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Captiva History Gallery Gets A Makeover

submitted by Molly Downing

On January 25, the Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) held a "History Two-fer:" the ceremonial ribbon-cutting of its recently refurbished History Gallery; and the introduction of its self-guided Walking Tour of Captiva Island Historic Landmarks.

The History Gallery, a replica of the mailboat *Santiva*, is located in the Captiva Memorial Library. It represents the signature presence of CIHS on Captiva. Having attracted over 35,000 visitors since its opening in 2014, it has helped the CIHS fulfill its mission of preserving, interpreting and sharing Captiva Island history. Yet, like any good thing, it was time for an upgrade.

Over the past year, the CIHS embarked on a renovation of historic proportions. All the content was refreshed, a new exhibit was added, the overall appearance was updated with new flooring, display panels and signage. The renovation tapped into the latest technology, with



The refurbished CIHS History Gallery

photos provided

new monitors, museum quality equipment and continual loop videos.

More than 30 guests watched in the lobby of the Captiva library as current CIHS President Tom Libonate recognized the CIHS founding board for their vision and foresight in creating such a remarkable historical space.



Jim Pigott cuts the ribbon while Tom Libonte and guests look on

He also acknowledged the hard work of the current board to implement the improvements.

Libonate then thanked founding President Jim Pigott for his steadfast leadership and revealed a plaque and a lifelike sandpiper sculpture, dedicated to Pigott. Following comments, Pigott picked

up the ceremonial scissors, and swiftly and capably cut the ribbon.

Guests then came into the gallery to experience the refreshed history gallery firsthand, as they learned about the innovations.

Meanwhile, guests congregated in the
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More than 100 artists will have their works for sale

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Rotary Arts And Crafts Festival Next Weekend

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Arts & Crafts Festival returns next Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16. Organizers of the 37th annual

festival expect nearly 7,000 visitors to attend the show and sale on the grounds of The Community House. The juried show features more than 100 artists and crafters, exhibitors, cultural jewelers and booths and activities relating to health, life enrichment and disaster relief education.

The festival is Rotary's largest fundraiser and an island tradition dating
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Final Pine Island Sounds Sunset Concert Cruise

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Pine Island Sounds sunset concert series will feature Emmy-nominated singer/songwriter Amythyst Khia on Sunday, March 1 aboard the *Lady Chadwick*. Whether playing banjo or acoustic guitar, Khia captures eclectic influences that span decades, finding inspiration in old time music, alternative rock, folk, country and blues.

Nominated for a 2020 Grammy for Best American Roots Song, *Black Myself*, Khia's provocative and fierce vocals showcase her ability to cross boundaries in a groundbreaking and unforgettable way.

This is the third and final voyage this season of Pine Island Sounds, a concert series created in partnership with Captiva Cruises. This grand finale, all-inclusive cruise will feature an open bar and an innovative selection of heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Catering by Leslie Adams.



Amythyst Khia

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A limited number of tickets are available on the double-deck *Lady Chadwick*, which has an air-conditioned bar on the lower level and an open-air deck on the top level. Boarding begins at
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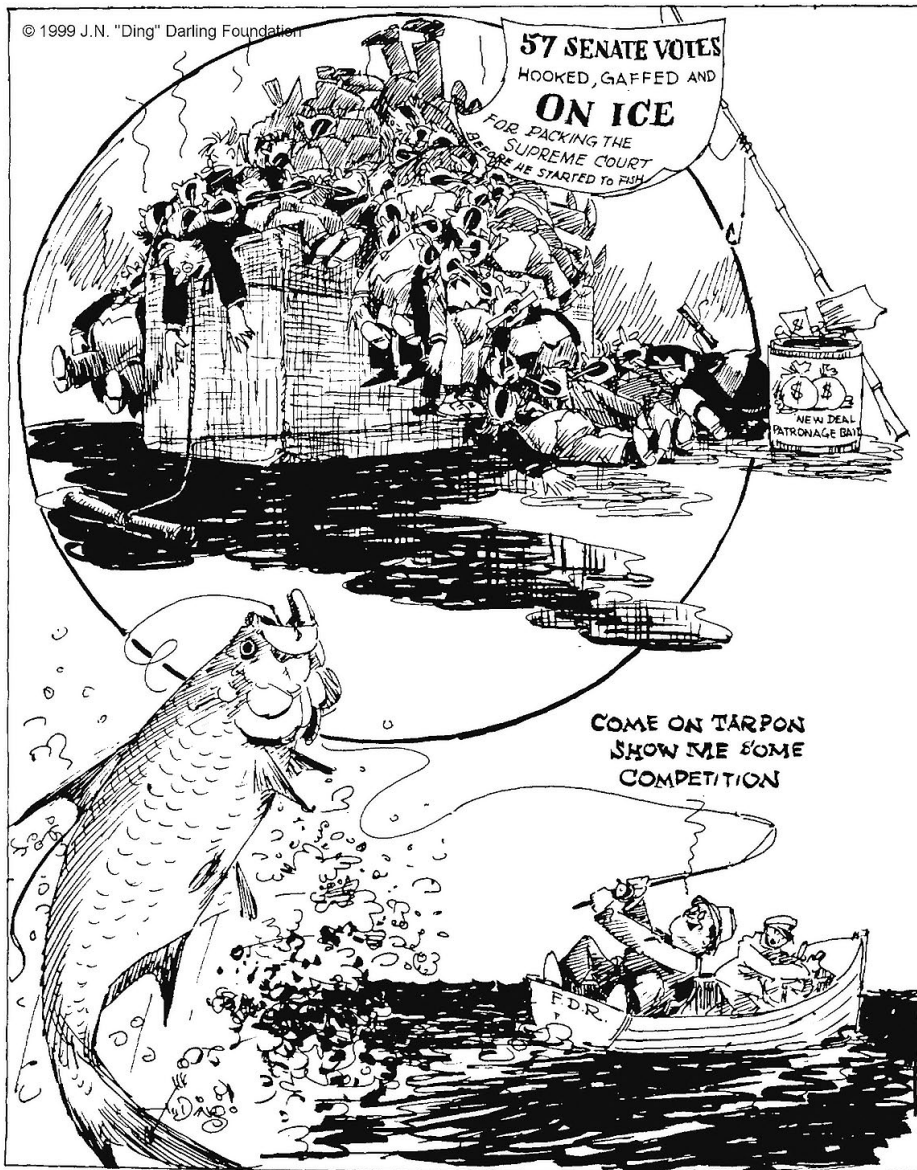


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From The Pen Of 'Ding' Darling

As JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge prepares for its 9th annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament this week, it revisits a 1937 cartoon by its namesake, Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, titled *Evidently those little Washington fish don't even give him a workout*. Having nothing to do with tarpon-fishing, the cartoon, in typical Darling style, used a wildlife creature as a metaphor for political transgressions. Here, he lampoons President Franklin Roosevelt: "57 Senate votes hooked, gaffed and on ice," it reads, "for packing the Supreme Court before he started to fish."

In partnership with the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the

Refuge (DDWS), the *Island Sun* is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge by honoring its roots in the noble profession of newspaper editorial cartooning.

Through December 1, 2020, the refuge's official anniversary, this newspaper will be running a monthly historical editorial cartoon penned by Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, who twice won the Pulitzer Prize for his thousands of cartoons that appeared in the *Des Moines Register* in the early 1900s, syndicated in 150 dailies across the country.

To learn more about Darling, his work and his legacy, watch future *Island Sun* issues for this monthly feature. For more information about the refuge's 75th anniversary celebration, visit www.ding75.org.

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Concert Cruise

4 p.m., with departure from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva at 4:30 p.m., cruising until the sun sets at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$120 and include drinks and appetizers.

The concert series features unique national touring acts of varying genres

in an intimate setting, and ticket sales support SCCF's water quality efforts, which provide solid data and encourage science-based water management practices at the federal, state, regional and local levels.

In the case of inclement weather, the venue may change to a location within a reasonable distance of Captiva Cruises.

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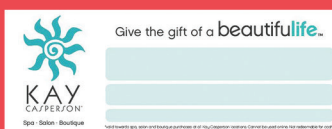
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Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

Looking Back: Pre-Causeway

The only traffic jams back in the pre-causeway days of the ferry (1928-63) were lining up at the docks of Punta Rassa to get to Sanibel and Captiva in the winter season. The Kinzie Brothers ran as many as four ferries between Punta Rassa and Sanibel, but there were usually only two in daily operation.

Learn more about the history of Sanibel at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. There is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10



Sanibel ferry photo courtesy Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

for adults over 18, no charge for members and children. For more information, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call 472-4648.✱

Discussion On Life And Expectations

The Rev. Kimi Riegel will be the guest speaker in Fellowship Hall of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Sunday, February 16 at 5 p.m.

Rev. Riegel is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. She has been in the ministry for 27 years. She has served the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church of Southfield, Michigan for 18 years. She is a wife, mother and, most recently, grandmother.

Rev. Riegel will speak about the frustration people feel as expectations of a better world are rapidly diminishing. Although most people have been taught to believe that things will get better, what if they don't? What can you depend on when you are disappointed? Can you live without expectations? Leaning on Buddhist teaching, Rev. Riegel asks the audience to be present to the possibilities of this moment in time.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. For more information, visit www.sanibelucc.org.✱

Churches/Temples

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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, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 732-780-2016.

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The Reverend Dr. John H. Danner, Sr. Pastor. The Rev. Deborah Kunkel, Associate Pastor. Sunday worship: chapel service at 7:45 a.m. Full service at 9 and 11 a.m. with Sunday school and nursery care provided, www.sanibelucc.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 472-0497.

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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, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901.✱

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Periwinkle Park sign

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Historic Video Of Periwinkle Park Available Online

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village last year held a Twilight Talk about the history of Periwinkle Park. Since then, there have been many requests by people who are interested in viewing the video played during the event. To view that video, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org, click on "News" and click on "Twilight Talks." The video, marked April 2019, is the first one the left. It runs approximately an hour and a half.

"We hope many people, particularly those who live in Periwinkle Park, will take advantage of this opportunity to watch this interesting program about the park's history," said Emilie Alfino, executive director. Other Twilight Talks are available on the website by following the same instructions.

Two more Twilight Talks are scheduled for the remainder of the season. Both talks will be held at The Community House at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling Alfino at 472-4648.

On March 11, participants will hear from people "Locally Homegrown on Sanibel." Sanibel children of the 1950s will join the Rushworth family and friends and hear from patriarch Jack Rushworth about growing up on Sanibel in the "old days."

On April 7, participants will hear Fish (& Fishy!) Stories of Sanibel, remembering somewhat true stories of Sanibel that many would like to forget. Disclaimer: Names may be changed to protect the alleged suspects and characters. Ty Symroski, whose family started coming to Sanibel more than 100 years ago – and has three buildings in the historical village – has many funny, serious and dubious stories to tell about people from "back in the day." Attendees will have to make their own decisions regarding these stories' levels of veracity.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. The Sanibel Historical Village, which has handicap access, is located at 950 Dunlop Road. Admission is \$10 for adults older than age 18; no charge for members and children.*

OBITUARY



MAUREEN ANN RAINS

Maureen Ann Rains (Flanagan), wife, mother and friend, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. "Mo," to all who loved her, redefined courage and character as she bravely battled lung cancer for the last three years.

She was born on August 26, 1947 in Oelwein, Iowa to the late Bernard and Eileen "Pat" Flanagan. Mo and her devoted husband, Gordon, were happily married for 51 years. Mo had an unparalleled zest for life and loved golf, scoring her first hole in one three years ago. She was witty, beautiful and charming, and there was no such thing as a stranger to Mo – only friends she hadn't met yet. She was small but mighty and was even playing soccer into her 60s.

Maureen is survived by her adoring husband, Gordon, and her loving daughters, Meribeth and Jen (Mike) as well as her three grandchildren, Brendan, Katie and Quinn. Funeral services were held in Michigan on January 19. A memorial celebration will be announced in the upcoming weeks for her Florida friends and family.

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Center 4 Life Arts and Crafts Fair co-chairs, from left, Shirley Schulz, Eileen Kehoe and Ann Moeder photo provided

Island Seniors Arts And Crafts Fair This Saturday

Island Seniors, Inc. will hold its annual Arts & Crafts Fair this Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Center 4 Life. Nearly 40 local vendors will be selling their creative designs including jewelry, basket designs, books,

nature art, glass work, tropical plants, paintings and fabric art.

A bargain priced hot dog lunch will be available for hungry guests. This is a great opportunity to buy handmade gifts by local artists and craftspeople.

Center 4 Life is located at 2401 Library Way on Sanibel. Island Seniors, Inc. annual memberships are available for \$20 per individual. Stop by for a complimentary tour during operating hours. For more information, call 472-5743.✴



Local artists will have their originals for sale photo provided

Art Show And Sale This Saturday

Sanibel Captiva Art League will host its popular Art on the Veranda show and sale this Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bailey's General Store. In an eclectic outdoor display, award-winning artists from the

Sanibel Captiva Art League bring original works of art for viewing and for sale. A variety of mediums will be available including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and collage. Styles and subjects are diverse and there will be plenty of local interest art.

Bailey's General Store is located at 2477 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel For more information, visit www.sancapart.com.✴

OBITUARY



JOSEPH MICHAEL DEGEORGE

Joseph Michael DeGeorge, 76, passed away at Gulf Coast Medical Center on January 30, 2020.

Born in Brooklyn, New York on July 5, 1943, he moved to Sanibel in the 1980s, where he made his home until his death. Family and fellow islanders knew him as a true island character who did odd jobs around the community and always had a friendly wave and conversation to share. He will be remembered for his openness and genuine friendliness to all he met. He enjoyed spending time with friends and families and working around in his yard.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Pauline and Joseph DeGeorge, and brother, Michael DeGeorge. He is survived by his daughters, Sarah DeGeorge of Fort Myers and Lisa DeGeorge of Georgia, his stepdaughter, Savannah Jones and wife Patti Jones. Details of a memorial service for Joe are still being decided. In the meantime, send condolences to Sarah DeGeorge, 4861 E. Riverside Dr., Tice, FL 33905.✴

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Beaches Looking Good For Now

by Wendy McMullen

Our beaches are looking good and free of red tide and the project to store water to regulate freshwater flows through the Caloosahatchee to Sanibel is on track to be completed in 2025, according to Director of Natural Resources James Evans.

The reservoir, known as the C43 Reservoir, is located on the Caloosahatchee west of Fort Myers. It will provide 38 percent of the watershed storage needed within the Caloosahatchee basin and is estimated to reduce excess water by 80 percent.

“It should give us more control and flexibility over the dry periods and of water flowing down the river to Sanibel,” said Vice Mayor Mick Denham.

Evans said the 55 billion gallons stored in the reservoir is equivalent to 170,000 acres of land with one-foot-deep water on top.

The project consists of 19 miles of dam embankment and a 15-mile perimeter canal and has 14 major water control structures, three pump stations and three bridges.

The total cost of the project is \$806 million of which \$524 million is construction costs. The project is funded by the Sate of Florida and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Coyotes: How Many, What To Do About Them

by Wendy McMullen

Coyote concerns came up again at city council this week with their detractors weighing in on the urgency of the situation and supporters urging restraint.

“I’m glad to see the city council using a science-based approach to consider the problem,” said Committee of the Islands (COTI) Environmental Chair Barbara Cooley, speaking of the management plan that the City of Sanibel had put together while Georgianne Nienaber, a Lake Murex resident, urged people to

consider the number of people bitten by dogs on Sanibel in the past five years (47) compared to the number of coyote attacks (0).

“People fear the unknown and we don’t know enough about coyotes,” she said. “We need to look at all the factors.”

Tammy Flaherty, who lives in Poinciana Circle of Island Inn Road, expressed more urgency about the issue. “We live under siege from 4:30 in the evening until 10:30 in the morning she said, describing how she had heard the horrible noise of two coyotes fighting in the driveway of a neighbor’s house. She tried the usual hazing techniques and yelled loudly and put her flashlight on strobe to no avail.

It was this same area where a dog was attacked two months ago. Flaherty has now installed a camera in her yard and has seen coyotes in her yard multiple times.

Former City Councilman Steve Brown, who lives in the West Gulf Drive area, said he comes across coyotes every single day. “If coyotes had rabies shots, it wouldn’t be a problem,” he said referring to Nienaber’s comparison between dog bites and coyote bites.

George and Maria Dusenberry also spoke about the urgency of the situation.

“We’re not going to hear about it if there’s a dog bite, but if a coyote bites someone, it’s going to ruin tourism on the island. It will take decades o recover, tourism will go down the tubes, property values will go down.”

Nienaber seemed to disagree. “Life is uncertain We buy into the natural approach when we buy on the island,” she said.

“People come here to see the wildlife,” said Councilman Jason Maughan.

The city has now put a coyote management and education plan in place. The plan involves eight stages:

1. Providing coyote safety information to city website.
2. Getting research proposals to determine the current status of coyotes on Sanibel, i.e., how many there are, what they eat, where they live and how they behave.
3. Obtaining public records from other areas regarding capturing coyotes on islands which have sea turtles. (Coyotes apparently love sea turtles.)
4. Evaluating options for managing coyotes that pose a threat to people and pets and for managing coyotes that pose a threat to protected species or other native

5. Placing wildlife cameras on Island Inn Road where there are reports of high coyote activity.
6. Developing a coyote tracking and education website.
7. Organizing a variety of educational presentations for the community.
8. Consider training opportunities with fish and wildlife related to coyote hazing techniques.

Stages one and two are now complete and the remaining are ongoing.

There are now four cameras located on Island Inn Road – borrowed from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – where coyote activity has been reported and more cameras will be placed around the island as more reports come in.

City council requests that residents who have sighted coyotes on their own security cameras report activity to the City of Sanibel Department of Natural Resources. They would also welcome suggestions for future placement of cameras. There is no program on the island for culling (trapping and killing) coyotes but residents who want to do so can call and pay for their own trapper.✱

Council Voices Opposition To Fish Farm

by Wendy McMullen

An experimental commercial fish farm in the Gulf of Mexico west of Sarasota would have adverse impacts on the west coast of Florida and increase nitrogen and phosphorous which lead to red tide, Director of Natural Resources James Evans told Sanibel City Council on Tuesday.

The proposed Kampechi Fish Farm, proposed in collaboration with Mote Marine Laboratory, would have raised large populations of fish which opponents say would add nitrogen and phosphorous to the water.

“It is difficult to understand why the federal government would even begin to entertain the idea of allowing this practice off the continental United States, let alone in a body of water that has experienced increasing frequency and duration of ruinous harmful algae blooms,” a Red Tide

Alert document from one of the opposition groups asserted.

