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Anita Force Marshall with two wildlifethemed bags

## Painted Bags Going Up For Bid

anibel Captiva Art League is holding its 12th annual Bailey Bags for FISH of SanCap fundraiser. Art league members paint reusable Bailey bags, which then go up for auction to raise



Nancy Sperte with two of the handpainted bags up for bid photos provided

money to help islanders in need. More than 20 bags will be displayed at Bailey's General Store on Sanibel during the continue on page 16

## Biologist To Share Dolphin Chronicle

he Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) weekly Virtual Speaker Series presented by Lee County Electric Cooperative continues on Monday, February 1 with FMMSN1954, Rudolph: An Overview of Cetacean Rehabilitation by Hannah Rogers, associate rescue biologist for Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA).

Clearwater Marine Aquarium works to protect and conserve the world's fragile aquatic ecosystems and the threatened species that call them home. This presentation will provide an overview of cetacean rehabilitation practices and the process of transitioning a non-releasable animal into managed care.

Rogers was an intern for the rescue team in the spring of 2019. In December of 2019, she was hired as staff to assist with the rehabilitation of Rudolph, a rough-toothed dolphin, and has since remained on the team. Prior to interning/ working at CMA, she gained intern



Rudolph "Rudy" receives intake support

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experience in wildlife rehabilitation as well. Virtual Speaker Series programs begin

at 4 p.m. and are approximately one hour in length. The talks will be presented using Zoom and are limited to 100 participants, so advance registration is required. Admission per device is \$10 plus applicable taxes and fees

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Sailor's Valentine and floral arrangement by Suzanne Dietsch

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## Virtual Shell Show To Feature **Artist Videos**

he free 2021 Virtual Sanibel Shell Show will be held on the Sanibel Shell Club's YouTube Channel on Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6 from noon to 3 p.m. EST. One of the over 35 featured original videos shows how professional mosaic shell artist, Suzanne

Dietsch, creates Sailor's Valentines in her studio in rural Illinois.

Dietsch is known for her creative, three-dimensional approach to this craft. Her goal is to honor the nautical folk-art history of Sailor's Valentines while creating a more personal, contemporary spin to this treasured art form from the 1800s.

The video showcases Dietsch's Valentines created from self-collected shells, purchased shells and other sealife including fossils. One includes baby

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## Arts And Crafts Fair Next Sunday



Artist Jeanne Cardarelli Raimondi with some of her works

anibel's Community House is hosting

an arts and craft fair on Sunday,

number of sellers has been limited for your

just in time for Valentine's Day. There

will be handmade arts and crafts of all

kinds, created by vendors who were

specially selected to participate. The

February 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

You'll find an array of original art, including clothing, crafts, culinary items, jewelry, pottery, baked goods, macrame, greeting cards, sculpture and woodworking.

All sellers will be situated indoors

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## Community House Events

A nita Force Marshall will teach Letting Loose with Watercolors on Tuesday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. Participants will paint a manatee. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 guests. Beachcomber paint kits can be rented for \$10.

Suzette Heeres will teach an oil painting class on Monday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. Students will create four oil painted heart necklaces. Cost is \$55 for members and \$65 for guests; all supplies included.

There will be an arts and crafts fair on Sunday, February 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Select local artists will be selling their handmade items including paintings, pottery, jewelry, clothing and culinary items.

Shell Crafters are on site with their handmade items for sale on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Classes are being offered at 10 a.m. with limited spaces available.

Line Dancing with Maria Di Rosa is offered on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class.

The Sanibel Party Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. All are welcome. Bringing a partner is preferred. Cost is \$5 suggested donation.

Painting with Friends is held on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your own supplies to paint with fellow artists; no instruction. Cost is \$10 per



Sissi Janku, top right, teaches painting classes on the first and third Wednesdays of the month

session.

Sissi Janku teaches painting classes on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, January through March. Cost per class is \$60 for members and \$65 for nonmembers.

Every Thursday at 1 p.m., Tommy Williams leads Living Life Current, an open forum discussion. All are welcome to discuss what is going on locally, nationally and globally. Suggested donation is \$5. Masks and social distancing required.

Chair Stretching/Yoga with Mahnaz Bassiri is offered on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Aerobics with Mahnaz Bassiri is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants can bring their own weights, \$5 suggested donation.

The Sanibel Hearts Club meets every Friday at 1 p.m. Play the card game Hearts. For beginners to experts, all are welcome. \$5 suggested donation.

Shell Critter Kits are available for purchase or to ship. Choose four out of

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13 critters to assemble. Cost is \$20 per kit, shipping is \$8 additional.

Camp to Go Art Kits are also available for purchase or to ship. There are eight different postcards to color and Zentangle. Marker and educational video link included. Cost is \$20 per kit; shipping is \$8 additional.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information, visit www. sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155 \$\frac{1}{2}\$



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"When you say we are family, I know personally it comes from the heart. A lot of us were wondering how can we make it through? And now, thanks to you, we can." Dorothy C.

"This means so much to everyone here in Florida. One particularly- Jason- was overwhelmed (very noticeably choked up) and asked that I thank you personally." Bill W.

"I just want you to know that I am really thankful to have a job and bosses as I do.

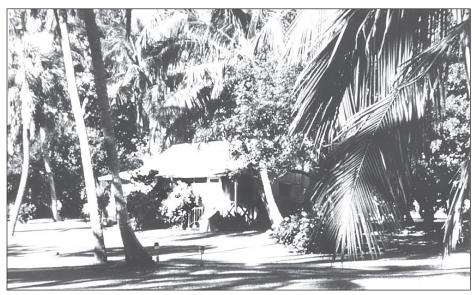
A big thank you! God Bless." Amber F.

"As I reviewed your emails, my eyes danced with joy! There are no words to express my heartfelt thanks!" Rosetta G.

"It makes me feel lucky to work for such great people." Craig M.

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Cottage built for plantation workers on CB Chadwick's coconut plantation, pre-1940 photo courtesy Captiva Island Historical Society Archives

Captiva Island Historical Society

## Landmark: Chadwick's **Plantation**

his week's image depicts a typical cottage at South Seas Plantation, originally built for the plantation workers on CB Chadwick's coconut plantation, pre-1940.



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

Visit the website at www.captivaisland historical society.org/archives/research to view many more images to bring you closer to Captiva.☼

## Churches/Temples

Complete Shabbat Worship Service including Torah reading Zoomed from Fellowship Hall at SCUUC every Friday night at 7.30 p.m. Shabbat morning discussion led by Rabbi Fuchs at 9.30 a.m. (email batyámsanibel@gmail.com to request the Zoom links). Food and paper drive donation drop-offs on the first Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. Rabbi Stephen Fuchs,

Cantor Murray Simon, President Michael

Hochschild, www.batyam.org, 2050

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Rev. Larry Marshall. Outdoor services every Sunday at 11 a.m. Nov. 8, 2020 through April 25, 2021. Services posted on Chapel's Website for viewing. Weekly Bible Study on Tod agold distancing will are mandatory and social distancing will be in effect. www.captivachapel.com, www.facebook.com/Captiva-Chapel-By-The-Sea, 11580 Chapin Lane Captiva, 472-1646

**CHAVURAT SHALOM** 

(Fellowship of Peace) Friday Shabbat services led by members at 6 p.m. Saturday morning Jewish current events at 11 a.m. Talks by members on topics of interest Thursdays at 11 a.m. Contact ChavuratShalom@gmail.com to participate

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST Services at the Christian Science Church of Sanibel-Captiva have resumed as follows: Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday meeting at 4:30 p.m. Reading room open on Friday, 10 a.m. to noon. 2950 West Gulf Drive, 472-8684.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contemporary Service at 9 a.m. and Traditional Service at 11 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Now offering a "Masks Only" service via live stream at 9 and 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. View the Sunday Service online at www.sanibelchurch.com, 1740

Periwinkle Way, 472-2684.

