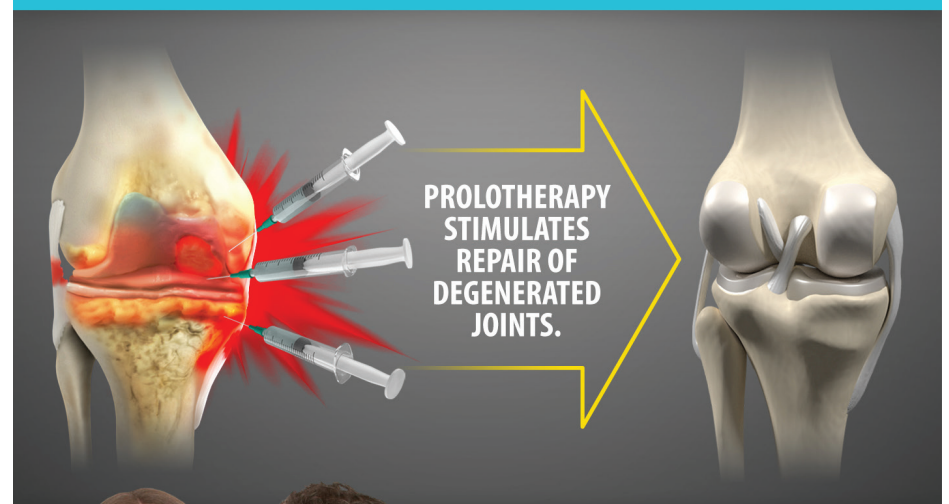
three times a week? This can include walking.

Take some time to list all the fun play-type enjoyable things you like to do that involve some form of physical activity. Keep in mind your local community or recreation center. They offer a variety of classes for all levels. It's also a nice way to meet people.

Use a deepening process to become very comfortable and focused on the inside. As you get deeper into your relaxation, think about a time you did something fun and energetic that brought you joy. Remember how it felt to move your body in a fun and energizing way. Remember how good you felt afterward. Now begin to think of a few ways you can bring those same fun activities into your life now in the present. Once you begin to tap into these exercises mentally, you will feel more of a desire to begin on a physical level. You will feel so much better and look forward to the next fun outing.

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**PETS OF THE WEEK**

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Lee County Domestic Animal Services

**Goliath And Marty**



Goliath ID# A745588

Hello, my name is Goliath, but I was David for an injured dog last week that needed a transfusion to survive. Thanks to my donation, my friend was able to pull through surgery and is now on the road to recovery. I am a 1-year-old male who is a pit/basset mix (Passet Hound??) and absolutely loves people. I will instantly roll over for a belly rub or two when you meet me. Stop by today to meet this resident lifesaver.

My adoption fee is \$30.  
Hi, I'm Marty. I am a 1-year-old male domestic shorthair who was a shy guy when I first came to Lee County Domestic Animal Services. I have since come out of my shell and now think I run the place. I am quite playful and a joy to watch interact with the other cats and to discover new things in my surroundings. I am definitely one that would be good to go home with another friend and take advantage of our adopt-one-get-a-feline

Haven on Earth Animal League

**Joy And Athena**



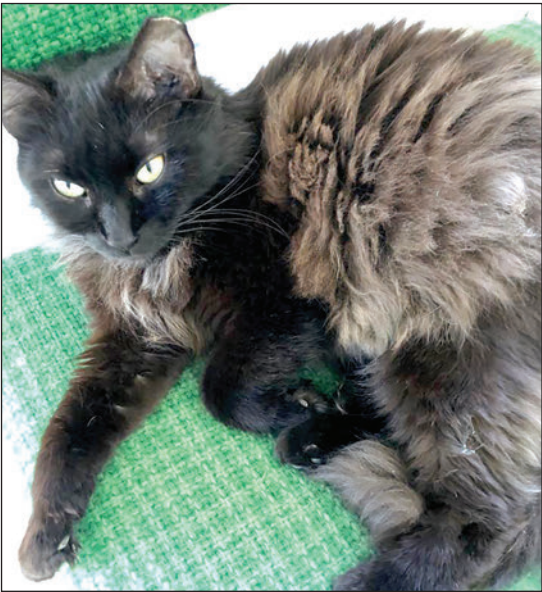
Joy

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.