“We don’t need any more nutrients out in the Gulf of Mexico,” said Evans.

Councilman Richard Johnson added that while we are spending millions of dollars to combat nutrients in the water, we shouldn’t be approving projects that add to the problem.

Council voted to send a letter opposing the project that same day, which was the last day to file an objection. Committee of the Islands (COTI) Environmental Chair Barbara Joy Cooley suggested that the council file a complaint about not having been informed about the project when the idea was first suggested.

Funding For Shoreline Project Approved

by Wendy McMullen

Funding for the shoreline protection project currently under way on the curve opposite Pine Avenue at the western end of Sanibel has been approved by the Lee County Board of Commissioners with funds for the \$1.3 million project coming from the Lee County Tourist Development Council.

The project uses Treeline technology, sandbags and sheet pile along with living vegetation and will extend along 536 feet of shoreline. Monitoring for sea turtles and shorebirds is part of the project.

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Myakka River Bluegrass Band

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Musical Sunday Services Open To The Public

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is holding musical worship services during February. A variety of musical genres will be highlighted during the church's blended worship service held on Sundays at 9 a.m. and the traditional service at 11 a.m.

On Sunday, February 9, the Myakka River Blue Grass Band leads the music on Blue Grass Sunday. Gospel music will be celebrated at both services. On

Sunday, February 16, the Gospel Choir, led by Pastor Michael Barnes from Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, will share their gifts of music at the 9 and 11 a.m. services. On Sunday, February 23, members from Island Jazz return for the annual Mardi Gras celebration for both the blended and traditional worship services.

Members of the public are invited to attend any or all of these services.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across from Periwinkle Place shopping center. For more information, call 472-0497 or visit www.sanibelucc.org.

Exhibit At The Homestead



Stilted Conversation by Renee Chastant

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Island is the theme for a new show at the Bailey Homestead Preserve, on exhibit now through April 2. Featuring art in diverse media created by members of Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and artists of Sanibel Captiva Art League, this exhibit spotlights the culture, wildlife, landscape and sea of the local environment.

See what "Island" means to local artists as they depict various facets of the

surrounding ecosystem and the way of life islanders strive to protect. Visitors can also tour the SCCF Native Landscapes and Garden Center at the preserve.

Bailey Homestead Preserve is located at 1300 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Hours for viewing are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artists will donate a portion of all sales to SCCF.

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Reception To Feature Photos By Sanibel Students

The nature photography of 30 students from art and yearbook classes at The Sanibel School will be featured at a reception on Wednesday, February 19 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) at Bailey Homestead Preserve.

The SCCF "Ding" Darling Brush of Excellence (BOE) Environmental Art Program provides a continuing tribute to JN "Ding" Darling's legacy and an annual recognition of environmental artists following in Darling's footsteps. This program aims to highlight artists who bring exemplary awareness to the natural world and highlight the uniqueness of Sanibel.

For the first time this year, SCCF partnered with Sanibel School as part of the BOE to introduce students to nature photography. Award-winning nature photographer Sallie Rich, the 2019 BOE award winner, led a workshop with students on the techniques of nature photography, including composition, lighting and ethical approaches to the medium.

"It's such a wonderful opportunity for these students to choose their favorite photos for the exhibit based on which of these techniques they found to have the most merit," said Rich.

SCCF Volunteer and Education



Brush of Excellence education students at Pick Preserve

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Coordinator Alexis Horn, who is also an accomplished nature photographer, led students on a photography hike in SCCF's Pick Preserve after their classroom session with Rich. To deepen their appreciation of photography as an art, the students used cameras with film rather than digital cameras.

After the photos were developed, Horn worked with students in the classroom to choose and mount their favorite photos, which will be shown at

the gallery-style reception.

"I hope that by getting kids into nature and exploring the photographic medium, it will build an appreciation for the arts and the natural world, as honored in the BOE program," said Horn.

The public is invited to the reception. Light refreshments will be served.

Bailey Homestead Preserve is located at 1300 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.✪

Grief Support Group Meetings

Sanibel Community Church is offering GriefShare sessions on Tuesdays through March 31 in the main sanctuary. They are open to everyone who has lost a loved one. The program features a video, book, discussion and support. Refreshments will be served.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information, contact Maryelle Pavelka at 850-4221 or Robert Adams at 408-569-5440.✪

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Rotary Festival


back to the 1980s. Event chair Scot Congress said, "Proceeds are used for island education, outreach and select Rotary works, and in clean water, sanitation, disease eradication and conflict resolution throughout the world." Sanibel-Captiva Rotary also funds world programs to provide wheelchairs, erase poverty and promote vocational training. Miracles in Action in Guatemala is one of those programs serving the impoverished in the Central American country. Representatives with the group will be at the festival. Apparel with designs by the late Ikki Matsumoto will also be available for purchase.

There will also be a silent auction of 150 donated items including art pieces, merchandise, and restaurant and hotel certificates. The auction is open all weekend and attracts hundreds of bidders.

Visitors can relax in the food court between shopping and order some of Little Joe's award-winning food. They have been serving thousands of satisfied customers since 1981.

Rotary is an international organization with 1.2 million members in 168 countries. The Sanibel-Captiva chapter has more than 70 members. The group meets at 7 a.m. on Fridays at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Visitors and snowbirds are welcome.

Rotary Arts & Crafts Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. A \$5 donation is requested. The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Drivers will be directed to free parking.✪


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Dr. Tiffany Troxler, Director of Science at the Sea Level Solutions Center in the Institute of Water and Environment at Florida International University, will share her knowledge. She has spent years researching and teaching sea level rise, its various impacts on natural and urban environments, and recommended interventions. Her nature-based approaches to mitigation and adaptation are based on solid scientific knowledge. Her proficiency and expertise will be evident as she brings us up to date on the most current information about how to address storm surges, more frequent king tides, coastal erosion, saltwater intrusion, and more. Join the conversation!

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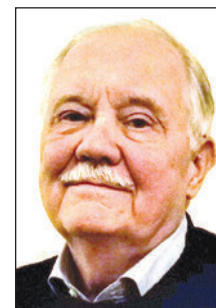
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Sanibel Shell Show Judges Announced

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club announced the judges for the artistic and scientific entries at the Sanibel Shell Show, which begins on Thursday, March 5. The artistic division judges are Phyllis Gray of Orlando, Florida and Sharlene Totten of Clearwater, Florida. The scientific division judges are MG "Jerry" Harasewych of Washington, DC and Harry G. Lee of Jacksonville, Florida.

Gray has a longtime interest in the ocean and the outdoors. Her first Girl Scout badge was the Sea Life Proficiency badge. She has been a member of the Central Florida Shell Club since about 1970 and has served the club in most offices and committees through the years. She currently is the club's representative to the Conchologists of America and the co-chair of the COA Convention, to be held in Melbourne, Florida in June. She is a recent member and current vice-president of the Astronaut Trail Shell Club. Gray has won awards for both her scientific and artistic exhibits, and has judged artistic entries for eight different Florida shell clubs.

Totten is originally from Michigan, but has resided in Florida for the past 32

years. She has taught a variety of arts and crafts classes in the adult education programs of the Pinellas County School System. Her use of shells, pearls, precious stones, sterling silver and gold metals in designing original jewelry and in stained glass pieces has won her many awards. Her original pieces are sold at many of the shell shows here in Florida. Totten has been an artistic judge at many Florida shell shows during the last 13 years.

Harasewych has retired, but remains emeritus curator in the Department of Invertebrate Zoology at the Smithsonian Institution. He continues to publish research papers on slit shells, neogastropods and land snails of the genus *Cerion*. He has authored or co-authored several popular books, including *Shells, Jewels of the Sea* and *The Book of Shells*. An abridged version, *The Little Book of Shells*, will be published in May.

Lee, MD, began his pursuit of conchology at age 6. He is known for his remarkable memory regarding shell identification and data. He is the author of *Marine Shells of Northeast Florida* (2009) and numerous scientific papers. He has judged the Sanibel Shell Show many times, as well as other shell shows throughout Florida. Dr. Lee will be holding shell identification clinics throughout the shell show in the scientific exhibit hall.*

Night To Shine Returns To Sanibel Church

Sanibel Community Church will serve as one of more than 600 churches around the world registered to simultaneously host Night to Shine on Friday, February 7. The event, which is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is a prom night experience for people with special needs ages 14 and older.

Guest and volunteer registration for the Sanibel Community Church location is open online at <http://sanibelchurch.com/night-to-shine-2020>.

Sanibel Community Church will be a part of a worldwide movement that embraces people with special needs and stand ups for those who are differently-abled.

Every Night to Shine guest enters the complimentary event on a red carpet, complete with paparazzi. Inside, they receive the royal treatment, such as hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and

boutonnieres, a catered dinner, karaoke, prom favors and dance floor – all leading up to the crowning of a king or queen of the prom and a streamed video message from Tim Tebow.

For more information about activities, timelines and sponsorship opportunities, visit the Facebook page at Sanibel Church Night to Shine 2020.

For more about the Night to Shine, visit www.timtebowfoundation.org/index.php/night-to-shine.*

Bird Walk At Bunche Beach




The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be held at Bunche Beach on Saturday, February 8. Meet at the beach parking at the end of John Morris Road at 8 a.m. Parking fee is \$2 per hour. Waterproof shoes are a must because the walk will be through tidal pools. These bird walks are open to public and all levels of experience. A \$5 donation is appreciated. For more information, visit www.san-capaudubon.org.*

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Native seaside goldenrod is a must-include species for a butterfly garden photo by Gerri Reaves

Plant Smart
Seaside Goldenrod
by Gerri Reaves

Many goldenrod species are native to Florida and several to only northern regions. Seaside goldenrod (*Solidago sempervirens*) is common in this area and, in fact, is native to much of the eastern U.S. and Canada. This perennial wildflower is a member of the aster family and is also called salt-marsh goldenrod. The profuse bright yellow flowers make it a desirable ornamental for any landscape, particularly as a butterfly attractor. It's a major food source for migrating monarch butterflies and beneficial to pollinators, birds and other small wildlife. It is also valuable in dune restoration and stabilization. It can grow four to six feet tall and produces dense cylindrical spikes of flowers of about one-half inch across. When examined close up, they resemble tiny daisies with seven to 11 ray flowers surrounding the disk. The alternative linear leaves are fleshy and grow the length of the erect stem, decreasing in length up the spike. Leaves at the base of the plant are eight to 20 inches long and create a rosette effect. It grows best in rather dry conditions and full sun. High salt tolerance makes it especially suitable for coastal gardens. It is also pest resistant and drought tolerant. Older specimens form clumps with rhizomes and will sometimes reseed. Propagate it with seeds or by division. The plant has an interesting connection to local history. Thomas A. Edison researched using its latex to manufacture natural rubber. A note to allergy sufferers: Blame ragweed, not goldenrod, for those sniffles. Sources: *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Gardening for Florida's Butterflies* by Pamela F. Traas, *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida* by Peter Alden et al., *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *Wildflowers of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, and www.usda.gov. *Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*✧

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Captiva Gallery



Jim Pigott admires the sandpiper sculpture CIHS dedicated in his name photo provided

Captiva Civic Center for the introduction of the self-guided walking tour of historic landmarks. A video continually played on the big screen with descriptions and photos for each of the 12 locations. Brochures with a map and descriptions were presented, as guests enjoyed coffee and pastry. Board members conducted mini-tours, which included visiting Tween Waters Inn for a tour of "Ding" Darling's iconic cottage. The CIHS appreciates the following for making these two features of Captiva history a reality. A generous grant from the Charitable Foundation of the Islands helped fund the technology upgrade. Thanks go to Ken Sneed & Associates for repurposing and producing video content; to CIHS archivist Queenie Viglione for her many hours of historical research, and to Bob Johnson of Back Bay Property Management for handling much of the heavy work; to The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Green Flash/Muck Duck restaurants, American Realty, the Klaskin Foundation and anonymous personal donors for their financial support. Coffee was compliments of Starbucks of Captiva. The History Gallery is located in the Captiva Memorial Library, 11550 Chapin Lane on Captiva, and can be accessed during library hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Complete descriptions and photos of each of the 12 locations on the walking tour can be accessed remotely at www.captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org under the "Walking Tour" tab in the main menu. Walking Tour brochures are available in the CIHS History Gallery.✧

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Sheepshead Smackdown



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Clients this week enjoyed the most consistent sheepshead fishing we have seen so far this winter. With water temperatures staying in the mid to low 60s, these fish fired up and are chewing. Many days we had our eight fish per angler limits as we headed to the fillet table. The average size on these fish also increased with most going over 14 inches along with several as large as 20 inches caught.

Now that these sheepshead have finally arrived in huge numbers, they are very accessible to all anglers with or without a boat. Some extremely productive sheepshead spots for shore-bound anglers include the Blind Pass Bridge and the Sanibel Pier. To catch these fish, it's as simple as dropping a chunk of shrimp on a jig head down a barnacle-encrusted piling.

I recently purchased some jigs designed specifically for sheepshead fishing. While searching the web for the usual jig heads I buy, I stumbled upon a new style of sheepshead jig. This jig is a painted egg-shaped lead with a flat bottom, making it sit flush on the bottom. It has two rings molded into the lead. One side is tied into the leader, and the other side holds a split ring and hook. The jig comes in a variety of weights and can be rigged with any size hook. A 1/0 needle point hook seems to be the perfect set-up. This jig has increased not only our hook-up percentage, but the majority of the fish we are catching are hooked in the corner of the mouth. This makes for both a solid hook set and easier hook removal. What makes this jig work so well is the chunk of shrimp sits above the lead, making the fish turn on their side to eat it.

If your looking to go home with a fresh fish dinner, it does not get much easier than now. With many of our other food fish species still closed to harvest, sheepshead are not only plentiful but delicious. Our winter sheepshead fishing will be on fire through the whole month of February.

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.*



Alex and Doug got their limit of big sheepshead with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

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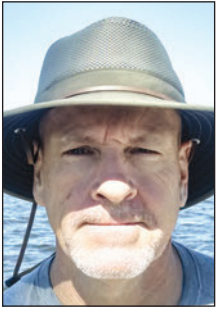
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Great Horned Owl



by Bob Petcher

The great horned owl is a nocturnal bird that dwells within woods that have fields or other open areas around. They are distinguishable by their long, earlike tufts, intimidating stare and deep hoot.

At CROW, a nestling great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*) was admitted to the clinic from Estero after it reportedly fell from its nest. Veterinarians examined the owl and did not find any signs of broken bones or apparent injury from the fall, but did note it to have an increased respiratory effort, likely from stress, being overheated or pain from soft tissue injuries. It was placed in an oxygen chamber to help it calm down and breathe easier. The search for the exact location of its nest began and was located three days later. However, the parents were not seen in the area and it was not able to be re-nested.

"Babies can fall from the nest and end up on the ground for several reasons – pushed out by a sibling, commonly referred to as 'siblicide,' being clumsy, or after stormy weather/high winds," said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW staff veterinarian. "Often, the parents will continue to feed and protect the baby even if it is on the ground. If it is injured or orphaned, then it needs to be treated by certified wildlife



The two owlet patients are being raised together rehabilitators."

Three days later, a second, slightly older, nestling great horned owl that fell from its nest was admitted to the clinic from Bokeelia. It was severely anemic and received a blood transfusion with blood donated from Mina, CROW's great horned owl animal ambassador.

"Our ambassador birds typically donate blood a few times per year – we are able to do this because birds regenerate blood cells faster than mammals do," said Dr. Bast. "The typical scenario is a hawk patient that needs a blood transfusion as part of treatment for rodenticide toxicity, and Talon, our red-tailed hawk, has donated blood to help. Another scenario

is when a seabird suffering from red tide poisoning needs a blood transfusion, we can often take blood from another seabird patient that is healthy and close to release."

Both owlets are currently being housed and raised together. This will help them learn from each other as they grow and prevent them from becoming habituated to human care.

Breanna Frankel, CROW rehabilitation manager, said the birds are adjusting well.

"The first couple days they stayed on different sides of the enclosure, but gradually came together. They are regularly seen side by side, and they eat side by side as well," she said. "Their day begins

around 7:30 (a.m.) when we gently wake them up and offer the first meal. They are left alone in the enclosure with enrichment, mirrors, stuffed animals, nature sounds and various food bits. A second meal is offered around 2 p.m. and a third around 8 or 9 p.m. The most important thing now is getting them to pick food up on their own. As they begin to eat on their own, we will only have to supply food twice a day, which limits our interaction even more."

Frankel stated that the owlets being raised together is very important in their rearing.

"They need to know that they are great horned owls, not humans, in order to survive in the wild. Any type of habituation can prevent a successful release when they are ready. Being raised "wild" with another owl and potentially having Mina foster them is how we prevent habituation. They will likely be at the clinic for the next couple months until they learn to fly and hunt on their own, at which time we will determine the best release plan. If the opportunity for cross-fostering with a wild nest arises, it would be a good option and might change our course of action. We do our very best to raise these babies to be successful and wild, but having owl parents is always the best choice, if possible."

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Shell Of The Week

Little Speckled Slipper Snail



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

Crepidula ustulatulina Collin, 2000, is a local gastropod that reaches only about 13 mm (about 0.5 inch). Its shell is oval, thin and convex. Slipper snails have an unusual shelf that serves as protection to the animal's most delicate organs. The shelf margin in this species is arched and extends further forward (downward in the photos) on its left side. As the common name of the species indicates, the shell usually displays a speckled color pattern, with distinct chestnut-brown spots or streaks against a whitish background. Shelf whitish. In contrast to its northeastern U.S. counterpart, *Crepidula convexa*, individuals in this species undergo a brief free-living larval stage (called pediveliger). The specimen on the bottom of the image, possibly a female, has a smaller individual, possibly a male, attached to its shell. Read more about mollusks and their shells at www.shellmuseum.org/shell-guide and www.shellmuseum.org/blog. The museum is open. The aquarium



The Little Speckled Slipper Snail, *Crepidula ustulatulina* is scheduled to open in March 2020. See updates at www.shellmuseum.org. The Bailey-Matthews National Shell

photo by José H. Leal

Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 395-2233 or visit www.shellmuseum.org.

Shell Found



Linda Geimer photo provided

Linda Geimer from St. Louis, Missouri found a junonia on Sanibel. She and her husband have been staying at Sanibel Arms Condominiums for several years. She said, "It is a wonderful place and perfect spot to find shells. This beautiful junonia shell rolled up on the shore right at my feet! I love Sanibel."✱✱

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Shell Museum Reaches Goal Of \$6 Million

by Brian Johnson

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum hosted its 17th annual Under The Sea fundraiser on February 1 and made a final push to arrive at its multi-million dollar campaign goal.