SANIBEL CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Reverend Dr. John H. Danner, Sr. Pastor. The Rev. Deborah Kunkel, Associate Pastor. Livestream service at 11 a.m., www.sanibelucc.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 472-0497.

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Father Ed Martin, Pastor, Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m., Sunday Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Daily Mass Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. 3559 Sanibel-Captiva Road, 472-2763.

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The Rev. Bill Van Oss, Rector. View Sunday service online, through Facebook or YouTube. Most services and meetings have transitioned to online formats. Visit website for information on Bible studies and other offerings. Drive Up Communion every Sunday, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., www. saintmichaels-sanibel.org, 2304 Periwinkle

Way, 472-2173. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS

Meets 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month from December through April at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. A potluck 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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From left, Lori Schulz and Mame Byrne with some of the items donated to the Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee photo provided

## Island Catholics Raise Funds For Immokalee Group

emonstrating that charitable work can continue even during a pandemic, the SanCap Catholics raised over \$2,100 to benefit the Guadalupe Social Services in this year's celebration of the Protection of All Life.

As part of this campaign, the annual baby shower simultaneously brought in 3,000 diapers, 5,400 baby wipes and 24 bags of clothing to be donated. The clothing bags contained both baby items and long-sleeved shirts for area migrant workers.

The SanCap Catholics extend their thanks to all of their members and friends for their loving actions and generous hearts, and hope for their continued support in future fundraising efforts.

## Summer Camp Lineup For Sanibel Sea School

anibel Sea School will offer a full lineup of summer camps beginning on Monday, June 7. "We are so excited to get back to a more normal summer," said Director Nicole Finnicum. "With the cancellation of summer camps last year, we are ready to have campers back on campus, surfing, snorkeling and making memories in the ocean."

In accordance with CDC and American Camp Association guidelines, summer activities will be modified to take necessary precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including smaller group sizes at both locations and masking indoors. General registration for summer camp will open Saturday, February 13 at 10 a.m.

Sanibel Sea School staff have been working to rollover those registrations from last year's canceled camp into this year's sessions. "We are allowing our 2020 participants to apply their tuition to this year's camp and are offering them priority registration," said Finnicum. "Spaces will be limited this year with our rollovers and smaller camp sizes, so we are encouraging people to be ready for registration right at 10 a.m."

This year, a variety of biology-themed camps will be available for children and teens ages 4 to 18 at two different locations – Sanibel Sea School's Flagship



A happy campe

photo provided

campus on the east end of Sanibel, as well as a new location, the Bailey Homestead. Each week will have a different theme; highlights include sharks, coconuts, manatees and Calusa. These Island Skills camp weeks are for children ages 6 to 13 and include activities such as surfing, seining for fish, snorkeling and learning basic waterfolk skills. For little ones ages 4 to 6 years old, they will learn about mullet, sticky anemones and seahorses, all while getting comfortable in the ocean.

Questions and camp inquiries can be sent to camp@sanibelseaschool. org. More information can be found at https://www.sanibelseaschool.org/sanibel-camps.

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## Sea School Campers Conduct Survey

submitted by Nicole Finnicum

uring Sanibel Sea School's annual winter camp, New Year, New Ocean, staff highlighted the importance of biodiversity and conservation.

"In order to conserve the natural environment, it is important to first understand what creatures are living in our local environment and how many there are," said Shannon Stainken, education programs manager. "With this information, we can then recognize what is abundant, what may be new to the area, and what needs more protection.

A great way to conduct a survey like this is through a "BioBlitz." A BioBlitz is an event where citizens in a community come together to record as many species as they can find, including plants, animals, and even fungi. Bioblitzing is a great way to create a stronger connection between humans and nature, and encourages participants to enjoy the great outdoors.

Sanibel Sea School conducted a BioBlitz during winter camp around Sanibel's east end.

On the beaches, campers found plant species, such as sea oats, prickly pear cactus and sea purslane. "It was



Sanibel Sea School campers counted 48 species on their BioBlitz during winter camp

photo provided

great to see campers find and record plant species, because many of them are new to plant identification," said Stainken.

Campers also found a diversity of creatures on the beaches, including ghost crabs, sea urchins and coquinas. Many bird species were also present including osprey, sandwich terns, willets and fish crows.

In total, 48 species were counted between two groups of campers.

"This was a great exercise for our

campers because they were learning how to conduct a biological survey and discovering new species," said Stainken. 'Many of them were surprised by the diversity of plants and animals they

Interested in doing your own BioBlitz? You can participate in similar community science projects to monitor butterflies, birds and other species. Some of our favorites include: eBird, eButterfly and iNaturalist. A

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## Bat Yam Temple Bluegrass Band Concert

at Yam Temple of the Islands will hold its annual fundraiser concert on Sunday, March 7 at 4 p.m. The afternoon musical event, which will be livestreamed for virtual viewing, stars Cantor Murray Simon of Sanibel's Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, Reverend Dr. John Danner of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, and a husband and wife team, Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg. Zasloff and Lindberg started

Nefesh Mountain Bluegrass band.
Nefesh means "soul" and the Nefesh Mountain Bluegrass Band is a favorite of both Jewish and non-Jewish fans who enjoy the mashup of Jewish liturgy with bluegrass melodies. Bluegrass music is a genre of American roots music that developed in the 1940s in the Appalachian region of the United States. The name Earl Scruggs is synonymous with Bluegrass music. He was known for an energetic and innovative three-finger picking style on the

Bluegrass was born from many strands of American life, mostly describing day-to-day life on the farms and in the hills. It is now performed and enjoyed around the world. Zasloff talks about how Nefesh Mountain Bluegrass band represents diversity in bluegrass. Theirs is a contemporary bluegrass band that spreads the message of the joy and the magic of American roots music. Their repertoire often includes songs by Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie.
The group (Zasloff and Lindberg, Alan

Grubner on violin and Tim Kiah on bass and vocals) has been active since 2014 and has toured the U.S., Canada, Israel, England and Australia. They perform at concert halls, festivals, workshops, schools, camps and synagogues. They have been featured in Rolling Stone, BBC World News, Billboard and Bluegrass Today,

among others.

Bat Yam's annual fundraiser concert has sold out in previous years. Attendance for this year's concert is on a first-come registration basis. The concert is free to the public, but donations are encouraged and welcomed. Additional benefits are available for sponsors of the concert.

Register by sending an email with the subject heading "concert" to batyamsanibel@gmail.com.

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## Planning Commissioners Welcomed

by Wendy McMullen

he Sanibel Planning Commission elected two new commissioners and reappointed another at last week's Sanibel City Council meeting. Commissioner Paul Nichols was

once again appointed to the planning commission for a three-year term. Nichols was the CEO of a public company that involved reviewing plans, proposals and budgets. He had been a member of the planning commission and land development code review subcommittee since 2019. He is also chairperson for The Dunes Advisory Council.

Ty Symroski is a newcomer to the planning commission but not to the City of Sanibel and the planning department. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a major in land use planning at University of North Carolina with a master's degree in regional planning, he became a planner with the City of Sanibel during the early, formative

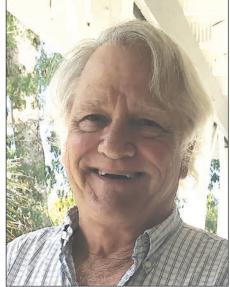


**Paul Nichols** 

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years. He later moved to the the Florida Keys area, where he was city planner for

Symroski is currently Sanibel's representative on the citizen advisory committee of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization and serves on the board of trustees of the



Ty Symroski

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

A newcomer to the planning commission is Laura DeBruce, a lawyer and businesswoman who co-owns and operates Sanibel Carts along with several other international businesses with a focus on intellectual property and media rights. DeBruce served on the board of



Laura DeBruce

directors of Community Housing and Resources, the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the Zonta Club and foundation and American Business Women's Association. She will fill the unexpired term of Chuck Ketteman who resigned because he moved off island.☆

## Recreation **Center Hours** Extended

by Wendy McMullen

he Sanibel Recreation Center has extended its hours for basketball and pickleball until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Otherwise most of the center's operations remain closed with group fitness classes and personal training canceled until further notice.