Marty ID# A774330

friend at no charge special.  
My adoption fee is \$30.  
April is National Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. Lee County Domestic Animal Services along with the Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) works to prevent animal cruelty in Lee County. Many animals end up in shelters in need of homes as a result of neglect. LCSO's newest member, Deputy Chance, is an example of how giving shelter pets a new "leash" on life can be rewarding.  
One way the public can get involved is to adopt a shelter pet. From April 1 through April 30, all adoptions will be reduced to \$30 with an approved application. The adoption package includes spay or neuter, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations, county license and a 10-day health guarantee. This is a \$500 package.  
*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](http://www.leegov.com/animalservices) or call 533-7387.*✧



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 [havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com](mailto:havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com).✧



PUZZLES

Answers on page 29B

Super Crossword

HALF WIT

- ACROSS  
1 Busy bugs  
5 As a matter of routine  
13 Take for granted  
20 Snoozefest  
21 Mogadishu native  
22 Replaced the inner layer of  
23 Lego bit, e.g.  
25 Witty adage  
26 — -Saxon  
27 Coral reef  
29 — acids  
30 Single-named male model  
35 Totally tidy  
38 Lamb serving  
44 Russian autocrat  
45 Lentil, e.g.  
46 Free speech org.  
47 Tiny neighbor of France  
49 — as it is  
51 Son of Poseidon  
53 Totally evil  
59 — Bubba (bubble gum brand)  
60 Stadium cheers
- 63 “— gratia artis” (MGM motto)  
64 Comic actor Seth  
65 Melodic, musically  
67 — -Caps (candy)  
68 Won gold or silver  
70 Jacuzzi sites  
73 New England soup  
76 Crimson or ruby  
77 Gas station fill-up amount  
79 Water, to Yvette  
80 Little chore  
82 Mink relative  
83 — gestae (deeds)  
84 With 120-Down, like Siamese cats or Frank Sinatra  
85 Nasty whales  
89 Like a scary ride in a vehicle  
93 Moe, for one  
94 Tesla CEO Musk  
95 African plain
- 99 Cajun cooking pod  
100 Delighted  
104 Lustful god  
106 Not-quite-identifiable cafeteria food  
108 Quality of 2% milk, say  
111 Agitate  
112 Athenian marketplace  
113 Air traveler  
116 Singer Cleo  
121 Dodge SUV  
124 Apt occasion for this puzzle’s theme  
129 Touched up, as text  
130 Home of St. Louis  
131 Give up, as territory  
132 Give a new look to  
133 Essential  
134 Word that can follow the ends of 23-, 35-, 38-, 53-, 73-, 89-, 106- and 108-Across
- DOWN  
1 “Waterloo” pop group  
2 Gerund, e.g.
- 3 Calc prereq  
4 Hawk  
5 It follows chi  
6 Actor Glass  
7 “No way!,” in a text  
8 Marvy  
9 Cantina pot  
10 Major melee  
11 Georgia city  
12 Kind of sock  
13 Lead-in to fix  
14 D.C. VIP  
15 Inventor  
16 They follow rhos  
17 Like green bananas  
18 Bully  
19 “D.O.A.” star O’Brien  
24 Tip, as a hat  
28 Range ropes  
31 “— for All Seasons”  
32 Frank holder  
33 “— be a real shame if ...”  
34 Siouan speaker  
36 Drawn tight  
37 Brow shape  
38 Trellis strip  
39 Light beige  
40 Insincerely eloquent  
41 Desk tray for to-be-sent documents  
42 Space balls
- 43 Pro-gun gp.  
48 “A Bell for —” (1944 novel)  
50 Ranch group  
52 Rowing tool  
54 Garden tool  
55 Where a company’s leaders meet  
56 Eye lustfully  
57 Essential  
58 Winds down  
60 Bialy, e.g.  
61 Actor Butterfield  
62 Class whose students might cook  
66 Post-op site  
67 Mu — beef  
68 Paltry  
69 Mesozoic —  
70 Put in a hold  
71 Maze route  
72 “Nay” sayer  
74 Wine holders  
75 Joanne of “Red River”  
78 On the house  
81 Part of n/a  
83 Flee hastily  
84 Quail flock  
86 Pepsi rival  
87 Taj Mahal’s city  
88 Pew or sofa  
90 Artist Paul
- 91 Direction opposite sud  
92 Flee hastily  
93 Cutty — (clipper ship)  
96 Equine beast of burden  
97 High degree  
98 School org.  
100 Test-marking teacher, e.g.  
101 Lentil, e.g.  
102 Holds dear  
103 NBAer Kevin  
105 Hoagie ingredient  
107 Holler  
109 Sweet treats  
110 Easy two-pointer  
114 Word before while  
115 Go upward  
117 Writer Sholem  
118 Notion, to Pierre  
119 Zip  
120 See 84-Across  
122 Styling goo  
123 Shelley work  
125 Ship’s record  
126 Canine coat  
127 “... Mac — PC?”  
128 Iraq export