The evening went in spectacular style and \$270,000 was raised to get over the \$6 million finish line.

"It's wonderful," said Executive Director Dorrie Hipschman. "There has been a lot of community support – people have helped us every step of the way."

The museum took in \$46,500 during the live auction and an additional \$223,500 in the "Paddles Up" auction.

"It's so exciting," said Assistant Director Melanie Moraga. "I was so thankful for every person in the room, and for everyone in the community who helped us bring our dreams to fruition."

The evening also served as a "sneak preview" of the newly remodeled museum for sponsors, donors and friends of the museum. The stunning new Living Collection Gallery has a sleek design that greets visitors as they enter on the ground floor.

The museum and gift shop will be open to the public while staff puts the final touches on exhibit panels and brings in the live mollusks for the new aquarium. "It's so modern and gorgeous, and it is exciting to imagine the daily programming we will be able to offer students, residents and vacationers," said Moraga.

Guests arrived at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday night for cocktails and appetizers and to take a tour of the exhibits. Glass windows let in natural light and spirits were high as they previewed the auction items. Hipschman and shell museum board vice president Scot Congress welcomed guests as they sat for dinner on the second floor.

"What I'm most excited about is that we are the only organization in the world that pays attention to this group of animals – this is an important conservation effort," said Hipschman.

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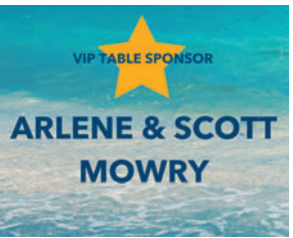
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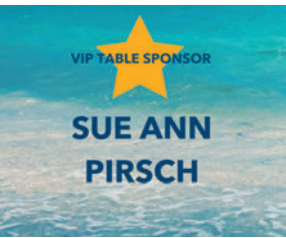
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Friday, February 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity with an animal ambassador.

Friday, February 7, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Why Animals Come to CROW (daily presentation).

Friday, February 7, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity with an animal ambassador.

Friday, February 7, 2 p.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Patient Profiles: Wading Birds (daily presentation). One



of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity with an animal ambassador.

Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Baby Care at CROW (daily presentation).

Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – CROW Case of the Week (daily presentation). One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Monday, February 10, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity with an animal ambassador.

Monday, February 10, 11 a.m.,

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Monday, February 10, 4:15 p.m., adults: \$10, teens: \$5, age 12 and under: no charge. Advance registration highly recommended – Speaker Series presented by LCEC: The World Turtle Crisis and its Local Effects. Speaker will be Chris Lechowicz, director of habitat management and herpetologist for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF).

The southeastern region of the U.S. has the second highest diversity of turtle species in the world, next to Southeast Asia. Increasing human population mixed with high demand for turtles for food, traditional medicine and pets has created a high demand on these animals, especially in Asian markets. Several continents, including North America, are feeling the pressure on its native populations due to illegal trafficking. Lechowicz will discuss the problem and

suggest some ways you can help to minimize these issues.

Tuesday, February 11, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity with an animal ambassador.

Tuesday, February 11, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Patient Profiles: Virginia Opossums (daily presentation). One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

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Tuesday, February 11, 2 p.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Species Profile: Snakes of Southwest Florida (daily presentation). One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Wednesday, February 12, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity with an animal ambassador.

Wednesday, February 12, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Wildlife Rescue

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Green Iguanas May Join State Prohibited List

submitted by Chris Lechowicz,
SCCF Wildlife and Habitat Manager

The exotic green iguana (*Iguana iguana*) may join the Burmese python and Nile monitor lizard on Florida's list of prohibited reptiles if a bill makes it through the legislature this session.

Approved unanimously by a Senate committee on January 21, the bill is awaiting discussion in committee in the House, and second committee discussion in the Senate. The bill would add green iguanas, as well as black and white tegus, another invasive lizard, to the state's prohibited list that bans the importation, possession, sale and breeding of these species in Florida. Some other species already on this list are Burmese pythons, both African python species, and Nile monitors, due to their threats to natural ecosystems.

Introduced into Florida in 1964, the green iguana became established as a sustainable breeding population just a few years later. The green iguana was first reported on Sanibel in 1970. These exotic lizards are native to most of Central America, over half of South America and parts of Mexico. Wild-caught green iguanas have been imported as pets since well before that



Green iguana

photo provided

time and still are today. Currently, however, most are farmed for export.

In several of their native countries, they are prized for their meat and can be scarce as a result.

There are a few scattered Florida records from the central peninsula and the panhandle but the majority of their range in the state is right along the coasts from Lee County on the west coast and St. Lucie County on the east coast, all the way through the Florida Keys to Key West.

Their range in Florida is restricted by cold weather, hence most of their range is along the coast and throughout the Keys where temperatures stay higher than in inland areas. During extended cold weather snaps in the 30s or low 40s in south Florida, green iguanas, which are an arboreal species, become unable to hold on to their perches and often fall to the ground immobilized.

They are relatively common on Sanibel, where 4,915 green iguanas have been trapped and removed since 2015, at the annual cost of about \$40,000 to the city. In October 2109, Lee County approved \$25,000 to trap and remove them from Captiva.

The green iguanas prefer to live, although not exclusively, in developed areas around homes and businesses where exotic vegetation such as hibiscus, colorful exotic flowers and vegetable gardens are plentiful. If left unchecked, they can become very dense in these areas and are considered a nuisance, especially in March here on the islands when they dig multiple large burrows in order to lay their eggs in. Damage is primarily caused when iguanas dig their burrows under a sidewalk, along sea walls or canal banks.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) urges islanders to support this bill. Sign up for Action Alerts at www.sccf.org to know when and who to contact on this and other important issues being considered in the current legislative session.*

American Legion Post 123

American Legion Post 123 is serving barbecued ribs and chicken this Sunday, February 9. The following Sunday, February 16, there will be a fish and shrimp fry from noon to 8 p.m.



A fundraiser for Ed Augustyn will be held on Sunday, February 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be live music and a silent auction. Barbecued ribs and chicken will be served.

The third Thursday of the month is Open Mic Night from 6 to 9 p.m.

The 9 Ball pool tournament begins at 5 p.m. on Monday nights.

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 member eligibility dates are November 11, 1918 through present. All veterans are welcome. Contact Tim or Randy at 472-9979.

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Pileated woodpeckers

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"Immersing the public in nature builds

such a strong bond and appreciation for the world around us. And looking at the world through a camera lens creates a completely new perspective of the wildlife and ecosystems we share this island with," said Horn.

Attendees will begin with a tutorial on the basics of photography, its application to environmental and wildlife photography, and the best practices for photographing certain species on the islands. The second half of the workshop will explore the Bailey Homestead to put these new tools to use.

"The Bailey Homestead is the perfect spot for an introduction to using your camera. From macro photos of native

flowers to photos of resident species, the preserve offers many opportunities to try new skills," said Horn.

All skill levels are welcome and all types of cameras may be used, including

mobile phone cameras. RSVP through Eventbrite/SCCF. Cost is \$15 for SCCF members and \$20 for non-members. Call SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center at 472-1932 with any questions.✧

Orchid Society Meeting

Repotting and Mounting will be the topic at the Monday, February 17 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. The program will be presented by Mickey Carnell, co-owner of Blue Pagoda Orchids in Englewood. The meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, located at 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the meeting's fundamentals session at 1 p.m. Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during show and tell. Orchid society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best hybrid and best species orchids. Most meetings will have orchids for sale as well as an orchid raffle. Annual society membership is \$25 for individuals and \$45 for couples. Guests are \$5.

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Red Culver of Sanibel with his first place ribbon at the January meeting for the orchid Brassidium Shooting Star photo provided



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Pearl Found



Pearl found in a raw oyster
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Dr. Neil Miller and Lisa Krol had an unexpected find at MudBugs Cajun Kitchen recently. Anja Kellenberger was their server and she said, "He ordered a dozen raw oysters and what a surprise, a pearl! You can find more than Louisiana crawfish at MudBugs." ✱



Dr. Neil Miller and Lisa Krol, center, with Anja Kellenberger and Dan Howes of MudBugs Cajun Kitchen

Shells Found



Anne Aldrich, Kim Whitehurst and Jean Quinn

photo by A. Ziehl

Anne Aldrich, Kim Whitehurst and Jean Quinn from Maine found three alphabet cones, one true tulip and one Scotch bonnet on the beach along West Gulf Drive. They were staying at Pine Cove of Sanibel. They said, "Although the shelling was not as productive as previous years, it's always a blast here!" ✱



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Island Currents

Following The Island Currents



by Kathy Kurtz Ferrari

Well, I have egg on my face (or is it kale?). After being featured in this column on January 24, The Sanibel Sprout has closed its shop at Bailey's and is moving to a

new location soon. I will try to have an update on the vegan café's new spot as soon as we hear more. I apologize for the confusion.

But there are so many other great restaurants on the islands. At some point, I'd love to dine at every one of them. (Sadly, those are the kinds of aspirations I have.)

And sometimes I just crave pizza. (And chocolate, but that's another story.) Lucky for us, **Island Pizza Company** has been satisfying that pizza craving for islanders for over 30 years.

With a sports bar feeling and lots of TVs, Island Pizza is a casual, fun place for family dining.

"There's not a whole lot of pizzerias on the islands," said Thomas Juneau, general manager of Island Pizza. "There's some Italian-type restaurants with pizza options, but for pizzerias, we're pretty much it."



The team at Island Pizza Company includes, from left, Elijah Burns, Thomas Juneau, Joe Craig, Hector Rodrigues, Maria Vasquez and chef Antonio Galvin

photos by Kathy Kurtz Ferrari

Never having eaten here before, my husband and I visited Island Pizza recently for an early dinner (another restaurant done on my list), and we enjoyed it.

The pizza is New York style, with a thin, crunchy crust. There are two different choices for the crust: traditional flour dough, or a cauliflower crust which is gluten-free.

Surprisingly, my husband chose the cauliflower crust, topped with broccoli and ham. (I was shocked, too. He's not even on a special diet.) I had a bite of his and the crust was really tasty. On my next visit, I will definitely have the cauliflower.



Island Pizza serves pizza and other lunch and dinner choices in a sports bar setting

"Our biggest selling pizza is the Islander, which is like a supreme pizza with all the meats and veggies," said Juneau.

The menu also includes appetizers, salads, pasta dishes that can be topped with different proteins, subs and sandwiches, calzones and chicken wings with lots of different sauces.

Of course, there's a kid's menu, as this is a great spot to take children. There's even a couple of arcade games near the entrance.

Island Pizza serves beer and wine and has a small bar area. There's buy-one-get-one free draft beer every day, as well as a daily happy hour with drink and appetizer

specials from 2 to 6 p.m.

Island Pizza offers take-out and free delivery to both islands. (Even to Captiva. Yay!). Open daily for lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Island Pizza Company is located at 1619 Periwinkle Way. Visit www.islandpizzasanibel.com or call 472-1581 for more information.

Another aspiration I have is to go shopping in every store on the islands. (Oh, wait, I may have already done that.) And one of the most pleasant businesses to visit is **Sanibel Home Furnishings**.

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The design team at Sanibel Home Furnishings includes, from left, Carl Knight, Ray Knight, Diane Knight, Gayle Wilson, Cindy Somerville, Lori Wall and Kassia Sparks

Company. How convenient!

I just love walking around this store, looking at all the bright colors, fabrics and fabulous artwork in the expansive showroom.

"We love color, as you can tell walking in here," said Diane Knight, co-owner along with her husband Ray and son Carl. "I think color makes people happy."

The store's vibe is what Knight calls sophisticated coastal design.

"We set up our showroom because we're inviting you into our home every day. And we want to make it comfortable," Knight stated, as she walked around the vibrant area. "The showroom represents things that we

love, but whenever we're doing a design project, it's always about the client."

Knight, a licensed interior designer, works with a team of decorators who are ready to assist customers in creating a home – big or small – to match their lifestyle.

"One of the things that we're able to do is really focus in on how the client lives, what the lifestyle is, what their needs are, and how can we help them find the best products for that lifestyle," Knight said. "And it's never one shoe fits all."

While this is an interior decorating business offering full service designing, Sanibel Home Furnishings is also a store where you can purchase items right off



Each showroom pops with color at Sanibel Home Furnishings

the floor. That's one of the store's best features, and what Knight calls "instant gratification." Customers can purchase furniture, bedding in all sizes, lamps in every shape and color, decorative pillows, rugs, artwork and more – and take it all home the same day.

Every designer at Sanibel Home Furnishings has product knowledge and can cater to clients' needs in choosing fabrics, window treatments, wall covering and other decorating items. Some clients who rent their property or have young children may need more durable items, while others may be full-time island residents. They all have different needs, and Knight and her team can help design

a space that works for various lifestyles.

"It's basically about the things you love," Knight explained. "And your house should reflect everything you love and tell basically the story of your life. That's the way I like to design."

Sanibel Home Furnishings is located at 1618 Periwinkle Way. Visit www.sanibelhomefurnishings.com or call 472-5039 for more information.

So until next time, enjoy the island currents!

Kathy Kurtz Ferrari is a journalist who splits her time between Captiva and the Boston area. If you have any questions or comments, email Kathy.islandsunnews@gmail.com. ✨

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Thwarting The Turtle Traffickers

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) weekly Speaker Series presented by LCEC continues on Monday, February 10 with The World Turtle Crisis and its Local Effects by Chris Lechowicz, director of habitat management and herpetologist for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). The southeastern region of the U.S. has the second highest diversity of turtle species in the world, next to Southeast Asia. Increasing human population mixed with high demand for turtles for food, traditional medicine and pets have created

a high demand on these animals, especially in Asian markets. Several continents, including North America, are feeling the pressure on its native populations due to illegal trafficking. Lechowicz will discuss the problem and suggest some ways to help minimize these issues. The program will also include live animal encounters of turtle species commonly affected by the wildlife trade. Speaker Series programs begin at 4:15 p.m. in the CROW Visitor Education Center, located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road. They are approximately one hour in length. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens (ages 13 to 17) and no charge for children ages 12 and younger. Space is limited and advance registration is highly recommended.

CROW's 2020 Speaker Series presented by LCEC features weekly talks and runs through April 14. For a full schedule of talks, more information or to register in advance, visit www.crowclinic.org/articles/2020-speaker-series-presented-by-lcec.

Valentine's Day Sunset Paddle



by Kealy McNeal

On Friday, February 14, the Ocean Tribe Paddling Club will host a Sunset Paddle With Love. Join us to watch the sun retreat behind Sanibel Island. The love of paddling is in the air; come spend

Valentine's Day with others who love being on the water.

Those interested in joining the group should meet on the north side of Causeway Island A (causeway island closest to the toll booth) at 5:30 p.m. The paddle will begin at 5:45 p.m., so we will be on the water for the 6:20 p.m. sunset. The paddle will 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 members. If interested, contact 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 Outfitters is a branch of Sanibel Sea School that helps the local paddling community better explore, enjoy and understand the ocean. Visit www.oceantribeoutfitters.org, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Jeweler Saves The Males For Valentine's Day

Lily & Co. Jewelers is on a mission to save the males with everything they need for their loved one at a Valentine's Day event on Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13.

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"The cold, hard truth is many men procrastinate for Valentine's Day, so we've made it easy with a one-stop shop for everything they need to save them: jewelry, chocolates, a card and flowers," says Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. Jewelers with Karen Bell.

The two-day Save the Males event will feature a personal appearance by Joe Carullo, the legendary jeweler and founder of KC Designs. His masterfully created diamond pieces have been featured in the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue five years in a row and have been worn by celebrities in numerous films and television shows.

"We are so excited to host Joe Carullo because his jewelry compliments every style of woman, making it easy for our clients to select the piece that will enchant their Valentine's Day sweetheart," said Schuyler.

"We're grateful to partner with other great Sanibel businesses to offer a one-stop shop for Valentine's Day, guaranteeing a memorable experience for island lovebirds," added Schuyler.

Lily & Co. Jewelers is located at 520 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit www.lilyjewelers.com or call 472-2888.

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- 3-4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 4-5 cloves fresh garlic, smashed
- ½ stick unsalted butter, softened
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Brine

- 1 Orange, halved
- 2 Key limes, halved
- ½ cup natural sugar
- 1 Lemon, halved
- 1 cup sea salt
- 2 gallons warm water (or enough to fully cover chicken)

Prepare brine by combining all brine ingredients and stirring until salt and sugar are dissolved. Allow to cool to room temperature before placing in refrigerator for 12 to 24 hours.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Remove chicken from brine, pat dry and place in large roasting pan. Combine softened butter, zest of 1 lemon, salt and pepper; stir to combine and rub onto skin of chicken. Place Key Lime halves, lemon



Citrus and Herb Roasted Chicken

halves, fresh herbs, and garlic inside of chicken and secure with butchers' twine. Season chicken with salt and pepper, place in oven and roast for 30 minutes. Reduce temperature to 375 degrees and continue to roast for 30-45 more minutes, or until thermometer reads 160 degrees. Remove from oven and allow to rest for 15 minutes before serving.✱

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MudBugs Cajun Kitchen has live entertainment on Friday with Dave Collaton. Slim Gillian plays on Sunday. On Monday, it's JD Ingalls. Tom Beckman plays on Tuesday. On Thursday, it's Yard Dog Charlie.

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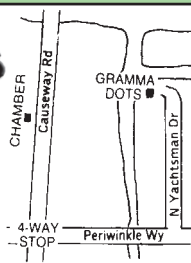
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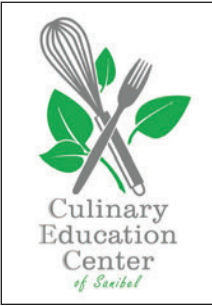
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The Jackfruit



by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

The jackfruit tree, also known as jack tree, is a species of tree in the fig, mulberry and breadfruit family, or the Moraceae family. The jackfruit is an unusual looking fruit and due to its musky smell and enormous size, it might be slightly intimidating to the average home cook.

The jackfruit is the largest tree fruit in the world, capable of reaching over 100 pounds. The fruit is native to Southwest India and has been cultivated there for 6,000 years. Now jackfruit is widely grown in Southeast Asia, the Caribbean and south Florida.