The weight room at the center remains open by appointment only with weight machines and fitness equipment zoned to maintain social distance.

The City of Sanibel Center 4 Life senior center on Library Way is closed until further notice.

In the meantime, The Community House is offering Senior Aerobics from

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with Mahnaz Bassiri on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Line Dancing with Maria Di Rosa on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested for each class.

## Red Tide Still In Patches Around Island

by Wendy McMullen

ed tide persists around the islands of Sanibel and Captiva with particular high concentrations at Lighthouse Beach on the eastern end of the Sanibel, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Moderate concentrations have also been found in the Bowman's Beach area on Sanibel's northwest coast. Red tide has also been reported on the northern

end of Sanibel and in the Tarpon Beach area, but at much lower levels.

Freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee, which some claim are connected with red tide, have been typical for this time of year despite the high flows between September and December last year, reported Holly Millbrandt, Sanibel's director of natural resources. It is not proven that freshwater releases cause red tide, particularly since red tide tends to develop many miles offshore. However, since red tide is a plant cell that needs nutrients to sustain it, freshwater releases may encourage the growth of the toxin once it is formed.

The newly formed Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) is studying red tide and has obtained funding for additional sites to sample water in the Gulf of Mexico. FGCU researchers are also considering costs and benefits of removing the dead fish poisoned by red tide.☆

## Increase Pending For Non-Resident Parking Fees

by Wendy McMullen

anibel City Council plans to amend the Sanibel Code to increase its parking fees for non-residents more than 300 percent at its next meeting on Tuesday, February 2.

There are four types of decals available for parking on Sanibel. Residents and property owners can buy an "A" sticker for just \$14. This sticker allows residents to park at various limited parking spots along West Gulf Drive and Middle and East Gulf drives as well as The Sanctuary Overlook, Dixie Beach, Bailey Road and east Periwinkle Way.

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## Lecture With Photographer And His Family

n the heels of the release of his latest Florida photographic collection, The Everglades, Clyde Butcher will be presenting at the Thursday, February 4 "Ding" Darling lecture at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The program starts at 10 a.m., and will also include Butcher's wife, fellow photographer-artist, Niki Butcher, and daughter-manager Jackie Butcher-Obendorf.

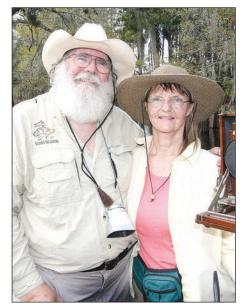
Clyde Butcher is known world over for his large-format, black-and-white nature photos that take the craft to levels of composed artistry. Niki Butcher, who will be mounting an exhibition at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge starting in mid-November, specializes in hand-painted photographs that also glorify nature's beauty.

Called "his most comprehensive collection of Everglades photography," the oversized coffee-table book The Everglades showcases Clyde Butcher's work in a collectible edition with notes from the photographer and behind-thescenes photos. Originally scheduled to publish last winter, the collection was held up by the pandemic and released in late September. Both photographers will be sharing their work during the one-hour

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) hosts the 17th annual lecture series and Wayne and Linda Boyd sponsor the Butchers' lecture.

The Refuge Nature Store will be setting up a mini gift store at the lecture that will include Clyde Butcher unsigned books, T-shirts, hats, note cards and some of his artwork. Because of COVID-19, the photographer will not be signing any books that day. To obtain a pre-signed book for pickup on February 5 or after, contact the Nature Store by Monday, February 1 at 472-1100 ext. 241. Profits from Nature Store purchases benefit education, wildlife research and overall conservation efforts at the refuge.

This season's "Ding" Darling Lecture Series evolves with the times and persisting distance protocols by moving to the larger venue. Socially distanced seating for the free lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis. Staff



Clyde and Niki Butcher

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will be distributing entry wristbands to attendees beginning at 9 a.m. that day, after taking touch-free temperature readings. Guests must be wearing wristbands and facemasks to enter the lecture room. Early arrivals may save their seat and one other with personal items. Saved seats must be filled by 9:45 a.m.

The season's remaining schedule follows. Starred lecture indicates book signing.

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

Upcoming lectures:

\*Friday, February 19 – Author Jack Davis, The Bald Eagle: Symbol and Species in American History, sponsored by Southwest Florida Eagle Cam

\*Friday, March 12 – Author Paul Bannick, Gray Owl: A Visual Natural History, sponsored by Bill and Laurie

\*Friday, March 19 – Author Kirk W. Johnson, Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century, sponsored by Ashton Kirchner Group/Keller Williams Realty Sanibel & Captiva, HighTower/ Thomas & Swartz Wealth Management, Geoffrey and Karen Moss, and Sanibel Carts

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## These Seed Pods Will Grab Your Attention

by Gerri Reaves

Test Indian mahogany's (Swietenia mahagoni) seed pods are among the largest pods of native trees.

And, they are beautiful curiosities.

Measuring up to five inches long, they perch upright like unopened silvery beige tulips atop bare branches. Seeing a tree loaded with pods makes you wonder why the species isn't called the tulip tree.

Upon a first encounter with a split pod, you're likely to be impressed by the gorgeous symmetry within the rich brown interior.

The woody five-lobed pods split vertically and symmetrically. Five carpels, or pod sections, open like petals to release tightly packed flat-winged seeds.

The seeds are about three-quarters of an inch long and similar in color to the tree's renowned reddish brown wood.

The carpels can be used to make earrings and other jewelry.

A view from the opening, or top, of the pod, reveals a slender star dividing the seeds into five rounded sections.

Once the seeds are free of the pod, their wings, or membranes, enable them to disperse via wind. A pitch in the shape makes the seeds spin as they fall and maximize the dispersal.



Inside the pod are numerous tightly packed winged seeds photos by Gerri Reaves

So successful is this self-propagation strategy that scientists actually analyze this whirligig aerodynamic property to better deliver ICBM multiple or cluster missile explosives.

This tree grows only in the state's southernmost counties. Long prized for its dense wood that was used especially in ship-building and furniture-making, the tree's populations are depleted due to heavy logging before the 20th century.

Because the wood is so valuable, log-poaching occurred in the Florida Keys well into the 20th century.

The tree is on the state's threatened



Native West Indian mahogany's large seed pods resemble smooth upright tulips at the branch ends

species list.

The next time you see scattered mahogany pods, take a moment to explore their beauty and design.

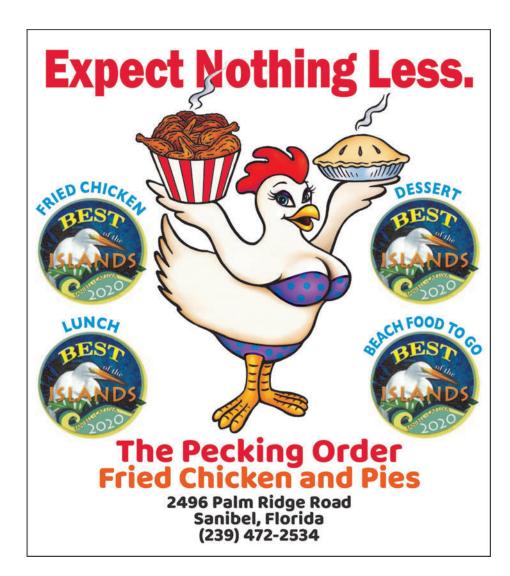
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Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.☆

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## Dolphin Chronicle

features weekly programs, offered January through April, hosting professionals from across Southwest Florida who engage, educate and entertain participants with information about local conservation initiatives. To register or for a full schedule of presentations and topics in the series, visit www.crowclinic.org or CROW's Facebook page under the "Events" tab.





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Mary is keenly focused on the things that concern and affect her fellow Sanibel residents. She is very aware of the issues surrounding the current coronavirus and will work as an advocate for our citizens' safety now and into the future. Mary's longtime success as a local realtor has fine-tuned her communication, negotiation and relationship-building skills. Her business has been built on her innate ability to listen to all points of view and provide an environment where everybody can be respectfully heard and solutions can be found.