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King Crossword

- ACROSS  
1 \$ dispenser  
4 “— Miserables”  
7 Trounce  
12 Commonest English word  
13 Matterhorn  
14 Worn unevenly  
15 2012 movie bear  
16 Savage  
18 Midafternoon, in a way  
19 Long-legged shorebird  
20 Pull an all-nighter  
22 Freudian concept  
23 Use a key-board  
27 Moreover  
29 Rodeo outcries  
31 Strong adhesive  
34 Meal for Oliver Twist  
35 Moral principles  
37 Larry’s pal  
38 Runs from the fuzz  
39 Shooter ammo  
41 Sharpen  
45 Tureen accessory  
47 Inseparable  
48 Marian, in “The Music Man”
- 7 Vegan’s no-no  
8 Bobby of hockey  
9 Luau side dish  
10 “Born in the —”  
11 Corral  
17 Huff and puff  
21 Long skirts  
23 Pitched  
24 Second person  
25 “Ulalume” writer  
26 Immigrant’s study (Abbr.)  
28 Big Apple letters  
30 Past  
31 Moray or conger
- 32 Sch. org.  
33 Resistance measure  
36 Practice pugilism  
37 Sweet Spanish wine  
40 Proclamation  
42 Jack  
43 Go in  
44 Irritable  
45 Glaswegian girl  
46 Novelist Bagnold  
48 Varnish ingredient  
49 Under the weather  
50 Life story, for short  
51 Tatter
- DOWN  
1 Storage story  
2 “— Finest Hour”  
3 TV, radio, etc.  
4 Chemistry classrooms  
5 On cloud nine  
6 Parsley serving

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G N O L E E G E P I R N W L D  
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K I G H F E C B B F Z Y Y W V

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

- Albany  
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Cairns
- Dampier  
Darwin  
Derby  
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- Geelong  
Hobart  
Karratha  
Melbourne
- Newcastle  
Whyalla  
Wollongong





"I'm only having a salad! I just discovered that my bathroom scale is \_\_\_\_\_."

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!

Sudden  
**PUBRAT** \_\_\_\_\_

Light  
**LINKED** \_\_\_\_\_

Alone  
**GLEINS** \_\_\_\_\_

Wide  
**RABOD** \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S WORD

	1			9			5
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8					2		7
		3		5			6
	4				1	8	
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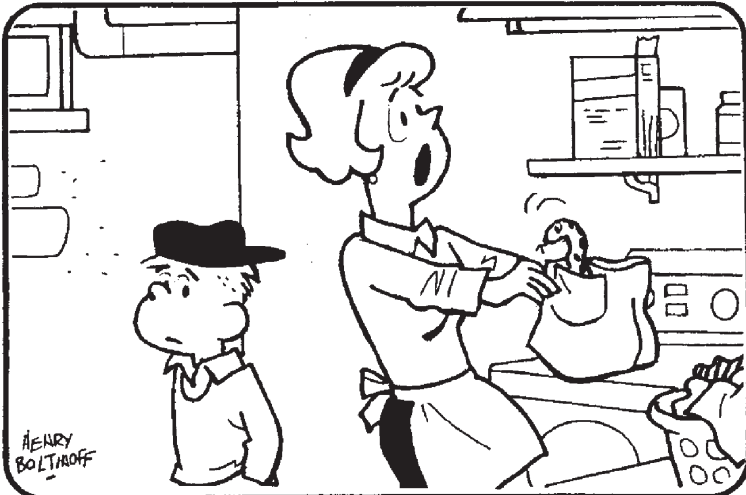
SUDOKU

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.