The fruit can be eaten ripe or unripe. The flavor of a ripe jackfruit is similar to Juicy Fruit gum. The unripe jackfruit tastes similar to artichoke and has the texture of chicken. The unripe jackfruit has become very popular among vegans and is used as a meat substitute. In 2015, the jackfruit was probably the most

underutilized fruit in the country. This fruit has become trendy over the past couple of years, as I've seen restaurant menus with Jackfruit Philly Cheesesteak or Vegan BBQ Sandwich as vegetarian options.

The jackfruit has exceptional nutritional value. It's high in fiber, protein, potassium and magnesium. The fruit also contains high levels of vitamins C, A and B6.

The jackfruit can easily be found whole, prepared (canned) or frozen in Asian or Caribbean markets. Jackfruit can also be found fresh at the Sanibel Farmers Market from our friends at Pine Island Botanicals.

Here is a simple recipe to try:
Jackfruit Pot Pie

- For the filling:
- 32 ozs. fresh "green" jackfruit or two 16 ozs. cans of green jackfruit
 - 3 tbsp. olive oil
 - 1 onion (diced)
 - 2 stalks celery (diced)
 - 2 carrots (diced)
 - 1 potato (diced)
 - 2 cloves of garlic (minced)
 - 2 bay leaves
 - 2 sprigs of rosemary
 - 2 sprigs of thyme
 - 4 cups unsweetened almond milk
 - ½ cup frozen peas
- For the roux:
- 3 tbsp. flour
 - 3 tbsp. butter

Drain and rinse the jackfruit. Cut inner fibrous core away and discard.

Heat the olive oil in a large pan on a medium heat and add the jackfruit and

onion. Fry for 3-4 minutes or until the onions start to color.

Add the celery, carrot, potatoes, garlic, bay leaves, rosemary and thyme. Cook for 5 minutes over medium heat.

Add the almond milk and bring to a boil. Turn the heat down to low and cover.

Simmer for 25 minutes until the jackfruit has softened. Using two forks, shred the jackfruit.

Add the peas and turn the heat up to medium and simmer for another 15 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat and using a slotted spoon, scoop the vegetables and jackfruit into a large bowl. Strain the mixture through a sieve into a large bowl. Reserve the infused almond milk. If the reserved milk doesn't make up ½ pint of liquid, add extra almond milk.

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Wipe the pan clean and heat the butter on a low heat. Once melted, stir in the flour.

Whisk the flour and butter together until it forms a paste that moves away from the sides of the pan.

Cook for another 2 minutes to cook off any raw flour taste.

Pour in half of the almond milk and allow the mixture to boil. After 2 minutes of boiling, reduce the heat to low and then whisk thoroughly until the roux starts to thicken.

Once all the lumps are gone, add the other half of the almond milk. Whisk again thoroughly until smooth.

Remove from the heat and stir in the

vegetables.

To assemble:

Pour the mixture into a deep bottomed casserole dish. Lightly flour a work surface and roll out the puff pastry into a thin disk, around seven inches.

Lay the puff pastry over the dish and press down the sides with a fork.

Brush the top of the pastry with a bit of melted butter. Cut two little slits in the pastry.

Cook in the oven for 25-35 minutes or until the top is golden brown.

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

Top 10 Books On The Island

1. *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins
 2. *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson
 3. *Friends We Keep* by Jane Green
 4. *Horizon* by Barry Lopez
 5. *Last Romantics* by Tara Conklin
 6. *Highfire* by Eoin Colfer
 7. *Blue Moon* by Lee Child
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Lecture On Impacts Of Rain

Cynthia Barnett's book *Rain: A Natural & Cultural History* begins four billion years ago with the torrents that filled the oceans, and builds to the storms of climate change. On Friday, February 14, Barnett will deliver two free lectures about her book at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

Following her lectures, Barnett will sign copies of her book, available at the Refuge Nature Store, which benefits conservation and education programs at "Ding" Darling.

Rain weaves together science – the true shape of a raindrop, the mysteries of frog and fish rains – with the human story of our ambition to control rain. The book is also a travelogue, taking readers to Scotland to tell the surprising story of the Mackintosh raincoat and to India, where villagers extract the scent of rain from the monsoon-drenched earth and turn it into perfume.

"I'm crazy about rain," said Barnett. "I am a native of Florida and have always loved its sun showers and dramatic rain storms. Over my years as a journalist specializing in water, I came to appreciate rain as life's elixir – marveling at its work to fill aquifers and rivers, its cycle from sea to atmosphere."

Barnett's presentation is part of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends



Cynthia Barnett

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of the Refuge's 16th annual Friday Lecture Series. HighTower/Thomas & Swartz Wealth Management and Sanibel Carts co-sponsor the 12-lecture series. The free lectures take place every Friday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the admission-free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Staff will begin handing out free admission wristbands to those in line at 9 a.m. for the morning lecture and 11:30 for the afternoon lecture. Wristband wearers can save seats with personal items and then can explore the Visitor &

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

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

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

The remainder of this year's lecture series schedule is listed below. Book signings follow all starred (*) lectures. For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

*February 14 – Author Cynthia Barnett, *Rain: A Natural and Cultural History*

*February 21 - Author Jeff Klinkenberg, *Alligator in B Flat: Improbable Tales from the Files of Real Florida*

*February 28 – Author Craig Pittman, *Cat Tale: The Wild, Weird Battle to Save the Endangered Florida Panther*

*March 6 – Author & Photographer Paul Bannick, *The Owl and the Woodpecker: Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds*

March 13 – Upcycle Designer Nancy Judd, RecycleRunway.com

*March 20 – Author Eliot Kleinberg,

Black Cloud: The Great Hurricane of 1928

*March 27 – Author Jack Davis, *All About Eagles and Other Florida Eco-Topics*

*April 3 – Jeri Magg, *Remarkable Women of Sanibel & Captiva*. **

February Programs At Captiva Library

The Captiva Memorial Library is offering the following programs this month:

Adults

When the world's on fire: The Life and Songs of Woodie Guthrie – 2 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, February 12.

In a dozen years, Woodie Guthrie (1912-67) authored over 1,000 American songs, and he did not use an original melody for any of them. This outstanding musical tribute by Adam Miller received the prestigious Storytelling World Award for the true story of the man who wrote one of the most widespread English language folksongs: *This Land Is Your Land*.

Charles Sobczak: The Changing Face of Nature – 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, February 19.

This PowerPoint focuses on how wildlife in Florida and around the planet is steadily adapting and thriving in the least likely of locations. From golf courses to suburbs, the populations

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Peter Hawrylyshyn

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Program On Birding Exotic Southern Africa

Peter Hawrylyshyn returns on Thursday, February 13 to present his program, Birding Exotic Southern Africa, as part of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society lecture series. Hawrylyshyn will take the audience on a trip through this dramatic region using his photos of its many unique bird species. He will also elaborate on some of the remarkable avian bio-adaptation and evolution which has occurred in southern Africa. The program will be at 7 p.m. at The Community House, located at



Orange breasted sunbird

photo by Peter Hawrylyshyn

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For many North American birders, southern Africa remains a once in a lifetime trip. However, the amazing diversity of wildlife makes it a must-see. The Fynbos ecoregion around Cape Town is the smallest global biome (about the size of Maryland), and is yet home to over 8,700 plant species (of which two-thirds are found nowhere else) and hosts dazzling birds such as the double-collared and malachite sunbirds, weavers and waxbills. Penguins and pelagic species abound off shore. Further north at Walvis Bay, Namibia, over 500,000 flamingos reside in the IBA estuary. Immediately inland is some of the world's oldest desert and highest sand dunes. Here, where there has been no rainfall for over a decade, 15 to 20 species of remarkable birds (larks,

chats, sand grouses) somehow manage to survive. In northern Namibia, the Etosha pan is one of Africa's premier game reserves. The dry savannah is home to such unique bird species as francolins, bustards, coursers, hornbills and a variety of raptors. Further east, the tropical forests of the Caprivi strip lead to the Okavango Delta, a massive oasis of papyrus-lined channels and forest covered islands. Bee-eaters and rollers add splashes of rainbow colors, while mystical owls hide in the baobab trees.

Hawrylyshyn has been a longtime winter visitor to Sanibel. He has always had a love for the outdoors and birds. The advent of digital imaging allowed him to focus his interests on bird photography. His award-winning work has appeared

on BBC Nature and Cornell's *Living Bird*, and been published in numerous reference texts. He also hosts his own photo websites at <https://www.pahphoto.com> and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pahyyz/>.

This is the sixth of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society lectures to be held in 2020. All are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and parking is available at The Community House and across the street in the Herb Strauss Theater parking area. A \$10 donation per attendee is appreciated, with proceeds after costs being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida. For more information, call Bill Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit www.san-capaudubon.org.*

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CROW Calendar

101 (daily presentation). One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Wednesday, February 12, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity with an animal ambassador.

Wednesday, February 12, 2 p.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Patient Profiles: Virginia Opossums (daily presentation). One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Thursday, February 13, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$25 per person, advance registration with payment required

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Thursday, February 13, 11 a.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under: no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises (daily presentation). One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

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Thursday, February 13, 2 p.m., adults: \$12, ages 4 to 12: \$7, age 3 and under no charge – Baby Care at CROW (daily presentation).*

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Artwork by Kathryn McMahon

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The 12 exhibiting artists are both local and from other locations across

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the U.S. They are Marion Hall, Peter Zell, Michele Buelow, Kathy Taylor, Jim Storer, Kathryn McMahon, David Bollinger, Stan Timson, Joan Reynolds, David King, Rita Skoczen and Bonnie Langenfeld.

All 12 have unique styles, using diverse mediums in vibrant colors. Themes and subjects vary, ranging from landscapes, still lifes, nature, dramatic, realism and contemporary.

The exhibit runs through March 12. It is open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. or by appointment by calling 472-2111.

The Captiva Civic Center is located at 11550 Chapin Lane on Captiva.✱

BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series

The Farewell

by Di Saggau



The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for February 10 is *The Farewell*, a Chinese film based on the real life story of the writer/director Lulu Wang. When her beloved grandmother was dying in China, the family, in order to protect their matriarch and prevent her from living in fear throughout her remaining days, kept this information from her. Instead, they planned a lavish wedding as an excuse to bring everyone together one last time.

Wang took this story and turned it into *The Farewell*, a film that is equally moving and playful. There are some strong female performances, led by Awkwafina, a rapper and actress with a magnetic screen presence in the role of Billi. As Billi and her parents digest the news about her dad's mother and make plans to travel back to China for a hastily announced wedding, she's shocked by the massive lie everyone is telling. Her parents are afraid that Billi's emotions will betray their ruse. We see early on that Billi can also easily lie about minor details in her daily life.

Wang explores cultural differences between East and West, and between generations, so that we see all sides of the situation. It's an intimate approach that makes you feel part of the town, family and their life. There is a lot of humor woven into various situations, and the most laughs come from Nai Nai, the grandmother, played by Zhao Shuzhen. She is a total hoot and can be brutally



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candid. If you have or had a grandmother like her in your life, you'll smile often. If not you'll probably wish you had one like her. The entire film is almost perfect, especially the ending. It's been called one of the year's best. *The Farewell* runs 98 minutes. Moderator for the evening is Rob Raab.

Admission to the Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in the new BIG ARTS Christensen Performing Arts Hall. Tickets are available online, at the BIG ARTS box office, 900 Dunlop Road, and at the door the evening of the movie. For more information, call 395-0900.✱

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Book Review

Evvie Drake Starts Over



by Di Saggau

Evvie Drake Starts Over is a debut novel that grabs you right away. In the first few sentences, we learn that Evvie has packed her suitcase and has a stash of cash in her glove compartment. She is about to leave her husband Tim, whom she's been with "half her life." She says to herself, "Go now, or you'll never go." Then the phone rings and she is told that Tim is dead, killed in a car accident.

Evvie, who didn't want to get married, is now a widow and faces the question: "How can I grieve for Tim when I didn't like him." She becomes obsessed with not missing the doctor she married. We learn throughout snippets in the book that Tim was manipulative and mean to Evvie. He often told her she was overly dramatic and even threw a wine glass at her feet. The setting is a sleepy seaside town in Maine. Evvie remains house-bound for nearly a year after her husband's death. Meanwhile in New York, a former major-league pitcher, Dean Tenney, a childhood friend of Evvie's best friend Andy, arrives in Maine for a few months. He's struggling with the "yips." He can't throw a strike

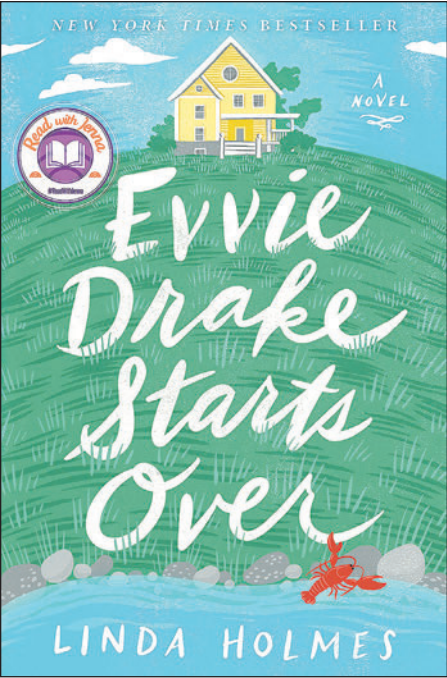


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anymore and he can't figure out why. Dean moves into an apartment in Evvie's house, and they strike a deal. Dean isn't to ask about her late husband and she isn't to ask about his baseball career. Evvie and Dean are mourning for different reasons. The two soon become friends, and then it turns into something more than that. *Evvie Drake Starts Over* is about two people whose lives have changed abruptly and how they forge ahead. It's a warm and lovely romance that will keep your interest.✱

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My daughter is in fourth grade, and she is having trouble understanding what the main idea is in the stories they are reading. How can I work with her at home to help her with this concept?

Lilla T, Fort Myers

Lilla, Identifying the main idea and supporting details is an important part of reading comprehension. The main idea of a piece of writing is the central point the author tries to make; this can be an opinion, argument, or a general idea and sometimes a very difficult concept for kids to grasp. Sometimes it's the vocabulary associated with the main idea that is problematic. Here is an exercise using very simple language for you and your daughter to use.

Choose some books to read together... maybe one per day for the next week. Make sure that your daughter takes part in the selection process of these books so he that she has some interest in them. Before you read the story aloud, tell your daughter that you and she will both be discussing the main idea of the story after you read it. Explain that the main idea of a story is what the story is mostly about, not

just a fact or two from the story. Most kids understand what 'mostly' about means.

After reading the story, have her answer the question, What was the story mostly about? If she answers by stating a less important fact or concept, ask her again to answer what the story was mostly about. You could ask her, "Is that what the whole story was mostly about, or is it just a fact we learned from the story?" Discuss why the answer is either what the story is mostly about or only a fact. Practicing this daily for about a week will allow her to practice this skill to a mastery level.

After she understands this concept of mostly about or the main idea, let her know that most of the time, but not always, the main idea is stated in a topic sentence. This sentence is usually near the beginning and sets up what the rest of the writing will be about. Then tell her about the supporting ideas and details that she will see. Supporting details are sentences that support the main idea. These sentences have information that helps explain and prove the author's point.

Here's a good website to use for practicing this concept: www.brainpop.com/english/studyandreadingskills/mainidea.

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



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Discussions, Music And Tax Prep At Sanibel Library

Weekly children's programs with Youth Service Librarian Deanna Evans continue at Sanibel Public Library. STEM programs for all ages have been added to the schedule. The events are on the calendar at www.sanlib.org.

Storytime for preschoolers and their caregivers will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. in February. Family storytime helps develop pre-reading skills through songs and stories. Length is approximately 20 to 30 minutes plus the craft and activities that follow.

The After-School Crew (for kindergarten through fifth graders) will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursdays, February 13, 20 and 27. There will be new books, puzzles, games, crafts and snacks.

Duane Shaffer of Sanibel Public Library presents his popular World War II lecture series each month. He has also curated a World War II memorabilia display upstairs near the east service desk. His 1942 - Battle of Midway program starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 7.

Dr. J. David Truby's annual satirical local-humor talk, *Sliding Down That Razor Blade of San/Cap's Good Life*, will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 10. During his "good-will humor" talk, Truby will ask the audience for funny local insider details to include in his upcoming book, which he says he "may actually write someday."

On Tuesday, February 11, popular



Betty Anholt

photos provided

singer David Kilbride returns to the library with his guitar to perform favorite songs from the 1950s and '60s; program starts at 10 a.m.

Betty Anholt will discuss her new book, *Turtle Coast*, on Thursday, February 13 at 10 a.m. with book sale and signing to follow. Anholt is a longtime student of Florida's natural and social history - in particular, that of Southwest Florida and the islands. She has published six books, including *Protecting Sanibel and Captiva Islands: The Conservation Story* with Charles LeBuff in 2018. Anholt works in reference and cataloging at the Sanibel Public Library. *Turtle Coast* imagines life in coastal Southwest Florida in the 1920s.



David Kilbride

Though their homesteads were isolated from each other, commercial fisherman and their families knit a network of support to help each other endure hard times. The book intertwines the beauty of the local flora and fauna with the struggles of people who lived along the coast a hundred years ago.

In Apps With Apps: How to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, you can learn how to borrow, place holds and listen or read eBooks using Overdrive-Libby and Hoopla. These two apps are available to all Sanibel Public Library cardholders at no extra cost.

Teen Scene, for ages 12 to 18, will be

held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 13. Teens are invited to hang out, socialize, play games, create and have a bite to eat. Registration required.

The VITA program of United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties can help you prepare and e-file your tax return if your 2019 household income was \$66,000 or less. To make an appointment at one of the sessions at the library, call 211 (239-433-3900) or register online at www.UnitedWayLee.org.

The public is invited to these programs. There is no registration required, (unless noted) and no additional cost to participate.

Sanibel Public Library cards are available to all residents of Sanibel and Lee County at no charge. Visitor cards are available for a \$10 fee, and are good for one year.

Sanibel Public Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road. For more information, call 472-2483, or visit www.sanlib.org.

Valentine Open Mic Night

Poets, writers and friends of the spoken word are invited to the Valentine Open Mic session at the Strauss Theater on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and attendees are invited to read their favorite love poem, story or memoir.