Having served as a volunteer for more than a dozen Sanibel organizations and boards, Mary is now seeking to serve on our City Council. It is her fervent desire to use that opportunity to help ensure that our island retains its environmental harmony and economic vitality while preserving its historic culture and charm.

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## Redfish, Redfish, Redfish

by Capt.Matt Mitchell



ast winter we caught more redfish than I can ever remember. This winter, the past few weeks has been even better. After switching baits from shiners to shrimp, we had several 50 redfish trips. What has made it even more amazing is the average size of these fish is right around 20 to 26 inches. All the little rat reds we caught last year have had a chance to grow up with the closure.

With clean clear water, it's been possible at times to spot these redfish sitting under mangrove limbs. During the morning lower tides, you can look for them to be close to deeper water right where deeper channels butt up against the mangroves. Once

located, it's been as fast-paced as you can get a bait into these hungry fish.

The better bite for me has come while using live shrimp rigged on a jig head. Snook fishing has remained strong while fishing live shiners. All the passes have had good numbers of them. Find fast-moving current along with structure, and the snook will

As the water got much clearer this last few days, this bite has got a little tougher than it has been in the past weeks. The better snook action has come during the last few hours of the outgoing tide as the water gets a little dirtier.

Eventually your going to hook a bird when fishing with shiners this time of year. These seagulls during our cooler winter months always seem to be hungry and aggressive. Often seagulls will simply let go of your shiner if you just wind tight.

When a gull does grabs your bait, try to avoid trying to yanking on the bait as this will set the hook. If you do hook one, gently reel it in all the way to the boat. Once you get it close, cover its head with a towel to calm it. While keeping the bird's head covered, get a good solid grip and carefully untangle it. Two sets of hands work better than one.

Most importantly, do not panic and cut your line. This only leaves yards of loose line hanging from the bird, and this is a slow death sentence.

At times this week, the gulls got so bad the only option was to move.

After struggling to keep shiners alive for what seemed like the last month, I'm happy to report no issues this week. The small amount of red tide that has been lingering around at the east end of Sanibel Island seems to be finally gone.

After loading up on shiners at the causeway, I've fished the entire sound without a

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.\$\times\$



Chia and Terry from South Carolina got in on the crazy redfish action while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week photo provided



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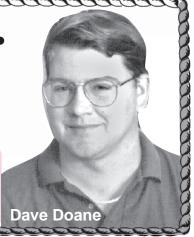
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CROW Case Of The Week:

## Laughing Gull



by Bob Petcher

aughing gulls (Leucophaeus oatricilla) are medium-sized gulls with black heads. Their laugh-like calls can be heard in the northeast during the summer and down here all year long. At CROW, a

juvenile laughing gull was found drowning on Fort Myers Beach and barely able to keep its head above water. The patient was soaking wet, cold and thin. When a water bird is admitted that way, it is a sign of a loss of waterproofing.

Waterproofing can be damaged in several ways, from contamination to inappropriate preening. If the bird isn't preening or cleaning appropriately, they will lose the ability to be waterproofed. If an animal is in pain, it may not preen well and that can lead to feather issues. If an animal is covered in some type of contamination - urine, feces, oil, etc. - it will affect the waterproofing abilities and require a decontamination wash," said CROW Wildlife Rehabilitation Manager Breanna Frankel. "In some cases, a bird can lose waterproofing completely and must wait for a full molt to become waterproof again. For red tide birds, they forget to preen themselves or they can't due to being so weak and neurologically inappropriate, that they lose their



Patient #21-92 has improved from its waterproofing issue

photo by Brian Bohlman

waterproofing abilities.'

The laughing gull did show abnormal, uncoordinated movement consistent with brevetoxicosis, or red tide poisoning. Over the next week, the gull improved as the veterinary team provided treatment along with tub time throughout the day to encourage natural preening behaviors.

"When birds are down for a long period of time," Frankel explained, "we must make sure they stay very clean since they have a tendency to sit in their excrement, which can lead to contamination, affecting the feather

The patient was placed on a "regular

liquid refeeding program" at intake.

"For many animals who haven't eaten in the past few days, or birds who are thin/emaciated, we take extra precaution when offering food. We can't overload their stomach/GI tract and expect them to be able to digest whole food right away. We worked this gull up to appropriate liquid feed amounts by slowly increasing the percentage the patient was getting fed and, eventually, it was transitioned to whole foods," Frankel said. "If the bird was emaciated when it came in, the protocol would likely be stricter, but this bird was not emaciated. This bird likely became ill due to red tide,

then became thin due to the toxicity and being unable to find appropriate food while sick.

The gull received a wash with Dawn dish soap to remove any potential contaminants that could be causing the waterproofing issues.

"Not all birds are waterproof," Frankel cautioned. "Diving birds like cormorant and anhinga aren't waterproof, so they always look wet and have to dry their feathers by spreading their wings out and letting the sun dry them off. Birds who are waterproofed use a special lipid secreted by their preen gland to spread all over their feathers. They rub their beak and face over the gland, then rub it on the feathers all over their body. This leads to waterproofing, which changes the bird's buoyancy and protects their feathers from becoming soaked. Without preening, a bird cannot maintain waterproofing abilities".

The patient was moved to an outside enclosure six days after intake.

"It will be monitored for continued waterproofing and released once waterproofing abilities are sufficient," said Frankel. "The patient started flying the day it went outside, so prior to release, the patient will need to reestablish full waterproofing."

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





From left, Eugenio Hernandez and Carlos Hernandez of Tree Trimming Doctor, with their crew photo provided

## Teams At Work For Osprey Nesting Season

submitted by Anne Mitchell

s another osprey nesting season gets under way, The International Osprey Foundation (TIOF) has been making sure the nest sites of these

raptors on Sanibel and Captiva are safe and secure.

In the past 12 months, TIOF replaced 14 platforms, said Susan Tucker, president. And most of them are already occupied. Jim Columbo, a Sanibel resident, builds the osprey platforms and has incorporated improvements to increase their durability. "All platforms are now being marked with the builder's name (Columbo) and the year built for our records," said Tucker.

Tucker also commended Carlos Hernandez, of Tree Trimming Doctor, for continuing to donate his time, crew and equipment. He has been installing TIOF platforms for 22 years.

The TIOF board of directors thanks nest monitors, homeowners, visitors and the Sanibel Department of Natural Resources for reporting nests that were in need of maintenance.

Sanibel and Captiva have more than 70 active nests, which are monitored January through May by groups of nest monitor volunteers.

Anyone who sees an osprey in distress or needing medical attention should call Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) at 472-3644.

TIOF can be reached by email at tiof@ outlook.com.☆

## Top 10 Books On The Island

- 1. Keep Sharp by Sanjay Gupta, MD
- The Prophets by Robert Jones, Jr
- The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis
- 4. Tinder Fella by Jennifer Schiff
- 5. Anxious People by Fredrick Backman
  - 6. Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen
- 7. The Dutch House by Ann **Patchett**
- 8. Promised Land by Barack Obama
- 9. The Ninth House by Leah Bardugo
- The Guest Book by Sarah 10. Blake

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## Painted Bags

month of February. A silent auction sheet for each bag will be available at the service desk.

The first year this fundraiser was held, the artists painted on paper bags and filled them with groceries. With the advent of reusable bags, the league changed course. The cloth bags must be primed like regular painting canvas. The artists then paint their masterpieces, seal the painted surface and the bags are ready for display.

The Bailey family donates the bags as

well as the space for display. Employees at the service desk install the exhibit and monitor the bid sheets. FISH contacts the winning bidders, collects the bids and will even deliver the bags, if needed. A painting may be cut from the bag and framed for a permanent place in your home, or you can utilize the bag as a grocery or personal tote.

This collaboration between artists, retailers and citizens benefits FISH of SanCap, a "neighbors helping neighbors"

nonprofit organization.