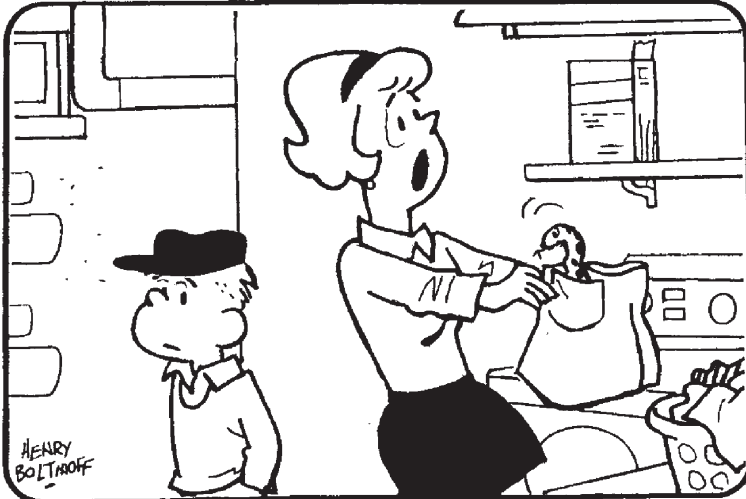
answer on page 29B

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Apron is missing. 2. Boy's cap is turned forward. 3. Shorts are longer. 4. Items are missing from shelf. 5. There are more wall bricks. 6. Pipe is lower on wall.

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## FOR WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2019

**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) Professional relationships grow stronger. But you might still need to ease some problems with someone in your personal life. One way could be to try to be less rigid in your views.

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) You might be too close to that perplexing personal situation to even attempt to make a rational decision about it right now. Stepping back could help you gain a wider perspective.

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) Being asked to choose between the positions of two friends is an unfair imposition on you. It's

best to reject the "demands" and insist they try harder to work things out on their own.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind about a workplace decision might be called for once you hear more arguments, pro and con. A personal event suddenly takes an unexpected (but pleasant!) turn.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22) Romance once again looms large for single Leos and Leonas, with Cupid favoring Taurus and Libra to inspire those warm and fuzzy Leonine feelings. Expect another workplace change.

**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) A surprise gift – and, happily, with no strings attached – could come just when you need it to avoid a delay in getting your project done.

Expect education to dominate the week.

**Libra** (September 23 to October 22) Someone close to you might ask for your support as she or he faces a demanding personal challenge. Offer it, by all means. But be careful you don't neglect your own needs at this time.

**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected development could put your relationship with a partner or spouse to an emotionally demanding test. But your determination to get to the truth should save the day.

**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) A recent agreement appears to be coming apart over the surfacing of unexpected complications. You might need

to have expert advice on how to resolve the situation.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Your keen business sense helps you get to the truth about a suspicious business deal. Expect to have many colleagues rally to support your efforts in this important matter.

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) Someone who once moved in and out of your life through the years might now want to come back in on a more permanent basis. Give yourself a lot of time to weigh your decision.

**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) Showing frustration over a delayed workplace decision might get someone's attention, but

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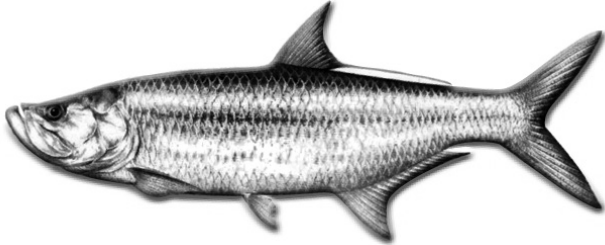
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not necessarily make him or her move any sooner. Best advice would be to be patient and wait it out.