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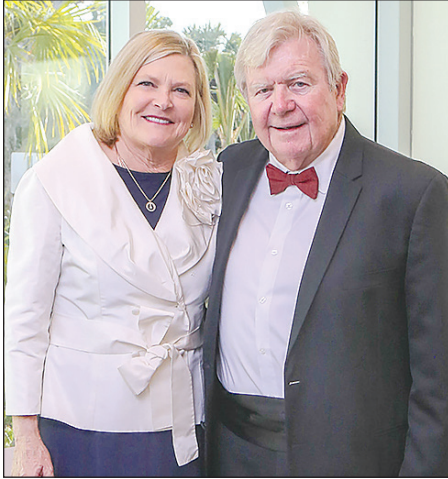
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Captiva Library

of many species are exploding. Both uplifting and inspiring, this lecture also suggests ways you can help create new habitats on land and sea.

Youth Services

Black History Month: Slavery and the Underground Railroad – Regular library hours, February 1 to 8.

Explore book display about slavery and the Underground Railroad. Make a paper square for a freedom quilt. Freedom quilts included codes that slaves used to travel the Underground Railroad.

Happy Valentine's Day! – Regular library hours, February 11 to 14.

There are books about Valentine's Day. Make a Valentine's Day card. Young children will enjoy the sensory bin filled with rose scented pink and red rice. They can search for hearts and stickers in the rice.

Black History Month: Black inventors – Regular library hours, February 18 to 22.

There are books on display about black inventors. Garrett Morgan invented the traffic light in 1923. Make a paper traffic light.

Black History Month: Inspirational Black Women – Regular library hours, February 25 to 28.

There are display books about inspirational black women. Make a poster using an inspirational quote from a famous Black woman.

Online

Exploring with Miss Naomi at www.leegov.com/library. Patrons can click on "What to Read Next" and the link to "Staff Recommended Newsletters," then under "Kids and Teens," click the link to "Exploring with Miss Naomi" to find Miss Naomi's book recommendations for books about Black History Month including such subjects as leading slaves to freedom, African American heroes and Civil Rights.

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Captiva Memorial Library is located at 11560 Chapin Lane on Captiva.

Stop by to read a favorite magazine or newspaper; find a good book, DVD, or music CD; color; create a craft; do a puzzle; or play a game of checkers. The library is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday.*

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Journalist To Offer Perspective On Critical Issues

Rosemary O'Hara, editorial page editor of the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, will be the second of six weekly presenters in the BIG ARTS 2020 Talking Points series at Strauss Theater on Tuesday, February 11 at 4 p.m.

O'Hara thinks often of one searing image following the deadly shootings at Parkland High School: two women embracing outside the school, one collapsing into the other's arms. Grief unites them. Yet today, two years after the nation's worst school shooting, the two women don't speak. Such is the state of the gun debate in Florida and for much of the U.S.

O'Hara offers a seasoned journalist's view of three big topics in Florida: Parkland, pollution and the coming Florida presidential primary. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance



Rosemary O'Hara photo provided at the BIG ARTS box office, 900 Dunlop Road, by calling 395-0900 or at the Strauss Theater door beginning at 3 p.m. the day of the lecture. Ticket includes a complimentary wine reception with the lecturer following the talk.

O'Hara's newspaper was awarded the highest honor among journalism

– Pulitzer Prize for Public Service – for its Parkland school shooting coverage, an entry that included editorials she shepherded into print. Still, the tragedy continues, not only for the school and families, but throughout the state with little to show on improved school safety issues, specifically guns.

"People came together in this moment of great tragedy, but later, fault lines appeared that have left this place torn apart," she said. Shortly after the shooting, she had a tearful interview with the county's school superintendent. Today, they barely speak.

On pollution, as this area knows all too well, the issues of red tide and blue-green algae continue to threaten both coasts, complicated by dangerous sea level rise. O'Hara's newspaper partnered with *The Miami Herald* and *The Palm Beach Post* to produce a continuing series called *The Invading Sea*, offering readers an array of news and opinion pieces on the complicated issues of surviving sea level rise. She will elaborate on how the newspapers are working to explain the urgency of critical

water issues throughout the state.

And just a month before Floridians head to the polls for the presidential primary, O'Hara will offer an insider's view of the challenges ahead on election security, access to ballots and the hot issues on the minds of residents. With one percent election margins common, the risks are high for Florida to better manage its ballots.

O'Hara, who grew up in Tampa, got her first reporting job there, and then went to work for *The Miami Herald*, where she covered the beginning of the AIDS crisis and later became an editor, before moving to the Washington bureau to cover the Bill Clinton election. Later, she went to the *Cincinnati Enquirer* as managing editor of the newsroom, just at the time of a police shooting of a black youth that led to four days of rioting. In response, the paper organized a major community outreach effort that led to discussions in 145 neighborhoods on racial tensions, a model of civic engagement by newspapers.

The experience prompted her to want

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Zonta Awards Grants Totaling Over \$100K

submitted by Sue Denham

Another record-breaking year for Zonta! Each year in January, the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, through its foundation, awards grants to local nonprofits whose missions mirror Zonta's own: empowering women and girls. The funds represent proceeds from Zonta's annual home tour, A Peek at the Unique, and on January 22, through the generosity of island businesses and individuals, checks for local grants totaling \$104,700 were given out to 16 Lee County programs, including two on Sanibel.

Zonta followed the same rigorous, time-honored selection process and grappled with challenging decisions, with requests totaling over \$167,000, far more than the funds available for distribution.

Diane Chesley and Janine Boardman, co-chairs of the grants committee for the third year, commented that many grants once again went to organizations with whom Zonta has had a long-standing relationship. "These organizations serve and support women at risk due



Nida Eluna, executive director of the Dr. Ella Piper Center with her Zonta liaison, Susan Tucker photos provided

to financial, health or domestic safety issues," they said. "Their work is critical to helping women achieve a sense of safety, success and self-worth." Zonta also budgeted \$34,900 for Zonta International for global initiatives via www.zonta.org.

For 2020, local projects supported by Zonta grants are:

- Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT): continuing economic empowerment program;
- Children's Network of Southwest

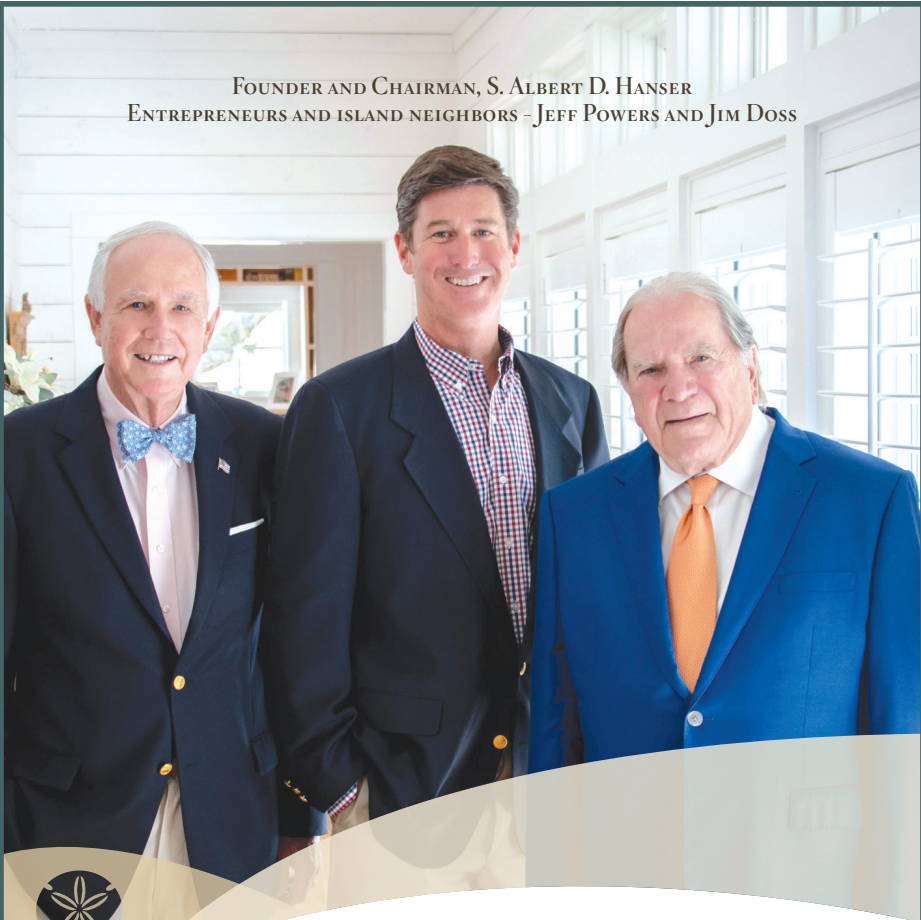


All the organizations receiving checks on January 22 were able to attend the Zonta meeting

Florida: support for 18-year-olds aging out of foster care;

- Community Housing & Resources (CHR): Educational support and emergency funds for female residents;
- Dr. Piper Center for Social Services: Foster grandparents program uniting seniors and children with special needs;
- Dress for Success Fort Myers: Help for women seeking employment or entrepreneurship;
- Earn to Learn: Assistance with college or trade education for women;
- FISH of SanCap: Emergency medical or dental care for female clients;
- Goodwill Industries of SW Florida: Micro-enterprise institute promoting economic independence;
- Habitat for Humanity Lee County Women Build: Help with building homes for female heads of household;
- Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida: FOCUS program to educate

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Reflections On 20 Years Of SanCap Cares

submitted by Debbie Szymanczyk

If anyone asks me why I believe in supporting our local children's hospital, I respond with four simple words:

"I raised three boys."

Broken hands, broken arms, stitches, concussions, sprains. Add in a few acute illnesses and a potential case of hip dysplasia, and you'll understand why I had a lot of hospital experience as a parent through the years.

That's why I took a special interest in the work of SanCap Cares and the support our wonderful island communities provide our children's hospital, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

I was already attending and supporting the annual SanCap Cares event - which, I am proud to say, celebrates its 20th anniversary this spring - when my husband Mike and I were asked to go on a tour of the hospital. While the new building, still less than three years old, is beautiful, what was more striking was the genuine kindness of the staff, and one department in particular.

Mike and I fell in love with the Child Life team. This is the unit that truly makes a hospital a children's hospital. Child Life specialists work closely with children and families, serving as emotional support and helping develop family coping strategies. This team does everything from explaining complex medical jargon to kids to providing playtime for patients in each unit.

Most of all, they help decrease stress and anxiety - for both the young patients and their families.

Soon after the tour, we saw the Child Life team in action firsthand. Our grandson, Ryder, was scheduled for surgery. Not only did the surgeon, Dr. Stanfill, provide exceptional care, but the Child Life team was right there as he entered surgery and as he awoke from anesthesia, caring for any worry



Mike and Debbie Szymanczyk
photo provided

he might have. And caring for every worry his grandmother had!

Here's the best part. That level of care from Child Life, the doctors and the entire staff are available for every child that walks through the doors at Golisano Children's. And isn't that what we should strive for? I want to teach all our children and our grandchildren that all kids are equal, all children deserve the same level of care, all children deserve the best.

That's what the Child Life team strives for at Golisano. And that's why Mike and I are so honored to support their work through our involvement with SanCap Cares.

So, if you are raising three boys like we did, or even if you just have one child or grandchild under your care, or you want to care for all children, relax! We have an amazing team minutes away that will be ready to help every child in a moment's notice, when you need them the most.

And that's why SanCap Cares' support of that mission is so important to me. I hope you will join us at The Sanctuary on March 29 to help us raise more critical funds for this amazing place. Be sure to visit www.sancapcares.com for more details.*

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- teen mothers;
- Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP): ArtReach on the Streets for pre-teen awareness;
- Organizacion Internacional de Latinos en el Exterior SWFL (OILE): Healing Stitches program and language skills for immigrant women;
- PACE Center for Girls Lee County: PACE day, field trip to state capitol;
- Parent University at Head Start/LAMP: Literacy classes and support for immigrant women;
- Partners for Breast Cancer Care: Mammograms for women in at-risk communities;
- SalusCare: Economic empowerment for women in recovery.

In addition to the above formal grants, the committee awarded a small support grant to the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge to help fund a naturalist program specifically designed for girls at PACE Center Lee County. Plans are now in full swing for the 19th annual "Peek," set for Saturday, March 14. Again, all proceeds will help fund programs that empower women and girls, locally and elsewhere. Tickets are available through Eventbrite at \$100 (tax-deductible per IRS rules) plus a small service fee (\$90 for afternoon departures if available). If you need help with Eventbrite, send an email to peektickets@gmail.com. For information on Zonta and the event, visit www.zontasancap.com, follow Zonta Sanibel-Captiva on Facebook and "like" us (@zontasancap) on Instagram.*

New Interns At Wildlife Refuge

Two visitor services interns joined the team at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in January. Michaela Arndt and Bryan Marquardt will be working full time with Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland this year.

Arndt, from Green Bay, Wisconsin, last interned at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona, Wisconsin in the field of development. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December, where she studied wildlife ecology and environmental conservation.

"My favorite part of the island so far is the warm weather and the beautiful birds here," she said. "I really enjoy following the volunteers on programs; I've learned so much already. I'm looking forward to learning more about the refuge, especially the wildlife and flora. This is my first time working at a U.S. wildlife refuge, and I'm grateful to gain this new experience at 'Ding' Darling."

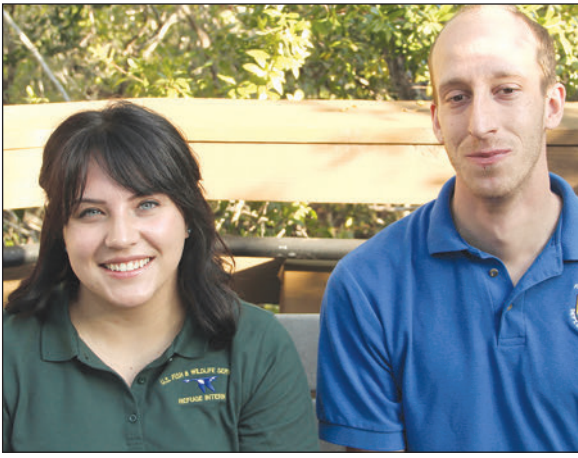
Marquardt hails from Stillwater, Minnesota, and last worked at Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument near Taos, New Mexico.

"I am thoroughly enjoying the weather, the birds, the beach, the sunny days, the food and the diversity of wildlife found here," said Marquardt, who graduated from North Dakota State University in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in zoology. "I am excited to be a part of the staff at 'Ding' Darling for the 75th anniversary."

The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) provides living stipends and other benefits for about a dozen interns each year. The refuge supports interns with free housing.

"We welcome our new interns' energy and enthusiasm," said Westland. "We thank our friends group for making their internships possible. With our shrinking staff, due to federal budget cuts, this sort of partnership is crucial to keep the refuge running."

For more information about the refuge's internship programs, contact Westland at 472-1100 ext. 237. To learn about supporting the refuge intern program, contact Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director, at 472-1100 ext. 4.✱



Michaela Arndt and Bryan Marquardt photo provided

Golf Cart Zone Extended To 'Tween Waters

The use of golf carts on Captiva Drive has been extended to 'Tween Waters Island Resort by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) issued by the Lee County Department of Transportation on January 24. The expanded zone will take effect once signs are installed, which should be by Wednesday, February 19.

The existing regulations for golf cart use on public roadways will also apply to the new portion of the zone. They are (from Ordinance 09-22):

(a) No persons shall operate golf carts on designated county roads on Captiva Island without a valid driver's license issued in his or her home state or country.

(b) All golf carts operated under this ordinance shall be restricted to a maximum attainable speed of 20 miles per hour.

(c) All golf carts operating subject to this ordinance must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear at all times while operated on the designated roads.

(d) Golf carts may only be operated on the designated county roads on Captiva Island during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless otherwise designated by Lee County Department of Transportation.

(e) Golf carts equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and windshields may operate at night, if nighttime

operation is designated by the Lee County Department of Transportation. In accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute 322.16, a person who holds a driver's license and who is younger than age 17, when operating a golf cart after 11 p.m. and before 6 a.m., must be accompanied by a driver who holds a valid license to operate the type of vehicle being operated and is at least age 21, unless that person is driving directly to or from work.

After numerous workshops and meetings, the Captiva Community Panel has finalized its draft update of the Captiva Code. This portion of the county's Land Development Code lays out Captiva-specific regulations on land use, building and zoning, the culmination of a process begun at the end of 2017 that was launched with a community survey in February 2018.

Every Captiva property owner has received a letter detailing the changes being proposed in the code, encouraging them to contact the panel with questions and concerns. In addition, owners in the village who may be affected by proposed changes in the parking regulations requested by Chapel by the Sea received another letter detailing that proposal.

These materials can be found online using the links below:

The proposed Code changes: www.captivacommunitypanel.com/pdfs/Captiva%20Code.Final%20Draft%20Language.1-14-20.pdf

The code changes letter: www.captivacommunitypanel.com/CCP_library/011720codeLetter.pdf

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Cindy Carter DeCosta

Each year the Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva selects an individual from our community to receive the club's Business Person of the Year for Vocational Service Award.



Vocational service is one of Rotary's Five Avenues of Service and calls upon every Rotarian to aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation, recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

We further recognize this individual by making them an honorary Paul Harris Fellow. This award was created in memory of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, which today includes more than 1.2 million members, in 33,000 clubs, located in more than 200 countries.

When a person is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, they are presented with a certificate signed by the Rotary International president and the chairman of the trustees of the Rotary Foundation, plus a medallion and a lapel pin. It is the highest honor that can be presented to a non-Rotarian and it is not given lightly.

The process begins with individual club members submitting nominations for consideration by the committee. This year's recipient is Martin "Marty" Harry. Many know Harry as the owner



From left: Bill Rahe, vocational service committee chairman; John Schwandke, Rotary Foundation chairman; Brenda Harry, award recipient; Barb Ellis, vocational service committee member; Eldon Bohrofen, president of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club; and Clair Beckman, vocational service committee member photo provided

and the face of Doc Ford's restaurant. However, he has deep roots in the history and shaping of Sanibel. He came to Sanibel with his wife, Brenda, in 1991 from St. Louis, Missouri after a career with a manufacturing company that he sold. He became very active in the Sanibel community. He served four years on the Sanibel Planning Commission and 12 years on the Sanibel City Council serving as mayor of Sanibel in 2004. Throughout Lee County, he has served on Lee County Partners (national and regional) Parks and Recreation Committee, Marine Advisory Committee, Historical Preservation Committee, Sanibel Historical Museum

and Village, Lee County Horizon Council, Lee County Public Parks and Recreation Services Advisory Committee, Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate, National League of Cities Voting Delegate and Tourist Development Council. Through his generosity and charitable nature, he has been able to generously donate to the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Children's Education Center of the Islands, SanCap Cares, Community Housing Resources, FISH of SanCap, Ronald McDonald House, Baileys-Matthews National Shell Museum, and Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Floridaya, to name a few.