Bailey's General Store is located at corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel. For more information, call 472-1516.☆





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- ★ I am a practicing physician, and I favor masks and other measures to help with the COVID 19 pandemic, while allowing our local businesses to thrive.
- ★ I will continue the good financial stewardship of the past council, and I will work to hold the line on taxes.
  - ★ I have no interest in running for higher office. My only goal is to serve the people of Sanibel.
  - ★ I plan to limit my medical practice to four days per week, so I can devote the time necessary to be an effective council member.
    - ★ Most importantly, I plan to do a lot of listening if I am elected to council. Thank you!

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## The Striate Caecum



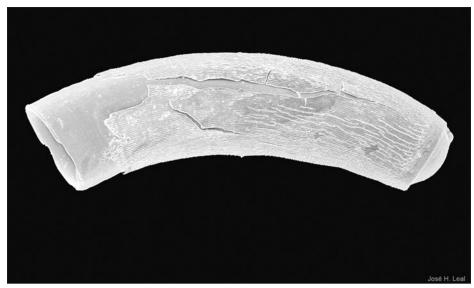
by José H. Leal, PhD, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Interim Director and Curator

Another small (and neglected) local species of the family Caecidae (the caecums), Caecum

striatum de Folin, 1868 has a tubular shell that rarely reaches beyond 2.5 mm (about 0.1 inch). The shell is sometimes covered with a thin, light-brown periostracum. The shell sculpture in this species shows a number of lengthwise, delicate lines. The shell aperture (opening) is devoid of any ornaments or rings. The shell "plug" is blunt, hemispherical. The shell color is white. The image was taken with a Scanning Electron Microscope. Read more about mollusks and their shells at https://shellmuseum.org/shellguide and https://shellmuseum.org/blog.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Safety measures have been put in place, and staff and visitors are required to wear face masks.

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The Striate Caecum, Caecum striatum, from Sanibel

photo by José H. Leal

make a secure donation, visit www. shellmuseum.org.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell

Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 395-2233.❖

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## Parking Fees

stickers for residents for \$113. The C sticker allows parking at the boat ramp off the Sanibel Causeway and at Gulfside City Park (Algiers). The B sticker is not currently for sale.

There are also B stickers for nonresidents, and Sanibel City council voted on December 1 last year to introduce a resolution increasing parking fees for B decals to \$400 a year. The former cost was \$124 a year. The B/C decals, which also allow use of the boat ramp east of the Sanibel Causeway, will be increased to \$500 a year.

For the occasional user of the boat ramp, the fee will be \$20 a day if the resolution is upheld on Tuesday.

Parking in the city-owned metered lots at Gulfside City Park, Bowman's Beach Park and Lighthouse Beach is \$5 an hour.

## American Legion Post 123

merican Legion Post 123 is serving a ham dinner from noon to 8 p.m. this Sunday, January 31. All are welcome.



On Tuesdays,

tacos are served all day. Spaghetti and meatballs are served all day on Wednesdays. Steak sandwiches and cheesesteak are served on Fridays. There are daily specials as well as half-pound burgers. Food is served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday specials are served from noon to 8 p.m.

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

The 8-Ball Pool League plays at 5 p.m. on Monday nights. Come out and watch the action.

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.

Post 123 is a non-smoking facility with an outside area available for smokers. It is located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road, open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. For more information, call 472-9979.

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- Health and Safety Professional with 45 years of experience in environmental and occupational health and safety
- President of John Henshaw and Associates Inc. a consulting firm on Sanibel specializing in environmental and occupational health and safety
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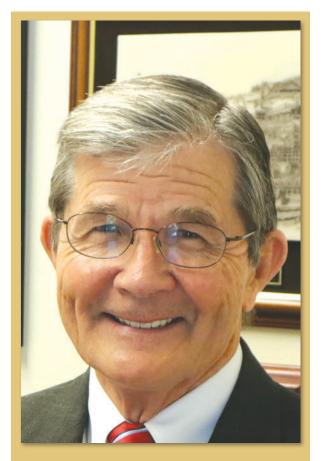
- Assure residents, workers and visitors are safe and feel safe, especially during this global pandemic
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- Committed to and believe in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan - the Sanibel Plan and the principles behind it.
- Committed to making a difference - preserving our sanctuary island.
- Have the education and experience to tackle the issues threatening Sanibel and finding solutions to improve our community.

## New Retail Shop Designed To Inspire



by Allison Havill Todd

new boutique shop has opened on Sanibel that will intrigue visitors of all ages. Priscilla's of Sanibel opened its doors at the end of 2020 and has attracted many

customers with its cheerful, uplifting vibe. This fun store offers a wide array of items from scented oils and candles to clothing, gifts, books, jewelry, artwork and more that inspire women young and old to live their dreams, think big and never give up.

Owner Maari Simcox, whose parents have lived on Sanibel for over 20 years, decided to move here full-time from Minnesota. After learning about some of the island's history, she decided to open a shop that would honor strong females who played a part in shaping this island as well as current figures who serve as an inspiration to women.

Simcox was particularly impressed by Priscilla Murphy, for whom the shop is named, who was the first female realtor on the island back in the 1940s. Murphy was a true pioneer and an example of



Maari Simcox photos by Allison Havill Todd

a woman who stood up for her values and did not waver under pressure. She was responsible for suggesting that the main road through Sanibel be named something more interesting than "Main Street" and thus the name "Periwinkle Way" came to life. A framed quote in the shop, "Get Off Your Duffs," may best exemplify how she lived her life and affected those around her.

Recently deceased Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) is another inspirational female figure whose name and face are found in many of the products offered at Priscilla's. For



Priscilla's merchandise

example, RBG fans can purchase an RBG swimsuit, painted coconut, action figure or even a paint by number kit.

The store is not limited to female shoppers alone. Simcox shared that she has many male customers who are buying gifts for a friend, wife or granddaughter. And there are certainly products available that are not completely gender specific. Framed artwork with inspirational quotes and books on the island's history are just a few of the items that appeal to a wide

Simcox is friendly and personable and her passion for what she believes in is



Ruth Bader Ginsburg swimsuits and other

infectious. She is dedicated to promoting women-owned products with a focus on companies that give back to different charities. The items she chooses to offer in her shop are carefully selected and not found in big-box stores or mainstream Internet sites. The décor is colorful and the merchandise is thoughtfully displayed, inviting customers to browse and enjoy their time in the shop.

As circumstances allow, Simcox has a vision for utilizing the space for community gatherings and intends to host different events such as educational

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## Shell Found



Maureen Vel

photo provided

aureen Vel, Sanibel resident, had good fortune to find a perfect Scotch bonnet and an alphabet cone on the same day last week. She was shelling off Middle Gulf Drive at low tide on January 13 when she scored these two beauties.☆

## Shell Found



Nate Macy

photo provided

anibel visitor Nate Macy found a perfect junonia half-buried on a sand bar at low tide on January 14. It was his first whole junonia in nearly 30 years of shelling. He returned to Chicago with 35 pounds of shells including the junonia and 20 alphabet cones.

**BIG ARTS Corner** 

## Workshops And Seminars

IG ARTS is offering the following workshops and seminars: Portrait Drawing/Painting with Mary Klunk – Monday, February 1, 9:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. Member \$55; nonmember

Adobe Photoshop (Beginner/ Intermediate) with Denny Souers – Mondays, February 1 to 22, 1 to 4 p.m. Member \$80; nonmember \$100.

Virtual Workshop: Figure Drawing from Photographic References with Francesco Gillia – Tuesdays, February 2 to 16, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Member \$93; nonmember \$116.

Pastels with Mary Klunk – Tuesdays, February 2 to 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Member \$85; nonmember \$106.

Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser -Wednesdays, February 3 to 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Member \$99; nonmember

Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser -Thursdays, February 4 to 25, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Member \$99; nonmember \$124.

Photography, Intermediate/Advanced with Denny Souers - Thursdays, February



4 to 25: first class, 9 a.m. to noon; classes 2, 3 and 4, 7 a.m. to noon. Member \$111; nonmember \$139.