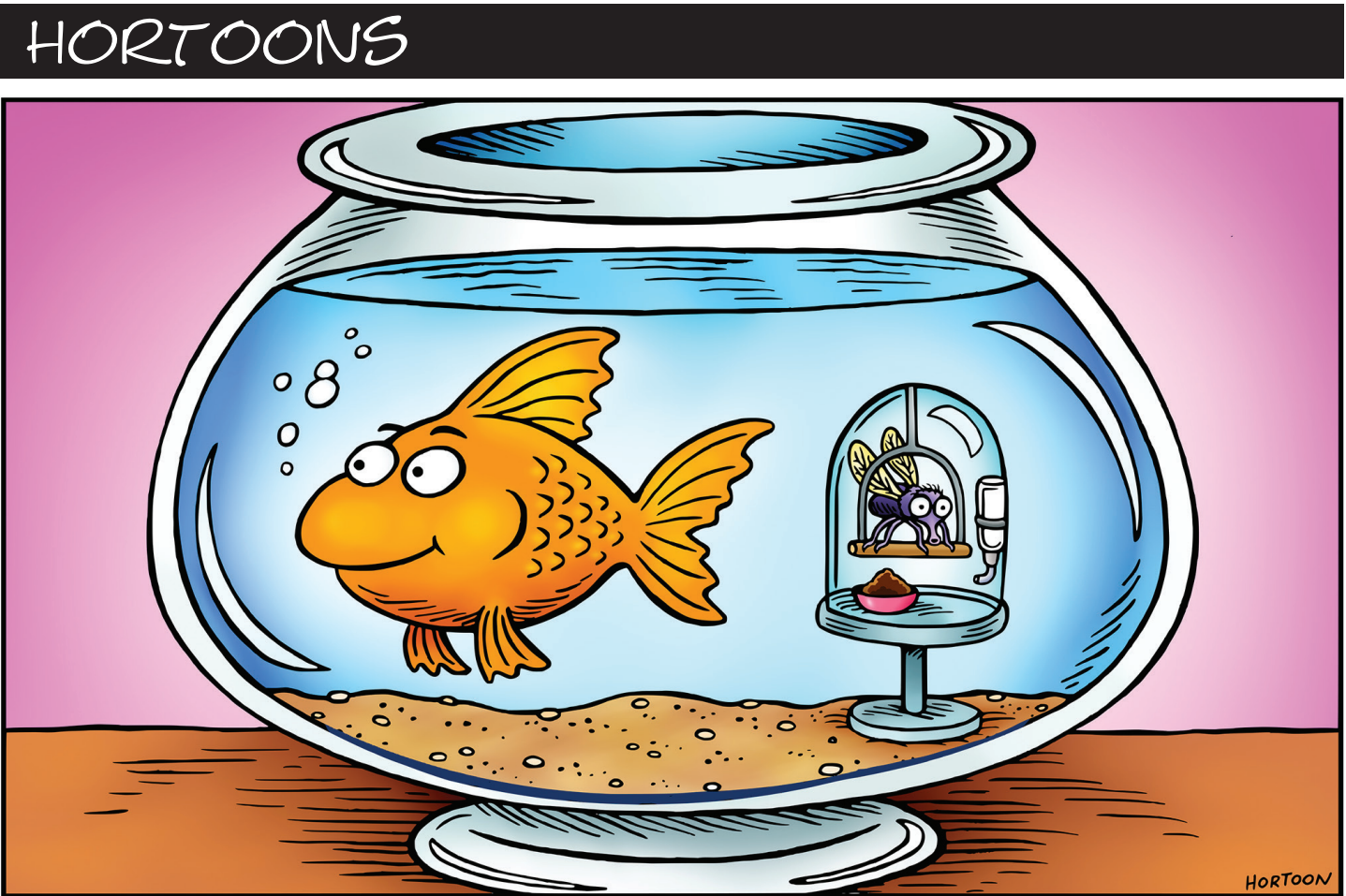
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there are men on base."  
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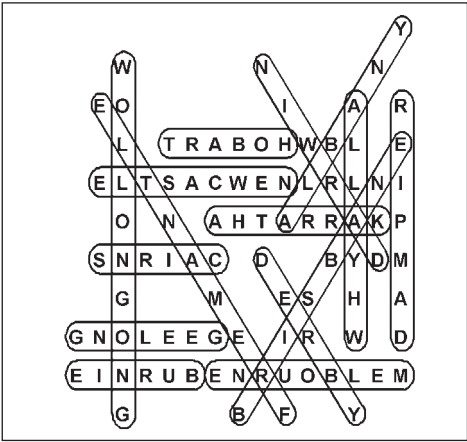
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Siesta Isles	Fort Myers Beach	2001	3,806	\$1,175,000	\$1,085,000	151
Beachview Country Club Estates	Sanibel	1988	2,428	\$1,095,000	\$1,050,000	52
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