When Harry stood to accept his award, he emotionally and humbly corrected the presenter stating, "There is too much 'I' and 'me' when it should be 'we' and 'us.' It's been a privilege to be a part of this community and so much of my success is a function of my significant other, Brenda. If it weren't for Brenda, and all the people we work with, we wouldn't be where we are or do the things we do, and be able to share the successes that we have." The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets Friday mornings at 7 a.m. at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Guests are welcome.*

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Redfish Pass Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:58 pm	6:08 am	11:10 pm	4:29 pm
Sat	2:18 pm	6:50 am	None	5:23 pm
Sun	12:03 am	7:29 am	2:37 pm	6:16 pm
Mon	12:55 am	8:07 am	2:56 pm	7:12 pm
Tue	1:48 am	8:42 am	3:18 pm	8:11 pm
Wed	2:44 am	9:16 am	3:43 pm	9:15 pm
Thu	3:46 am	9:47 am	4:11 pm	10:27 pm

Point Ybel Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	1:03 pm	6:10 am	10:15 pm	4:31 pm
Sat	1:23 pm	6:52 am	11:08 pm	5:25 pm
Sun	1:42 pm	7:31 am	None	6:18 pm
Mon	12:00 am	8:09 am	2:01 pm	7:14 pm
Tue	12:53 am	8:44 am	2:23 pm	8:13 pm
Wed	1:49 am	9:18 am	2:48 pm	9:17 pm
Thu	2:51 am	9:49 am	3:16 pm	10:29 pm

Punta Rassa Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:22 pm	6:00 am	11:23 pm	5:10 pm
Sat	12:59 pm	6:45 am	None	6:04 pm
Sun	12:04 am	7:28 am	1:36 pm	6:57 pm
Mon	12:46 am	8:10 am	2:16 pm	7:53 pm
Tue	1:35 am	8:49 am	2:56 pm	8:49 pm
Wed	2:42 am	9:26 am	3:35 pm	9:43 pm
Thu	3:56 am	10:01 am	4:12 pm	10:42 pm

Cape Coral Bridge Tides				
Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:25 am	9:24 am	4:08 pm	7:45 pm
Sat	1:20 am	10:06 am	4:28 pm	8:39 pm
Sun	2:13 am	10:45 am	4:47 pm	9:32 pm
Mon	3:05 am	11:23 am	5:06 pm	10:28 pm
Tue	3:58 am	11:58 am	5:28 pm	11:27 pm
Wed	4:54 am	12:32 pm	5:53 pm	None
Thu	5:56 am	12:31 am	6:21 pm	1:03 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.



Kayaking on Tuesdays and Select Thursdays – February 4, 11 and 13 at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who bring their own. 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 required.

Line Dancing Class – Friday, February 28 at 2:15 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. The instructor will review dance steps then turn up the music. Advance registration not required.

Knitting With Deborah Boehm – Mondays, February 10, 17 and 24 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Open to all skill levels, including beginners. Bring your project(s). Share your interest in knitting with others. This is an informal, no charge, drop-in group.

Bingo – Monday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m. Cost for two games is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members; extra card \$1 each. After a few games, there will be a potluck dinner; bring a side dish to share.

Page Turners with Louise

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

The book up for discussion on Wednesday, February 12 at 2:30 p.m. is *And Only to Deceive* by Tasha Alexander.

Bea Pappas, ISEA – NF Collage Part 2 – Tuesdays, February 11, 18 and 25. Cost for series per person is \$125 for members and \$140 for non-members.

Bring acrylic paint (preferably liquid) and substrates on which to work (canvas, canvas board or watercolor paper – 140 lb.), flat nylon one-inch brush, water container to clean brushes and paper towels (Viva brand). Contact the center to sign up.

Arts & Crafts Fair – Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More than 30 local vendors will be selling their creative designs in pottery, baskets, paintings, fabric art, jewelry, glass work, books, tropical plants, photography, woodwork and other media. There will be a bargain priced hot dog lunch for guests. Sponsored by Center 4 Life and Island Seniors, Inc.

Private Holocaust Museum Tour: New Location – Wednesday, February 12. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

The museum houses over 1,000 World War II and Holocaust artifacts, and original photographs displayed chronologically from the rise of Nazism to Allied Liberation and the Nuremberg Trials. The traveling boxcar exhibit is part of the museum's education outreach program. Built in 1919, the boxcar was in the German railway system during World War II and is the type used to transport prisoners, troops and supplies.

Wheelchair accessible. Lunch will be on your own at Bonefish Grill. Advance registration required. Carpool arrangements for transportation. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 5.

Sanibel's Got Talent – Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Talent scouts went in search of local talent to perform at this year's potluck event and it is sure to be a fun-filled evening. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the show to follow. Due to the popularity of this program, it will be held at the Sanibel Recreation Center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. There is no charge for members and non-member cost is \$5. Bring a covered dish to share such as a vegetable, salad or casserole. The main entree, drinks and desserts will be provided by Island Seniors.

Pancakes with Pals Breakfast Nature Cruise with Tarpon Bay Explorers – Monday, February 24 (weather permitting). Cost is \$38 for members and \$48 for non-members (continental breakfast included).

Experience one of the most beautiful settings on Sanibel with a naturalist-led covered pontoon boat cruise around Tarpon Bay. While having coffee, tea or juice, and pastries, observe birds at the rookery islands including herons, egrets, pelican, ibis and osprey. Search for a diversity of wildlife, from dolphins and manatees to fish such as mullet, stingray or sharks. The touch tank aquarium presentation wraps up the last half hour of the tour.

Advance registration required. Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 18.

Cruise Around the World Presentation by Katie Reid – Friday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. Katie Reid will

share her experiences traveling around the world on a cruise ship. No charge to attend.

Games – Cost for all games is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes will be awarded.

Bridge – Monday and Wednesday. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Game begins at 1 p.m.

New! Euchre – Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Mahjongg – Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Hand & Foot – Thursday at noon.

Hearts – Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Fitness Classes – Island Seniors, Inc. members pay \$4.10 per class, visitors pay \$10.25 per class. Island Seniors, Inc. annual membership is \$20. Classes are included with Sanibel Recreation Center membership. You must show your Sanibel Recreation Center membership card to attend.

Fitness class schedule is as follows:

Cardio Combo – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.

Keep your brain fit, and your heart, lungs and muscles strong. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and your body weight will be used. The format is 30 minutes of cardio dance and 30 minutes of balance exercises, core strength, flexibility exercises and mat work.

50/50 Cardio Sculpt – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. This class includes cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls.

Qigong – Friday, February 21 from 1 to 2 p.m.

QiGong is a series of non-strenuous techniques and movements that focuses

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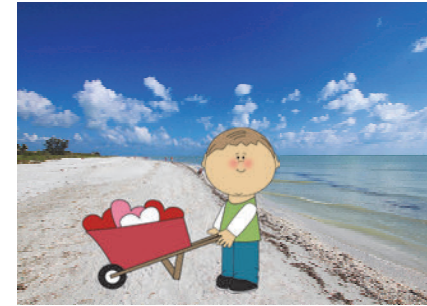
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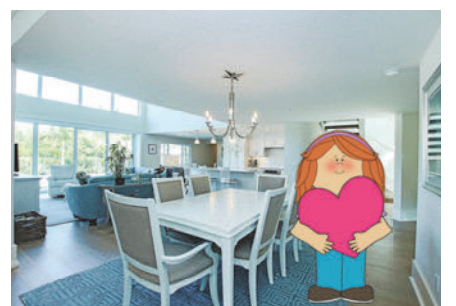
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Ted Reiss congratulates 2020 Commander Joanne Heroy-Giller photos provided

Boating Club Installs Officers

America's Boating Club of Sanibel-Captiva held its 45th Change of Watch ceremony at the January 21 annual meeting. Held at The Community House, the focus of the meeting was the

election of new bridge officers and their installation. Distinguished guests for the installation included District 22 Commander Ted Reiss, District 22 Executive Officer Sam Bonilla, District 22 Education Officer John Nasson and District 22 Secretary Peggy Reiss. Commander Joanne Heroy-Giller



From left, Ted Reiss swears in Bridge Officers George May, Steve Abbott, Tom Schmidt, Lynne Campean and John Fridlington

was sworn in by Reiss as the 2020 commander. Additional elected officers installed were: George May, executive officer; Tom Schmidt, administrative officer; Steve Abbott, education officer; John Fridlington, treasurer; and Lynne Campean, secretary. During the meeting, member John Fridlington received the District 22 Distinguished Educator Award. Fridlington was a finalist for the National Distinguished Educator distinction. He has taught advanced courses on offshore navigation for the Sanibel-Captiva club.

Following the meeting, members and guests heard from Captains For Clean Waters co-founders, Capt. Daniel Andrews (executive director) and Capt. Chris Wittman (program director). Throughout their presentation, the captains urged club members to work with elected officials and government agencies to ensure science-based solutions to restore local/statewide water quality.

America's Boating Club is a 100 percent volunteer organization whose mission is the promotion of safe



Capt. Daniel Andrews and Capt. Chris Wittman of Captains For Clean Water

recreational boating. Its mission is accomplished through boating education, conducting vessel safety checks, and assisting in area search-and-rescue operations.

In addition to its volunteer work, the Sanibel-Captiva chapter hosts several on-the-water excursions, both on members' boats as well as on charters.

If you would like to increase your boating knowledge and skill, visit www.sancapboating.club or call 612-987-2125.✪

From page 1B

Critical Issues

to lead an editorial page, and that desire brought her back to the *Tampa Tribune*. After a few career detours into politics as a Republican gubernatorial candidate's press secretary and as owner of a startup journalism endeavor, *Florida Voices*, she's back in newspapers in Fort Lauderdale. She has served as a Pulitzer Prize juror and is a past leader of the Association of Opinion Journalists, now


part of the News Leaders Association. O'Hara's editorial leadership, sense of humor and insights on political puzzles offer the audience an insider's view of the most critical issues facing the state. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is BIG ARTS 2020 Talking Points company sponsor. The BIG ARTS Talking Points series continues every Tuesday at 4 p.m. through March 10. BIG ARTS Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For more information on BIG ARTS events, visit www.bigarts.org.✪

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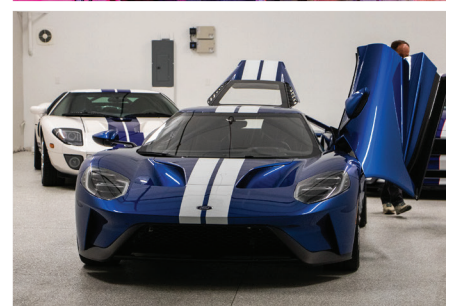
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Superior Interiors

How To Design A Modern Kitchen



by Trinette Nelson

The kitchen is often considered the heart of the home, a place where families reunite at the end of the day to share a meal and where friends gather to socialize over a cup of coffee. Therefore, your kitchen should be a comfortable, stylish and functional area that caters to its wide variety of uses.

Homeowners often choose a modern theme for their kitchens, as this design style usually involves desirable kitchen components, such as sleek furniture and a lot of open space. If you're working to create a modern kitchen, consider incorporating these design elements that work particularly well at establishing the chic and sophisticated look that the modern style embodies.

Metals are trending for modern kitchens. Everything from brushed aluminum, stainless steel and chrome to copper and nickel have taken center stage as materials for furniture and décor-like lighting fixtures and kitchen tables. Not only does metal create a sleek appearance, but a simple, minimalist vibe that goes hand in hand with a modern

theme. The cool, gray metal hues also contribute to a neutral color scheme, which is another trending feature for modern kitchens. Consider adjoining areas to help you choose which type of metal works best in your space.

One aspect that most modern kitchens have in common is their emphasis on horizontal lines. For example, modern tables and chairs are often made up of long horizontal lines and defined edges. Keep this in mind as you work to select your furnishings and decor.

There are several materials and styles to choose from when it comes to selecting your modern kitchen table. While glass, metal and marble contribute a sleeker, more minimalist appearance, cherry veneers and rustic natural wood can also give off a contemporary vibe when the table is built with the modern style in mind. This means a great attention to straight lines and edges. Many also have a lacquered finished for that gleam and smoothness modern furnishings are known for.

Lighting plays a major role in the look and feel of any room, but it's particularly essential for your kitchen. You'll want enough light to make tasks like cooking safe, but you'll also need your fixtures to create the ambiance you want. The best way to achieve this versatility is by installing a dimmer, which enables you to adjust the amount of light based on what you're doing at the time.

Consider pendant lighting over your kitchen island or under-cabinet lighting for an ultramodern look. Chandeliers are another great option and can offer

an artistic accent. Talk to your interior decorator about the fixtures you have in mind and work together to find one that suits your modernized space.

Jeweler Returns As Gold Sponsor

Congress Jewelers is the gold sponsor for the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Arts & Crafts Festival, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16 at The Community House. This is the 14th year as a gold sponsor for Congress Jewelers.

Scot Congress said, "Melissa and I are thrilled for the opportunity to be the gold sponsor of the Rotary festival for the 14th time. It has been very fulfilling for us to participate knowing all of the incredible causes Rotary supports. From Polio Plus to FISH and all of the community efforts including scholarships for local students. It's the most direct way for us to give back to our community and see the benefit."

The juried show features more than 100 artists and crafters, exhibitors, cultural jewelers and booths and activities relating to health, life enrichment and disaster relief education.

Rotary Arts & Crafts Festival hours

Trinette Nelson is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands and can be reached at linda@coindceden.com.✧✧



Scot and Melissa Congress photo provided

are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. A \$5 donation is requested. The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Drivers will be directed to free parking. ✧✧

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Golf Cart Zone

The parking changes letter: www.captivacommunitypanel.com/CCP_library/011420parking%20Letter.pdf

Comments and questions are requested by March 1 and can be emailed to the panel at captivacommunitypanel@gmail.com or mailed to the Captiva Community Panel at P.O. Box 72, Captiva, FL 33924.

Monday After The Masters, the popular golf tournament held at the South Seas Island Resort course where you can celebrate another season, support the Community Panel and possibly win prizes returns on Monday, April 13, with a shotgun start at 3 p.m. Reservations and sponsorships are now being accepted, and more information (including foursome signup forms) is online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

The next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel is tentatively set to be

held in the Cone Rooms at South Seas Island Resort on Tuesday, February 11 beginning at 9 a.m. Among the agenda items: a presentation on a proposed project to replace Kings Crown at South Seas, review of the latest wastewater committee work, a sea level rise committee update, and committee reports and updates from island organizations.

This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public. Information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com. The panel's March meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 10.

Upcoming meetings of the Captiva Erosion Prevention district (CEPD) include: Monday, February 10, 1 p.m.; Monday, March 9, 1 p.m.; and Monday, April 13, 1 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the Cone Rooms at South Seas Island Resort, located at 5400 Plantation Road onn Captiva. For more information, visit www.mycepd.com or call 472-2472.✧✧

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From left, Sanibel Historical Museum Executive Director Emilie Alfino, Lisa Lauther, Phaidra McDermott and Kate Stone of Kingfisher Real Estate, and Sanibel Historical Museum and Village board member Blair Wyatt photo provided

Historical Village Adds Sponsor

Kingfisher Real Estate Inc. is a bronze sponsor of the Sanibel Historical Village gala, to be held on Tuesday, February 18 at the Community House. Tickets are \$135 per person and can be purchased by calling 472-4648.

"Being a lifetime resident of Sanibel, the preservation of our past is very important to me, and to all of us," said

Phaidra McDermott, Kingfisher Real Estate broker and owner.

The Sanibel Historical Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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; no charge for members and children. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.*

Local Media Group Supports Historical Village

TOTI Media Inc. is a presenting sponsor of the February 18 Historical Village Gala. The theme of the gala is It Takes a Village, and it will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Community House.

Tickets are \$135 per person and include dinner and dancing. To reserve, call 472-4648.

"The preservation of our cultural heritage is what is important to Daniela and me, which is why we support the historical village," said Friedrich Jaeger, chairman and founder of TOTI Media. Jaeger said he also supports the Golisano Children's Hospital ("the beginning of life") and Hope Hospice ("the end of life"), and that the preservation of history is of the utmost importance for the rest of life.

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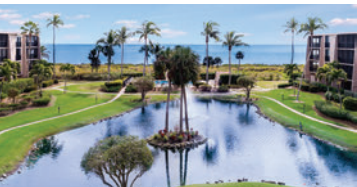
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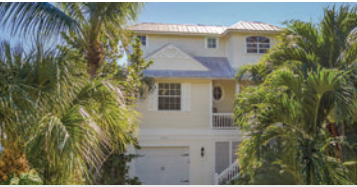
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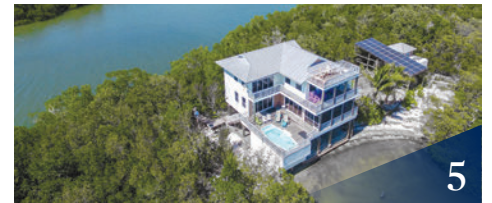
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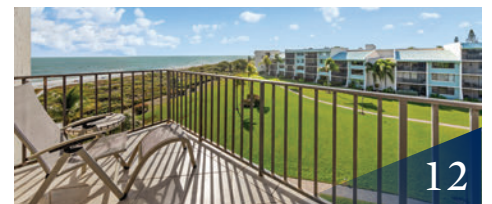
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The SECURE Act Does Away With Stretch IRA



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

For those of you counting on your beneficiaries stretching out the distributions from the IRAs they inherit from you, think again. The SECURE Act was passed into law on December 19, 2019, eliminating this popular estate planning strategy for most beneficiaries.

My law partner, Michael Hill, and I recently returned from the premier national estate planning conference conducted by the University of Miami Law School. It's akin to taking a full year of high-level tax and estate planning courses in just one week. There we learned the ins and outs of this new law from

leading academics and experts.

In order to understand how the SECURE Act affects anyone who inherits an IRA, 401(k) or other qualified retirement account, you must first understand how the law used to work. Under the old law, anyone inheriting a retirement account (I'll call them collectively IRAs from now on) could stretch the distributions from the account over the course of their lifetime under an IRS actuarial table.

By only taking the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), the rest of the IRA continues to grow tax deferred, and income taxes were minimized.

The SECURE Act eliminates, for most IRA beneficiaries, the ability to stretch the distributions of the inherited IRA over the course of their lifetimes. Instead, beneficiaries must withdraw the entire balance by December 31 of the 10th anniversary date of the death of the account owner.