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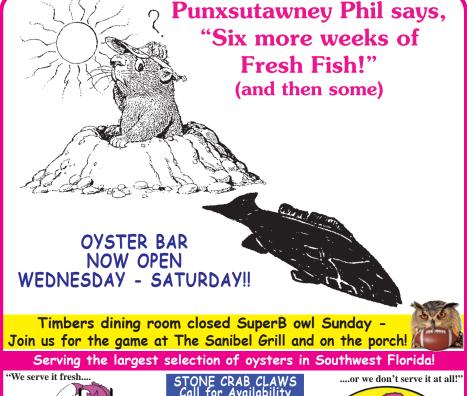
Virtual Workshop: Beginner Pastel with Donna Filomio – Friday, February 12, 1 to 4 p.m. Member \$85; nonmember \$106.

Basket Class: Un-Basket with Gisela Damandl – Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Member \$121; nonmember \$151.

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## Vanilla





by Resident Chef Jarred Harris

anilla is the world's most popular flavor and aroma, but did you know that the vanilla bean is really a fruit that comes from an orchid? In fact, the vanilla orchid is the only fruit-bearing member of the orchid family. The vanilla orchid was first cultivated by the Aztecs in Mexico and Central America. They called the orchid "black fruit" because of the black vanilla pods it produced.

The Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés introduced vanilla and chocolate to Europe around the 1520s and Thomas Jefferson introduced vanilla to the United States in the late 1700s. The word vanilla comes from the Spanish word vaina, meaning little pod.

After saffron, vanilla is the most expensive spice in the world. This is because of the labor-intensive process it takes to produce the fruit. The flower that produces the vanilla bean only lasts one

day and it can only be pollinated by hand, hummingbirds or a specific bee only found in Central America. The beans are hand-picked then dried and cured in a process that takes four to six months.

The vanilla orchid is grown in several regions around the world. The majority of the world's vanilla, known as bourbon vanilla or Madagascar vanilla, is produced in Madagascar and in parts of Indonesia.

In Europe, vanilla was once used to produce certain medicines, such as aphrodisiacs and nerve stimulants, because the smell of vanilla actually induces calmness. Natural vanilla extract contains appetite-suppressing properties and powerful antioxidants, including vanillic acid and vanillin. These antioxidants protect our bodies against free radicals and toxins.

Here is a simple recipe to try using vanilla:

## Pear and Vanilla Sorbet

1 cup water

½ cup sugar

1 vanilla bean, split and seeds removed (substitute 1 tsp. vanilla extract)

4 large ripe pears (peeled and cored, cut into small pieces)

4 tbsp. honey

2 tsp. lime juice

Method

Place the first 3 ingredients into a saucepan and bring to a simmer, stirring until the sugar has dissolved.

Place the pears in the pan and simmer until the pear are translucent about 10-15 minutes.

Remove from heat and add the honey

and lime juice. Mix well, then remove the vanilla pod from the pan.

Pour the liquid into a blender or food processor and blend thoroughly.

Cool the liquid over an ice bath. When liquid is completely cooled, pour into an ice cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.

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.

## Sanibel Resident Earns Degree

ristin Van Olst of Sanibel recently received a bachelor of science in commerce and business administration from the University of Alabama. The university awarded some 2,257 degrees during its fall commencement on December 12.

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## Retail Shop

classes, readings and lectures.

Priscilla's can be found in The Village Shops, located at 2340 Periwinkle Way, in the same shopping center as Traders 2. Customers can preview some of the products on the website at wwwPriscillasOfSanibel.com, or stop in and say hi. You will be welcomed in a warm and friendly manner without any annoying sales pitch!

Allison Havill Todd lives on Sanibel Island with her husband and two rescue dogs. She is an avid dog lover, business coach and active outdoor enthusiast. When she's not out with her dogs, you will see her running, cycling, paddling around the island. Follow her on @ thedoggiemom and facebook.com/ thedoggiemom.



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## Corkscrew Swamp Topic Of Audubon Lecture

submitted by Bill Jacobson

he Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will host a webinar on Thursday, February 4 at 7 p.m. entitled Wetland Conservation at Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, presented by Dr. Lisa Korte, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary director.

Dr. Korte will use her expertise in tropical forests and biodiversity to take viewers on a virtual walk on and off the boardwalk at the Corkscrew Swamp

Sanctuary. During this presentation, she will provide an update on current wetland conservation and wetland education activities at the Sanctuary.

Dr. Korte started her tenure as director of Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in April 2019 after spending eight years managing natural resources activities in West and Central Africa. She holds a PhD in zoology from Michigan State University, a master's degree in wildlife ecology and conservation from the University of Florida and a bachelor's degree from Cornell University. Dr. Korte is dedicated to the conservation of wildlands and wildlife. She loves leading land management, science and education activities at Corkscrew Sanctuary.

This is the fifth of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Zoom webinars to be held this season. To register for a webinar, go to the Programs section of the website at http://www.san-capaudubon.org/ programs.html up to five days prior to the specific webinar's scheduled date and click on "Join" in that webinar's description. After registration, a link to that webinar will be emailed to you. Each webinar has a different link. All are always welcome to join. To view a video of a completed webinar, click on "Video" in that webinar's description.

There is no charge to join the webinars. The normal source of Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lecture support has been the \$10 suggested attendee donation for the pre-pandemic live presentations at The Community House. It is suggested that webinar attendees donate directly by mail to the address on the website homepage or via PayPal to: Paypal.me/ SanCapAudubon. All donations after costs are used to promote conservation on Sanibel, Captiva and in Florida.

For more information, call 395-1878 or visit www.san-capaudubon.org. 莽

## Local Named To Dean's List

Ticole Ciskowski of Sanibel was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020-21 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.☆

## Snook Season To Reopen

nook is slated to reopen for recreational harvest on February 1 in Florida's Atlantic coastal and inland waters (from the Miami-Dade/ Monroe county line north) including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River.

Snook are one of the many reasons Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourages anglers to carefully handle and release snook you are not going to keep, which helps them survive after being released and ensures the species' abundance for anglers today

and generations to come.

To learn more about fish handling, visit www.myfwc.com/marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Fish 

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## **BIG ARTS**

Tuesday, February 22 and 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Member \$175; nonmember \$219.

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Art Evening: Dirty Pour with Jenny Licht – Thursday, February 25, 6 to 9 p.m. Member \$99; nonmember \$124.

Virtual Workshop: New Techniques in Pastel Painting and Preservation with Donna Filomio - Friday, February 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Member \$145; nonmember \$181.

All students and instructors must wear a mask and social distance. All rooms are sanitized between classes and class sizes are limited. Pre-registration is required for all classes and workshops. For more information, call 395-0900, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or stop by BIG ARTS, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For complete course descriptions, workshop and class schedules, visit www. 



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- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro

Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to

Combine olive oil, garlic, cumin, chili powder, cilantro and lime juice in a blender and puree until smooth. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and



### Shrimp and Beef Tacos

pepper. Set aside.

Assemble skewers by alternating beef or shrimp, peppers, and onions. Do not put beef and shrimp on the same skewer since they have different cook times. Cover the skewers with half of the marinade. Reserve the remaining half

for sauce. Lightly season the assembled skewers with salt and pepper.

Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. Place beef skewers on the grill; cook to desired temperature. When done, remove from grill and let rest for five minutes. While beef skewers are resting, place

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shrimp skewers on the grill; cook until the shrimp are just done.

To serve as tacos, remove meat and vegetables from skewers and place into corn or flour tortillas. Serve with Florida avocado, shredded cheese, lettuce, and sauce.₩

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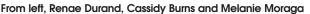
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**Book Review** 

## Under A Gilded Moon



by Di Saggau

**T**nder a Gilded Moon is an enthralling novel of secrets and murder as classes collide in the shadow of Biltmore House, a palatial mansion being built by the Vanderbilts. This latest novel by Joy

Jordan-Lake is an intense, intriguing read. The genres for the book are historical fiction, and fiction.