This is best illustrated by examples. Suppose that dad dies on July 1, 2020 naming son, age 50, as the beneficiary to his IRA. On January 1, 2021 the IRA is worth \$600,000. Under the old law, son must take an RMD of \$17,543. This is based on a factor of 34.2 which represents the number of years (son's life expectancy under IRS tables) that son would have had to withdraw the entire IRA balance.

Under the new law, let's assume the same facts. Son must withdraw the entire balance of dad's IRA on or before December 31, 2030. Instead of 34 years, son now has 10 years to withdraw the entire IRA balance. Instead of an annual distribution, however, son can choose to wait until that last day to withdraw the entire account balance.

The SECURE Act therefore reduces the opportunity for tax deferred growth (in my example 24 years worth), increases income taxes on the beneficiaries since the larger distributions will push the beneficiary into a higher income tax bracket, and likely result in less money being distributed overall out of the account. The government gets more while the beneficiaries get less.

But all is not lost under the SECURE Act. What you don't want to do is mindlessly fill in your beneficiary forms. The best course of action is to visit with a qualified estate planning attorney who understands not only the nuances of the SECURE Act, but of income taxation of trusts.

Consider, for example, a Retirement Plan Trust. Recall that if son inherits a \$600,000 IRA and withdraws approximately \$100,000 annually until the account is exhausted and assume that son is not only in a high federal income tax bracket but also pays state income taxes. In Minnesota, for example, the highest marginal state

income tax rate is 9.85 percent. The combined federal and state income tax rate may be as high as 46.85 percent.

How can one potentially use a trust to reduce these taxes? There's something known as a see-through accumulation trust that can be named as the beneficiary to the IRA. There's five requirements to qualify the beneficiary of the trust as the beneficiary of the IRA, but so long as those requirements are met then the IRA will have the 10-year distribution rule under the SECURE Act.

In my example, assume that the trustee of a Florida Retirement See-Through Accumulation Trust withdraws \$100,000 but instead of distributing it out to son, he accumulates it for 2021. Because Florida has no state income tax, the trustee pays the federal tax of approximately \$35,300. If, instead, that same amount was distributed to son, he would have paid combined state and federal taxes of \$46,850. The trustee distributes the principal of the trust the next year, with no more taxes due as it is a principal distribution.

While my example is theoretical and we will have to wait to see how the state departments of revenue react, I believe that my theory is arguable.

There are many other strategies one might consider under the SECURE Act to maximize the inheritance for your family and achieve your goals. In fact, I've created a webinar discussing the SECURE Act in full as well as strategies that you can implement. To access the webinar, visit www.sbshlaw.com/secureact.

In the next few weeks, I'm going to discuss other strategies that were discussed at the conference. There's a lot to consider.

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Meet Candidates At Republican Caucus

Adam Botana and Jason Maughan will speak during the second Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus meeting of 2020 in the Sanibel Public Library on Saturday, February 15 at 10 a.m. They are both running for the State Representative District 76 seat being vacated by State Rep. Ray Rodrigues. The public is welcome to attend.

Botana's father came to the U.S. from Cuba in 1968 at age 13. In 2006, his family started the Bay Water Boat Club in Bonita Springs with a single boat, growing the business to more than 60 boats and 400 members, with Adam as vice president. He is an officer in the Bonita Springs Rotary Club, and was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Florida Boating Advisory Council, where he made personal contributions to help reduce the impact of boating on the environment.



Adam Botana



Jason Maughan

Maughan's family emigrated from Ireland to Lee County in 1986, and he became a U.S. citizen in 1993. He received his juris doctorate in 1996. He specializes in real estate and corporate law on Sanibel, and opened his own law firm in 2004, winning numerous awards, including Best Attorney and Law Firm of Sanibel and Captiva and Florida Businessman of the Year. He is active in several charitable and philanthropic organizations, served on the Sanibel Planning Commission, and now serves on Sanibel City Council.

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Golf, Good Times And Generosity At Charity Classic

The Sanctuary Charity Classic was held on January 25 and proved to be a success on every metric. John McCabe, president of the newly formed Sanctuary Golf Club Foundation, said, "We were elated to see everyone pull together and exceed our goal of raising funds to benefit human needs on our islands. The outpouring of generosity confirms our club and our community truly care and support those in need on Sanibel and Captiva."

More than 200 participants showed up at The Sanctuary Golf Club to help raise money for nonprofit organizations. A golf tournament was held during the day, topped off by a helicopter golf ball drop and reception with gourmet food stations and live music. Steve Peltzman, chair of the event said, "The people that show up come for a good time, love to play golf, but are here to make a difference – we think they achieved all three goals."

Jim DiMarino, director of golf, said, "A full-house of golfers showed up and demonstrated a high level of golf skills navigating our challenging course, which we were delighted to have in terrific shape thanks to ideal conditions and our dedicated course crew. Winning this tournament required the players be on their game."

This year's champions were:

Gross Champions – Bruce Grossnickle, Taylor Hay, Bruce Odlaug and Jeff Wickham;

Net Champions – David Hill, John Kaltenmark, Sharad Kapur and Mike Naset;

Net Runner-Up – Steve Kerscher, Dan Kronberg, Rick Nicoletti and Scott Pecher;

Couples Champions – Manny Fernandez, Jo Fernandez, Dick Snell and Sheridan Snell.

The mission of the Sanctuary Golf Club Foundation is to support nonprofits that positively impact the lives of people in need living and working on Sanibel or Captiva, and to provide educational opportunity grants to Sanctuary employees and their families.

The foundation encourages its



Foundation board members, from left, Linda Linsmayer, John McCabe and Steve Peltzman



From left, Bob Degen, Steve Golan, Gustav Christensen and Dave Mackay

members to continue their individual philanthropic efforts and donations directly to the many worthy nonprofits with whom they are both passionate and involved. The foundation hopes to generate incremental funds by following

a simple strategy of offering events that are a "good time for the greater good."

For more information about the Sanctuary Golf Club Foundation, contact Ken Kouril, executive director, at 333-3337.*



From left, John and Lisa Schmidlin with Cassie and Paul Gaenger



Participants on their way to warm up

Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

Super win! The Kansas City Chiefs had to overcome a fourth quarter, double-digit deficit to secure a win, this time by scoring a Super Bowl record-tying 21 straight 4th quarter points after

what had been a lackluster game on their part. QB Patrick Mahomes was the MVP, and that was just for playing a superb 4th quarter. Can you imagine what it would have been if he was hot the whole game, or even just the entire second half? Mahomes' ability caused the win, but others including a defense that shut the 49ers down, came through with clutch plays. The 49ers also fell apart at the most inopportune time, giving the Chiefs their first Super Bowl win in 50 years.

There are some great stories about the 24-year-old Mahomes as a person. For example, he is always surrounded by well-wishers, autograph seekers and picture takers. He was out at a pizza place in KC with his girlfriend one night and no one bothered him. Afterwards, he stood up and said, "Thank you for giving me space tonight. I'm paying for

everyone's meals." That's class. He also prays before each game. What does he pray for? That no one gets injured. How often do you hear that?

Coach Andy Reid is also classy, winning his first Super Bowl ever in 21 years. Prior to Sunday, *Sporting News* had ranked him as the top coach in all sports without a championship. He came up just short in Super Bowl XXXIX as coach of the Eagles, who lost to the Patriots 24-21.

"Nobody deserves this trophy more than Andy Reid," Chiefs owner Clark Hunt, son of Lamar, told the crowd and the Fox TV audience during the postgame ceremony. "We got that ring for Big Red," Travis Kelce said. "He acts like a father figure to everyone in the building, and you appreciate that. ... We're married together forever now."

Reid's football journey started as a youth in 1971 while competing in the punt, pass and kick competition. And San Francisco was a most appropriate opponent. Reid's first coaching job was at San Francisco State, where he also sold hot dogs to raise money for the former Division II program.

"Andy truly puts others before himself," said Jason Licht, his former VP of player personnel in Philadelphia who is current general manager of Tampa Bay. "He's been wanting to win this for everybody else before he wants to win it for himself, and he's an unbelievable

leader because of that. He's one of those leaders that when things aren't going well he takes all the blame, and when things are going good he gives credit to all the great work everyone else did. And that's why everybody loves playing for him, and goes the extra mile for him."

Like many other great leaders, two keys for Andy as a coach is trust and empowerment. "The entire league wanted Andy to win because of how he treats and leads his men," according to Dave Merritt, his defensive backs coach. In practice, his quarterback and receivers are permitted to close their eyes as they work on some creative pitching and catching. Mahomes says the everyday fun sanctioned by Reid, "keeps us loose and ready to go on game days." No wonder that Mahomes is already on record saying he wants to spend his entire career in Kansas City. "Reid is one of the brilliant offensive minds of his generation, or of any generation, and yet his belief in freedom of expression works on the defensive side of the ball, too." "He tells them all the time in team meetings, 'Let your personality show,'" says Britt Reid, his father's linebackers coach. "I think that's important. You can't be someone you're not. If you want to play this game to the best of your ability, you've got to be you."

According to ESPN, Reid still works absurdly long hours, even by NFL standards, and expects his assistants and

front-office people to keep up. Licht said Reid slept in that office three or four nights a week in Philly, and it's obvious that nothing much has changed in Kansas City. But Reid's intense devotion to the details of the game has never affected who he is as a person. He can be stern with players and staffers when necessary, but Licht described him as a coach with "a relaxed California swag and chill way about him."

"Who couldn't feel good about an NFL head coach who still occasionally drives the Ford Model A his father bought after the war for \$25? And besides, we all needed a story like this at the end of a heartbreaking week in sports. Andy Reid personally knew Kobe Bryant, another tough guy with Philly roots, and would talk about him here and there at the Eagles' facility. He would just say of Kobe, 'That's a good dude, man.' Licht recalls. People who know Andy know that's high praise for him."

Reid will surely be handing out credit to everyone who has helped him in his eight college and pro jobs. And Super Bowl LIV will forever have Andy's imprint all over it.

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Chamber members with Allied Air Services employees at the ribbon-cutting

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Chamber Hosts Ribbon-Cutting

At a ribbon-cutting on January 28, the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member Allied Air Services. The ceremony was held in the parking lot of George & Wendy's Seafood Grille.

"Our presence on the island is growing and several of us involved in the company, myself included, live here on Sanibel," said Amy von Keyserlingk, director of business development. "We are looking forward to having an office on Sanibel in the near future."

Currently, Allied Air has an office in Fort Myers at 10923 Kelly Road.

Owner Dennis Ball heads a staff of six other employees for the company, which opened in spring of 2019 to provide full air conditioning service designed to help customers save time and money.

"Allied Air Services joined the Sanibel and Captiva chamber as we enjoy living here, working here, and being a part of this wonderful place," said von Keyserlingk. "We know how important it is for the people we do business with to feel that we are also part of the community."

"We are pleased to welcome the team at Allied Air to our team at the chamber," said John Lai, chamber president and chief executive office. "We look forward to a mutually beneficial working relationship in months to come." ✨

Pick-Up Soccer Games

Pick-up soccer games are now being held every Wednesday on Field 1 at the Sanibel ball fields near the Sanibel Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m.

This weather-permitting recreational opportunity is available to anyone age 18 and older of all ability levels. There is no fee to participate, just bring your shin guards. Players must wear closed toe shoes; no metal cleats of any type may be worn and no sandals or bare feet allowed.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, contact Makenzie Dutcher at makenzie.dutcher@mysanibel.com or call 472-0345. ✨

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Oakland A's player before Khris Davis in 2018 to lead the American League in home runs for a season?
2. How many times has a Tampa Bay Rays pitcher won 20-plus games in a season?
3. Who scored the first rushing touchdown in Super Bowl history?
4. Name the last Division II men's college basketball player to be selected in the NBA Draft.
5. Which player won the most Stanley Cups without ever playing for the Montreal Canadiens?
6. In 2019, the U.S. women's national soccer team set a record for biggest margin of victory in a World Cup game (13 goals). Which country had held the mark?
7. Of WBC heavyweight boxing champion Deontay Wilder's 43 pro bouts, how many have ended with Wilder recording a knockout?

ANSWERS

1. Mark McGwire hit 52 homers to lead the A.L. in 1996. 2. Twice -- David Price won 20 in 2012, and Blake Snell won 21 in 2018. 3. Green Bay's Jim Taylor, in the second quarter of Super Bowl I in 1967. 4. Robert Whaley of Walsh University was selected with the 51st pick in 2005. 5. Red Kelly won eight Stanley Cups, four with Detroit and four with Toronto, between 1950 and 1967. 6. Germany won a World Cup match by 11 goals in 2007. 7. Wilder has recorded 41 knockouts on his way to a 42-0-1 record.



Dunes Women's Golf Club Association members

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Dunes Women's Tournament Results

The Dunes Women's Golf Association (DWGA) competed over the course of two weeks in memory of the 2020 Memorial Tournament honorees: Joan Baumler, Carolyn Jones and Mo Rains.

Round 1 on January 17 was a Better Ball of Partners Match Play Format.

Led by team captains, Kate Nichols and Maureen Saage, the Dunes Divas took an early 15 point lead in Round 1.

Points after Round 1:
Dunes Divas – 97 1/2

Greens Queens – 82 1/2
Round 2 on January 24 gave the Greens Queens the opportunity to recover from Round 1. This round was a Partner Scramble Match Play Format.

The Greens Queens, led by Maureen O'Brien and Roberta Rohl, came back strong and secured 91 1/2 of the available 180 points in Round 2.

However, this was not enough to recover from the 15 point deficit from Round 1.

The final results of the 2020 Memorial Tournament were:

Greens Queens – 174 points
Dunes Divas – 186 points

The Dunes Divas win the 2020 Memorial Tournament by a narrow margin of 12 points.✱

Jeweler Supports Historical Village



From left, historical village board member Gail Garlinghouse with Scot and Melissa Congress

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Congress Jewelers is a gold sponsor of the February 18 Sanibel Historical Village Gala.

"Melissa and I feel so honored to be part of this special community. The historical museum does such a wonderful job preserving our unique history," said Scot Congress. "We look forward to celebrating another successful year at the upcoming event."

The Sanibel Historical Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. 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; no charge for members and children.

For tickets to the gala, information on sponsorship, or to make a donation, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call 472-4648.✱



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Doctor and Dietician

Laughing Is Good For Your Health



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

As you know, we run Caring Medical Regenerative Medicine Clinics in Fort Myers and Oak Park, Illinois. We see patients with all sorts of painful conditions, some of them life-threatening, as well as significantly life-altering. Thus, you can imagine the emotional and spiritual pain that many of these people are going through. As the song says, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

We find that having a positive outlook in life, feeling gratitude for our blessings and even our pains, as well as laughing a lot not only makes living a lot more fun, but is also better for our health.

The benefits of a regular chuckle, chortle, or giggle are many. A good ol' belly laugh relieves physical tension and stress and leaves your muscles relaxed for

up to 45 minutes after you stop laughing, which in turn may reduce heart disease risk, help control blood pressure and improve breathing.

Laughter can decrease stress hormones and increase immune cells that produce infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your overall immune function and ability to fight disease.

Laughing actually works our abdominal muscles. Haven't you experienced sore tummy muscles from laughing so hard!? See, exactly! When we laugh, the muscles in our abdomens contract, similar to performing sit-ups. Adding laughter to your ab workouts can definitely make it much more fun.

And while you're at it, did you know that laughter also gets your heart pumping, strengthening your heart muscles and reducing your cardiac risk, especially for those whose physical abilities are limited.

Laughing triggers the happy hormones (aka endorphins). These are the body's natural pain killers. Laughing releases endorphins which may indeed help ease chronic pain and give you that good all over feeling. And you know, if the laughing does not fully get rid of your pain, we have many other options to help you with that – including prolotherapy.

Smile! View life with a positive outlook! And live a longer healthier life.

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

Beautifulife:

Mamba Mentality



by Kay Casperson

Since the very sudden and tragic death of the NBA basketball star Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and seven other passengers there has been much talk about the Mamba Mentality. Bryant coined this phrase and as a lifestyle for many years. He hoped that even after he retired from playing, the legacy of the Mamba Mentality would live on, and it did.

He went on to build a training facility called the Mamba Academy. This facility houses basketball courts, volleyball courts, a turf field, sports medicine practice, batting cages and pitching mounds, sprint track, yoga/cycling studio, among other things. Now that is Mamba Mentality.

So, what exactly does it mean to have a Mamba Mentality? In Bryant's words, he says, "to sum up what Mamba Mentality is, it means to be able to try to be the best version of yourself constantly. It's a quest to try to be better today than you were yesterday."

Bryant's Mamba Mentality is something we should all strive for every

day – working to be the best person you can be and making each and every day a chance to be better than yesterday.

Sometimes it takes a tragedy to step back into the reality of what is true, lasting and essential in life. It seems that Bryant realized how important family and loved ones are, and cherished his time with his lovely wife and four daughters to whom he loved being a "girl dad." Which is also now a hashtag on Instagram with over 349,000 posts on it.

I guess in a way we can all relate to Bryant. I know I can, as someone who strives to be better every day and cherishes family. I can also relate as I am married to a "girl dad," who is extremely committed to being the best version of himself.

As we continue into this brand new year of opportunities to live our best lives, I hope you will keep your priorities focused on what is essential. Keep moving towards being better, cherish your family and loved ones, and keep your Mamba Mentality alive and well.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I will focus on being the best version of myself and will keep my Mamba Mentality thriving to live my most beautiful life."

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Yoga Class For Osteoporosis

Registration is now open for the Yoga for Osteoporosis class at the Sanibel Recreation Center, which will be held on Tuesdays, February 18 and 25 as well as March 3, 10, 24 and 31 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$60 for members and \$78 for non-members for the full six class session. Class size is limited to 12 participants. If space is available, a drop-in rate of \$12.25 per class for members and \$15.50 per class for non-members is available. Register in advance to reserve your spot.

Yoga for Osteoporosis is designed for students of any age and level of yoga

experience. Students with an interest in a yoga practice to build bone density, whether suffering with osteoporosis or osteopenia, or as a preventive therapy, will receive guidance for a safe yoga practice. In the class, participants will explore 12 poses that are part of yoga for bone health. The use of chairs, blankets and blocks will help students find the version of each pose that is

most supportive for their individual needs. Bring an empty stomach, bare feet and an open mind. You may want to bring socks and a sweater for the final relaxation at the end of the class.

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The Flu Versus Coronavirus



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers:

There's a virus that has become a growing threat to people of all ages. The Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in the United States in

responding to coronavirus. The facts are as follows:

1. Starting February 2, all passengers coming in to the U.S. who have been in Hubei province in China during the prior two weeks will be potentially quarantined for 14 days. This region of China is where Wuhan is located, and that is the epicenter of the outbreak.

2. There is an entire region in China that is in complete lockdown, and they've quarantined more than 50 million people to contain the outbreak.

3. The World Health Organization (WHO) has deemed the virus a "global health emergency," further advising Americans not to travel to China. So far, only a handful of Americans have caught it, and one man has already been successfully treated. His case study and treatment protocol was just published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

4. There is human to human transmission.

The coronavirus, known in shorthand as 2019-nCoV is a very odd bug! Researchers are desperately trying to understand its genomic sequence so that

treatment can be hastened.

It is weirdly possible that a person became infected by consuming a bat, or a snake that had eaten a bat. This is theorized because the coronavirus shares 96.2 percent of its DNA sequence with a bat. And in some open food markets, wild animals are actually sold as food.

People with a cold or flu commonly use analgesics, fever reducers, cough syrup and decongestants or antihistamines.

Symptoms of 2019-nCoV are similar to the flu, or to the common cold, so you might expect a fever, shortness of breath, weakness, coughing and asthma-like symptoms. Pneumonia is the most dangerous complication. More and more people will be walking around the U.S. with disposable face masks and, whether or not that's for the 2019-nCoV or for the flu, it doesn't matter. They're either just protecting themselves, or being polite to others.

At this time, I think the risk of contracting coronavirus in the United States or Canada is quite small. If you travel via plane or cruise ships then, of course, your risk goes up for this as well as the flu. As for the flu vaccine, it may be appropriate for protection against certain strains of influenza, however it was not 'built' to protect against 2019-nCoV.

Some of the following holistic remedies may be helpful during cough/cold season; however these are not useful to treat coronavirus. You must seek medical attention if you have a serious respiratory illness:

Matcha Tea
Elderberry
Astragalus
Ginger
Garlic
Mullein root
Eucalyptus essential oil
I have a much more thorough version

of this article that I can email to you if you're interested. I'll add you to my online database when you sign up for my free newsletter at www.suzycohen.com.

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.✽

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: Is there is difference between the subconscious and unconscious mind?

A: Though used interchangeably, there are subtle differences between the unconscious and

subconscious.

The subconscious includes hidden memories, desires and drives. The unconscious refers more to sleeping, passed out or even drugged – the subconscious does not. When you are in a subconscious state, you are not sleeping.

In my hypnosis practice, I use the term accessing the subconscious. Hypnosis is simply relaxed, focused concentration.

Think of it when you are driving from

point A to point B and you suddenly ask yourself, how did I get here?

This happens all the time. You are aware, yet your subconscious is at the helm.

According to science, our subconscious operates 95 percent of the time.

Dr. Milton Erickson who founded the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis (ASCH), was paralyzed by polio at age 17. While recovering and mute, he activated his subconscious brain to slowly teach himself how to walk and talk again.

By opening and accessing the subconscious, it is possible to have transformational experiences that can be positively life changing.

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Overeaters Anonymous

If food is a problem for you, Overeaters Anonymous can help. Meetings are held in Room 130 at Sanibel Community Church on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Fridays at 4 p.m.

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

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way.✽

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Center 4 Life

breathing, activates the body's internal energy, fosters relaxation, clears the "monkey mind" and helps to reduce stress. When combined, these techniques lead to a meditation that generates a peaceful presence and an overall "good to be alive" feeling. Non-skid shoes are required. Paul Lawrence is the instructor.

Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats

are used. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

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

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PETS OF THE WEEK

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services
Kisa And Pogo



Kisa ID# A512761

If you have never been fortunate enough to have a calico cat as part of your family, you are missing out. A calico cat's behavior is rumored to have more attitude than cats of other colors. Some pet owners affectionately refer to these behavior characteristics as "cattitude." My name is Miss Kisa. I am an 8-year-old female domestic medium hair who just has a fiery personality that volunteers find simply charming. I will definitely keep you on your toes. And with my stunning good looks, I absolutely pull it off.

My adoption fee is \$25, and you can adopt me and get a feline friend at no additional charge.

Do you like big dog personalities but can only have a medium sized dog? Then I will be a perfect match. My anme is Pogp. I am a 7-year-old male American staffordshire mix who has the personality of a big dog (don't tell me I'm not, I



Pogo ID# A805185

think I am) all packaged into my medium-sized body. I get my name from the pogo-like bounce I have when I want to go for a walk. I also like to 'talk' to let you know when I need something. There is no need to wonder with this guy.

My adoption fee is \$25.

Lee County Animal Services kicks off "Give Love" promotion with adoption discounts. Take a departure from the traditional roses and chocolates and "Give Love" this year by adopting a furry Valentine from Lee County Animal Services. From February 1 through February 29, all adoptions of adult dogs and cats will be just \$25 with an approved adoption application.

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

Haven on Earth Animal League
Eve

Hi There! My name is Eve -- perfect for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. I'm only about two or three years old, so I'm still young and playful. I've had a rough life so I'm looking for someone to love me forever. I was found in a garden center, trying to protect my five kittens. I was emaciated, full of tapeworms and missing fur. Luckily, someone from Haven on Earth Animal League took me in and fostered me. I'm all better now and ready to spend my life being pampered, as I should be. I am very affectionate and like to cuddle in bed or on the sofa with my human. I get along with other cats, and I even like the dogs in the house -- but don't tell anyone. If you want to meet me, call Aviva (my foster mom) at 204-6849 or email Haven on Earth Animal League at haveneearthanimalleague@yahoo.com.

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PUZZLES

Answers on page 31B

Super Crossword

SIX FROM THE FAB FOUR

- ACROSS
- 1 Approach intrusively

7 Lamenters's sound

11 Process of going bad

19 Attach with heat, as a patch

20 Heart sections

22 When shows are broadcast

23 Butler or maid

25 Fish also called a largemouth

26 Mop

27 At that point

28 CNN anchor Burnett

30 China's Mao — -tung

31 1960s reform movement in China

38 "Sid the Science Kid" network

41 Tracker maker, once

42 Convert to the Koran's religion

43 Chevy model

45 Suffix with towel

48 Korean, Thai or Chinese

52 Precipitating heavily

57 Big Apple sch.

58 Off-white

59 March composer John Philip —

60 Cease

61 Lives (in)

63 It lures fish

65 Loss of memory

67 Posed (for)

68 "Stop thinking of me as so naive"

74 "— recall ..."

75 Headlined

76 Dying words from Caesar

77 Inflicts upon

79 Honshu sash

80 Small piece

83 Ad biz prize

87 Collaborator

88 Person in the third decade of life

91 Frantic scramble

94 Correct copy

95 Hitchcock classic

96 Light blue avenue in Monopoly

100 Neat — pin

101 Announcer Hall

102 American flier with scarlet patches

109 Special time

110 Tabula —

111 Postal letters

112 Get in return

116 Person petting

120 What the last words of 23-, 31-, 52-, 68-, 88- and 102-Across are

124 Unusual

125 1983 Streisand film

126 Holy rings

127 Property of a magnet

128 Solar output

129 Fully ready

DOWN

1 Bails out, e.g.

2 Brag loudly

3 Unconscious state

4 Final non-A.D. year

5 "Mayday!"

6 Blast source

7 — Picchu (Peruvian site of Incan ruins)

8 Alternative

9 Game venue

10 Zip

11 Mouth liquid

12 Billy Joel hit

13 Planet Mork came from

14 Suffix with social

15 Ad- —

16 Rare violin

17 Undercoat for painting on wood

18 West German city

21 People who mimic

24 "What's — ya?"

29 Brother or aunt: Abbr.

32 Tangelo trademark

33 Tilts one's body toward

34 Bank claim

35 Fleur-de- —

36 Israeli arm

37 Poke fun at

38 Conduit

39 Coll. hotshot

40 Motivate

44 Island near Venezuela

45 College Web site suffix

46 Set- — (sharp fights)

47 Old United rival

49 Oklahoma oil city

50 Mosaic work

51 Certain skin bulge

53 "You — see this!"

54 — Martin (cognac)

55 British queen

56 "Beware the — of March!"

61 Coke Zero alternative

62 Witch's blemish

64 Secy., e.g.

65 Moreover

66 Vapor

68 Land in water, in Italy

69 Use, as a tool

70 Sweat of one's —

71 "Kill — killed!"

72 Hold in check

73 Small state ruled by a sovereign

74 Eve's man

78 Actor Max von —

80 Rocker Barrett

81 CBS drama

82 Turn rancid

84 Pet parasites

85 With a sharp picture, for short

86 Hymn start

88 Epithet for Alexander

89 Be a rاتفink

90 Alexis I, e.g.

92 Jackie's hubby #2

93 Offense

97 Almost

98 Six-pt. plays

99 Cry like —

100 Amply skilled

102 Rundown

103 Bards' Muse

104 Singer Hall

105 Oven maker

106 Spiteful

107 Passes idly, as time

108 Dryly funny

113 Slaughter of baseball

114 James with a Pulitzer

115 Discreet call

117 MPG monitor

118 Chaplin's title

119 — -fi flick

121 Always, poetically

122 Oldies group — Na Na

123 "Tonka" star Mineo

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Item on stage

5 Relaxation

9 "Help!"

12 Emanation

13 Picture of health?

14 Demonic tyke

15 Dance lesson

16 Green land

17 Grazing area

18 Loafer, e.g.

19 Wrestling surface

20 Small horse

21 Tear

23 Eggs

25 Ought not

28 Plunder

32 Jellied dish

33 Flat

34 Neptune or Poseidon

36 Makes baby food, maybe

37 Id counterpart

38 Allow

39 "Ironsides" star

42 Define article

44 "Phooey!"

48 Past

49 Desktop symbol

50 Sheltered

51 Under the weather

52 Filly's brother

53 Mountain goat

54 Caustic

8 Storm center

9 Missile shelter

10 Portent

11 Fix, in a sense

20 Evidence of fraud

22 Disguised, for short

24 Cost

25 "More," to Jose

26 Work with

27 Hot tub

29 Word implied in "been there, done that"

30 Born

31 Golfer Ernie

35 E-business

36 More than enough

39 Kind of bond

40 Pre-swan

41 Portrayal

43 Ian or Celeste

45 Jessica of "Fantastic Four"

46 Prepared to drive

47 Alluring

49 Lemieux milieu
- DOWN
- 1 Just say no

2 Naomi's daughter-in-law

3 Sandwich treat

4 Empty threat

5 Free from a duty

6 Met melody

7 Tailor, humorously

55 TV trophy

56 "— and the Tramp"

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C X G W G P U S S R P G U R R
O M L J O O I G N I L B M A T
G E D H B A J Y X W U T S M S

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

- Ambling
- Climbing
- Hiking
- Hopping
- Jogging
- Jumping
- Marching
- Running
- Sauntering
- Skipping
- Stepping
- Striding
- Strolling
- Swimming
- Walking

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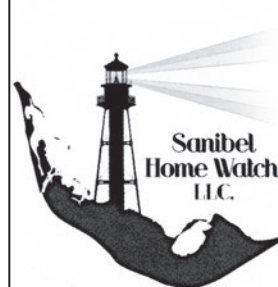


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“Well, he does give me love and affection,
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Answer on page 31B

SCRAMBLERS

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Singed

ARCHERD

Capture

PARENT

Ignite

LINKED

Rant

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TODAY'S WORD

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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 31B

HOCUS-FOCUS

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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Wall is shorter. 3. Belt is missing. 4. Pants are different. 5. Jacket is different. 6. Tree is moved.

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Aries (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) You still

need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel – alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it

more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also

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might come to light as you proceed with the work.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

Born This Week: Your sensitivity makes you aware of the needs of others. Have you considered a career as a counselor?

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Feb. 16, 1878, supported by Western mining interests and farmers, the Bland-Allison Act, which provided

for a return to the minting of silver coins, becomes law. It required the U.S. Treasury to resume purchasing silver and minting silver dollars as legal tender.

• On Feb. 13, 1915, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) is founded to “assure that music creators are fairly compensated for the public performance of their works, and that their rights are properly protected.”

• On Feb. 10, 1957, Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the best-selling *Little House* series of children’s novels, dies at age 90 in Missouri. In 1932, Wilder, then in her 60s, published her first novel, *Little House in the Big Woods*.

• On Feb. 15, 1961, the entire 18-member U.S. figure skating team is killed in a plane crash in Belgium. The team was on its way to the 1961 World Figure Skating Championships in Prague. U.S. women’s figure skating champion Laurence Owen, 16, was featured on the Feb. 13, 1961, cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

• On Feb. 12, 1972, the release of American POWs begins in Hanoi as part of the Paris peace settlement. The first 20 of 591 U.S. POWs arrived to a hero’s welcome at Travis AFB in California.

• On Feb. 11, 1990, in a major upset, Buster Douglas defeats Mike Tyson, the undisputed world heavyweight champion, in 10 rounds at a boxing match in Tokyo. The

loss was the beginning of a long, downward spiral for Tyson, which included jail time and license revocation in Nevada.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was famed cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead who made the following sage observation: “One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don’t come home at night.”

• It’s been estimated that a million pigeons live in New York City.

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As a result of the revision, 1% annual chance water surface elevations shall increase and decrease, and the zone designations shall decrease within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can also be reviewed at the City of Sanibel Community Services Department at 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957. Interested persons may call Harold Law, Building Official, City of Sanibel Community Services Department at 239-472-4555, for additional information from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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you can stop off in Metropolis and visit the self-declared birthplace of Superman. In honor of their hometown superhero, the citizens erected a 15-foot bronze statue of him on Main Street.

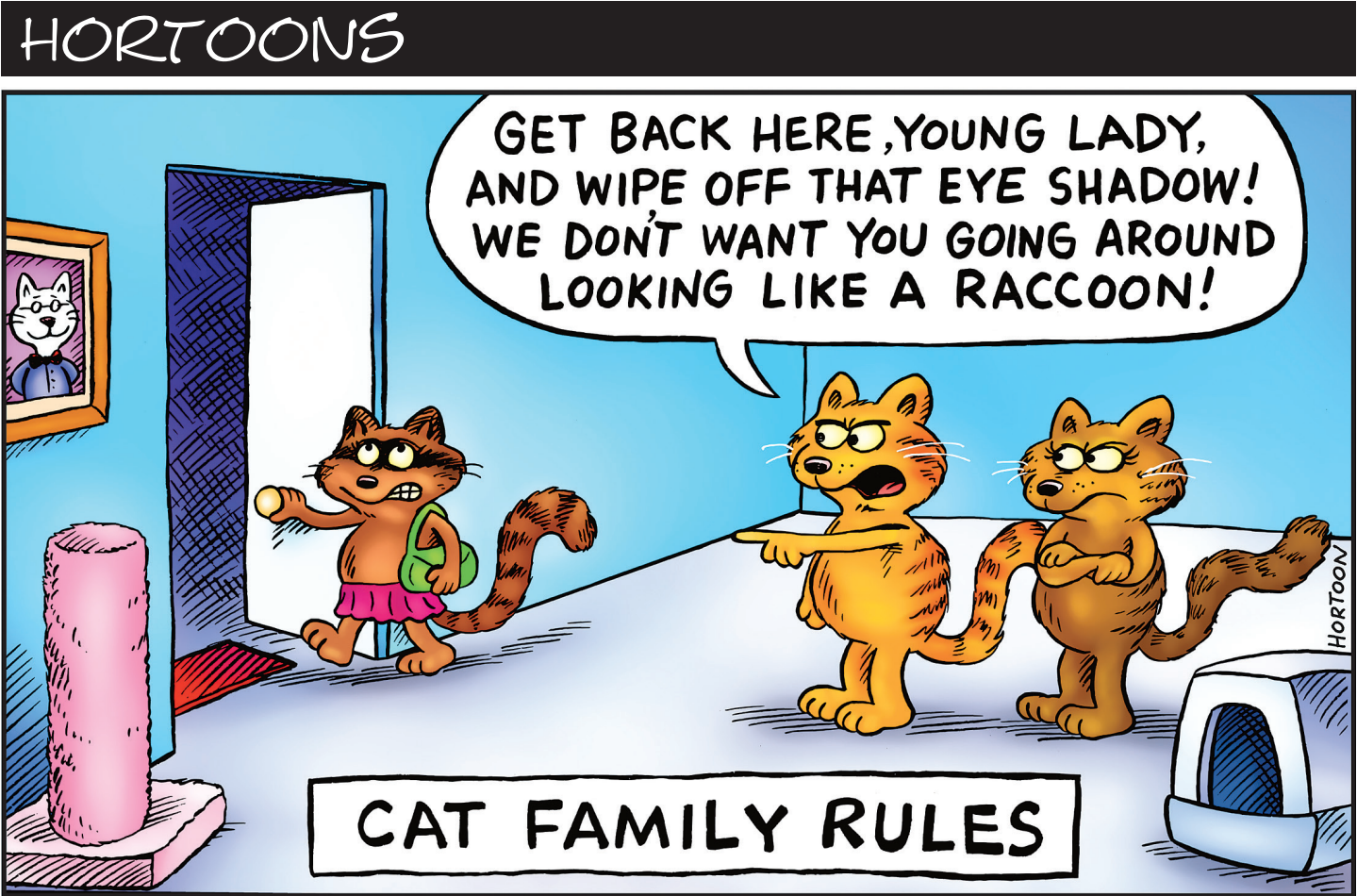
- It was Abraham Lincoln who signed into law the legislation that created the Secret Service. That very night, he was assassinated.
- Those who study such things say that on the 13th of every month, triskaidekaphobia causes a loss of \$83 million to American business due to absenteeism from work and other disruptions.
- In the United States, more babies are born on Oct. 5 than on any other day of the year. If you do the math, you'll find that New Year's Eve is 9 months and 5 days before that.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
“Show me a hero, and I will write you a tragedy.” – F. Scott Fitzgerald

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2014	3,725	\$1,849,000	\$1,550,000	99
Westlake Court	Estero	2020	2,837	\$1,638,861	\$1,638,861	0
Westlake Court	Estero	2020	2,837	\$1,606,285	\$1,606,285	0
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1973	2,588	\$1,299,000	\$1,200,000	30
Tahitian Shores	Fort Myers	1975	4,027	\$1,195,000	\$1,075,000	63
Jonathan Harbour	Fort Myers	2002	4,300	\$1,149,900	\$1,025,000	189
Jonathan Harbour	Fort Myers	2004	2,826	\$1,099,000	\$1,000,000	71
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1972	2,420	\$1,050,000	\$1,019,000	7
Del Sega	Sanibel	1958	1,700	\$989,000	\$905,000	11
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