Biltmore House is in its final stages of construction in North Carolina. It serves as the country's grandest example of privilege and symbolizes the aspirations of its owner and the dreams of a girl who lives in its shadow. That girl is Kerry MacGregor who had a wonderful opportunity to attend an exclusive college in New York, when she was called back to North Carolina to care for her sick father.

Kerry has known what higher society is compared to the cabin she grew up in North Carolina. She also has mixed feelings about her father as she heads back home to the beautiful Appalachians with no idea what waits for her. The characters, settings and events show comparisons and contrasts of rich versus poor classes, good versus evil, educated versus ignorant and

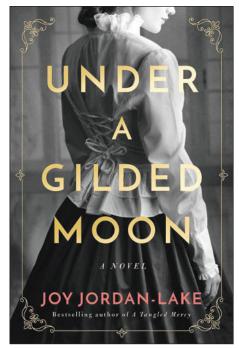


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loyalty versus betrayal.

She meets some unusual characters on the train, as she gets re-acquainted with her aunt and her twin brother and sister. She is determined to distance herself from the opulence she sees rising in the Blue Ridge Mountains, but her family's land is among the last pieces required to complete the Biltmore Estate. One by one, outsiders descend on the changing landscape, a fugitive from Sicily, a reporter chasing a groundbreaking story, a debutant tainted by scandal and a conservationist

prepared to put anyone at risk to stoke the resentment of the locals.

Kerry gets wound up in a war between wealth and poverty, innocence and corruption and, in order to survive, she has to resist the temptations of fortune and the men who control it.

In the author's historical notes, we discover that many of its characters either represent or were inspired by historical

figures. For example, one character, Madison Grant wrote the 1916 book The Passing of the Great Race, a toxic view of racial superiority that later helped fuel the Holocaust. Prior to World War II, Adolf Hitler wrote Grant a fan letter referring to the book as "my bible." Under a Gilded Moon is a thought-provoking and memorable novel.☆

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Readers, Would you like to talk about art and artists. color and design, teach map reading skills, mileage math, photography skills, teach about manatees, sea life

and environmental conservation, the value of volunteering or even write an essay, poem or story, with your kids while getting exercise and having fun? Yes? Well, I have the perfect activity for you. Here's an excellent outdoor educational opportunity that's fun for parents and children of all ages, and it's all based on Manatee Madness.

What is Manatee Madness? Manatee Madness is a special fundraising event for the Community Housing and Resources (CHR) on Sanibel, an agency that provides affordable housing for island residents.

Fifteen local artists have focused their creative talents on what would normally be a basic manatee mailbox and have transformed them into whimsical, patriotic and passionate objects of art. These amazing sculptures have been placed all over the island for everyone to enjoy for the next several months. Then on April 11, these fantastic creatures will be auctioned at a special event with all funds raised going to CHR.

CHR Executive Director Melissa Rice said, "We thought everyone would

have fun with this event. We wanted to create a buzz while staying safe, so we thought what better way to showcase our local talent and, at the same time, raise much-needed funds for Sanibel's affordable housing program. Keep your eye out for the (free) Manatee Madness booklet which we'll be distributing all around the island. It includes a map to help you locate all the manatees at various local businesses. Take a photo and send it to CHR for our Manatee Madness alerts.'

Look for the CHR manatees around Sanibel through March 31. CHR encourages you to take pictures and selfies with the manatees and tag them on social media. @SanibelCHR on Instagram @ SanibelCHR on Facebook with the hashtag "#ManateeMadness" and see what pops

Schedule some time with your children to look at these fantastic manatees. You could bike from site to site or drive, but in any case, plan to see all of them. They are absolutely beautiful!

Here are some starter topics and questions to discuss with your children as you view the manatees.

What is a manatee?

What is this manatee saying?

How many miles will we travel if we visit all these special manatees?

Why do people volunteer their time and energy for others?

Let's write a mystery story about

I've also included a brief book list. For ages 4 to 8:

My Little Book of Manatees by Hope Irvin-Marston

Manatees: Peaceful Plant Eaters by Adele Richardson

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## Virtual Programs At Sanibel Library

anibel Public Library encourages and welcomes use of its collections and services. The library is open to the public and also offering the popular contactless curbside service. To use the service, place items on hold online, or make requests by calling 472-2483. You will be notified when your items are ready for pickup. Patrons will have three days (excluding Saturday and Sunday) to pick up items. Hours for curbside pickup are Monday through Friday from noon

The Fill-A-Bag for A Dollar book sale starts Monday, February 8 and will continue until inventory is depleted. The books will be restocked daily, and can be found in the downstairs meeting room near the main entrance lobby. Proceeds from the sale go towards the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, which helps support library programs.

The foundation supports programs such as the Children's Summer Reading Program, Author Series and technology services like the eShelf. Leveraging public tax dollar investment, the foundation helps provide engaging initiatives to enhance the library experience.

Locals and visitors are welcome to virtually attend WWII History Programs with Duane E. Shaffer of Sanibel Public Library. No in-person programs will be presented. Shaffer will present programs on WWII, via Zoom. Go to the homepage on the Library's website at www.sanlib.org and click on the link to log in a few minutes before 10 a.m. on Friday, February 12 to watch 1943 Operation Vengeance online. No registration required to log in. More details and logon instructions are on the website at www.sanlib.org. Shaffer's January 13 Operation Chastise virtual program can be watched online, the link is on the library's home page.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

some changes to collections and services are in place. In keeping staff and users safe as the goal, the following procedures

are being practiced:

Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, hand washing, hand sanitizer and gloves, when appropriate are used by all staff.

Following City of Sanibel guidelines, the library requires that everyone in the building wear masks and follow social distancing practices. About half the furniture has been removed, self-checkout service is encouraged, social distancing guidance floor tape is in place, and public hand sanitizing stations are available at all entrances. Many shared resources are available including newspapers, magazines, puzzle tables, cooking kits and area museum passes. Children's manipulatives, book kits and other items in the youth collection are in temporary storage.

Youth Services Librarian Deanna Evans posts online storytimes each week. Her videos can be found on the Children's Page at www.sanlib.org/ children. Library cardholders can stream or download eBooks, movies, music,



Duane Shaffer will present virtual WWII programs photo provided

newspapers, magazines and more through eShelf. Computers, printers, scanners, and fax machines are available and are sanitized between customer use.

WiFi is available throughout the building. Mobile WiFi hotspots are available for checkout.

Many eBooks and several new apps have been added in the past year, including online access to newspapers from around the U.S.

As another safety precaution, the library is quarantining all materials for 24 to 72 hours between loans to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The quarantining system is:

When a library item is returned, a staff member wearing gloves and a mask places it in a designated spot for quarantine. The items sit for 24 to 72 hours depending on its format (print, acrylic, plastic, etc.). During this time, materials may appear as overdue on your account. Do not renew the item if you have returned it. Contact the library at 472-2483 or notices@sanlib.org if you have any questions.

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

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## Arts And Crafts

at The Community House, and safety protocols will be strictly followed for everyone's safety. Masks will be required, temperatures will be scanned and ingress/egress routes will be limited. The number of visitors will be monitored to enable social distancing.

For more information, visit www. sanibelcommunityhouse.net, www. sancapart.org or facebook.com/ sanibelcommunityhouse.

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Shell art beach bungalow doll house by MaryBeth Greenplate

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## Virtual Shell Show

shark's teeth while another includes many varieties of sea stars. Still another features a teeny ladybug made out of a crab eye seed on a flower.

Other videos devoted to shell art include a tour of hobbyist artist Andrea

Schopf's two studios. Another video takes you inside MaryBeth Greenplate's famous Sanibel beach bungalow doll house.

Clair Beckmann, shell show chair, said, "There is something for everybody in the Virtual Shell Show. There are educational videos about the science of shells, do-it-yourself projects and the pure fun of seeing 101 Ways to Display Shells.



Shell seahorse by Andrea Schopf

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Manatee mailbox locations

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## School Smart

For ages 7 and above: Trouble on the St. John's River by Jane R. Wood El Manatí de Puerto Rico (in

Spanish) by Antonio Mignucci Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern image provided

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.☆

**BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series** 

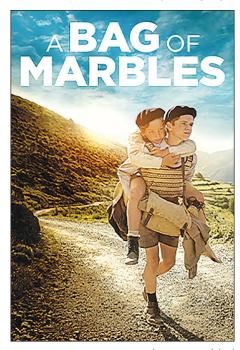
## A Bag Of Marbles

by Di Saggau

he BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for February 1 is A Bag of Marbles, a French film about two young brothers who flee the Nazis and spend the early 1940s evading them in various places. Sometimes the brothers, Jo and Maurice, are able to reunite with their family, and often they're on their own. They become very good at hiding in plain sight but they never forget their goal, which is to get back home to their family.

The boys are told by their father (Paatrick Bruel) to deny their Jewish heritage no matter what. They learn to do whatever they must to survive, getting out of one scrape after another. They encounter Nazi brutality and unapologetic collaborators, but they also find courage and unexpected compassion. Jo especially, takes important steps toward adulthood before our eyes. The film is perpetually on the move as the brothers run from one location to the other, relying on the kindness of strangers. A Bag of Marbles runs 127 minutes and is shown at 7 p.m. in Christensen Performance Hall. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or at the box office. There will be no discussion following the film.

BIG ARTS is practicing the highest standards of safety. Visitors are required to wear masks and are asked to be mindful of social distancing. Only 50 percent of the seats in Christensen Performance Hall are being sold. Until



further notice, only 200 seats will be available for any event in the hall and a maximum of 30 people will be allowed in the gallery at any given time. The air filtration system has been enhanced, all surfaces are wiped down between use, a professional sanitizing fogger is being used after each gathering and there are hand sanitizing stations throughout the ground floor.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For more information, call 395-0900 or visit www.bigarts.org.



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Meet The

by Wendy McMullen

City Council

**Candidates** 



Dr. Scott Crater

he Island Sun is featuring three more

Sanibel City Council candidates in this

Five questions have been posed to each

of the six city council candidates. Last

week, we published responses from Mary

Crater. This week, we are featuring John

Henshaw, Jason Maughan and Mike Miller.

Bondurant, Tim Drobnyk and Dr. Scott



Tim Drobnyk



John Henshaw



Jason Maughan



The special election to fill three vacant city council seats will take place on Tuesday, March 2.

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## Commander To Visit American Legion Post 123

merican Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford will visit American Legion Post 123 on Monday, February 8. Oxford is the head of the largest veterans organization. He is visiting posts around Southwest Florida and will be on Sanibel for a meet and greet with veterans and the membership of Post 123 from 3 to

The Sanibel-Captiva American Legion Post 123 is honored to host Commander Oxford and looks forward to the hearing his views on veterans' service to the country, the work the American Legion is doing and his vision for the future. All veterans and members of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and auxiliary are welcome. Attendance will be based upon following strict COVID-19 guidelines, with masks and social distancing required.

Oxford is a veteran who retired after 34 years of service to his country as a



James W. Oxford

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Marine, National Guardsman and U.S. Army Reservist. He has served at every continued on page 2B

## Professor To Tackle Topic Of Fake News

Tn the last few years, the term "fake news" has settled firmly into our Lexicon, according to Lyn Millner, MFA, professor of journalism at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). This important issue is the next topic in the BIG ARTS Talking Points series. Millner will hold a discussion virtually on Thursday, February

The phrase is used to discredit not only information on fringe websites, but also news from established media outlets. How did it gain traction? Is it simply a convenient weapon for dismissing what we don't want to believe, or have news organizations also become less reliable? With our nation so divided politically, facts seem harder to come by. How can you, as a responsible and intelligent news consumer, tease out what (and whom) to trust?

Millner, an expert in news literacy, has written and produced stories for NPR's Morning Edition, The New York Times and Miami Herald. She is also the author of The Allure of Immortality: An



Lvn Millner

photo provided

American Cult, a Florida Swamp, and a Renegade Prophet, about the Koreshans

Due to COVID-19 precautions, most of this season's presenters will make virtual appearances and not be physically present in the hall. Participants can live stream the sessions from home. During

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## **SCCF** Hosting Livestream Forum With Candidates

Tith its mission to protect and care for Southwest Florida's coastal ecosystems, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) is committed to public dialogue on environmental stewardship. As a majority of Sanibel City Council seats are up for election on March 2, SCCF is hosting its first-ever Candidate Forum on the Environment.

On Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m., SCCF will livestream the forum as CEO Ryan Orgera moderates a live, socially-distanced panel featuring all six candidates running for office.

"A majority of the council seats are on the ballot this year, potentially creating the first major shift in our city's leadership at one time in many years," said Orgera. "The City of Sanibel is unique in our region, not just for its natural beauty, but because nature is given equal footing with human residents that is ensured by city leadership.

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Ryan Orgera



Arlene Dillon

when the city was created in 1974 as a response to the potential for runaway growth, SCCF has been a long-standing partner in protecting the sanctuary island.

Not just a typical virtual event, the SCCF livestream production will be directed by former CBS News producer Arlene Dillon, a long-time Sanibel resident. Dillon's 25 years of experience in network television news included 12 years covering the White House and producing live special events.

'This election is important not just for Sanibel but for our whole region,' said Dillon, who is volunteering her time and talent. "I'm happy to help produce an engaging program that will inform

Dillon was the first woman to direct continued on page 6B



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## FISH Of SanCap Appoints Assistant Executive Director

ISH of SanCap has promoted Maria Espinoza to assistant executive director. Espinoza joined FISH as a volunteer after Hurricane Irma in 2017. She soon shifted to a full-time employee and held positions as the walk-in center manager, volunteer manager and director of food programs, proving herself a committed organization advocate.

"This position is new to the organization but an important piece of our puzzle as we continue to grow. Maria has graciously, and gracefully, worn many hats here at FISH so it was a natural fit for Maria to move into a role that focuses the broader scope of FISH's work," said Alicia Tighe Orgera, executive director. "There are few that know the ins and outs of FISH like Maria, so we are thrilled to see her continue to grow alongside the organization."

Espinoza is a senior at FGCU working on her social work degree with a minor in political science. She has volunteered at various nonprofits in Lee County including The Salvation Army's Center of Hope, Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County and Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. Before working at FISH, she taught foreign language to elementary students.



Maria Espinoza

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"I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to grow with FISH. I feel extremely motivated and encouraged by the support of the FISH board and exceptional team of dedicated professionals and volunteers," said Espinoza.

FISH works through donations and provides assistance to those who live or work on, or visit Sanibel and Captiva. To learn more about the programs and services of FISH, call 472-4775 or visit www.fishofsancap.org.



Anthony Morales of FISH with a braided dog toy photos provided

## Virtual Lunch With A Purpose

ISH of SanCap, with George & Wendy's Seafood Grill, hosted a Friendly Faces luncheon in a virtual format on Janiaru 19. This month's luncheon featured not only good food, but a special project where participants made braided dog pull toys out of T-shirts. Those without dogs will donate the handmade toys to the Gulf Coast Humane Society. Participants played a



Lily, the dog with her handmade toy

virtual game of trivia and a playdough sculpture guessing game.

The Friendly Faces luncheon, held virtually on the third Tuesday of each month, consists of a cold entree, side, water bottle and dessert, delivered to islanders by FISH volunteers following COVID-19 safety protocol. Meal choice details are provided upon sign-up and reservations are required no later than the Friday before the luncheon date. Once registered, FISH will provide an emailed link and meeting ID number for access. To sign up, call 472-4775.

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## Commander

level of the American Legion. A former mayor and city councilmember of Cajah's Mountain, North Carolina, he has worked since he was a high school student, with most of his career choices being in the maintenance and engineering field. He earned a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and multiple safety and environmental certificates.

American Legion Post 123 is located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979 \*\*



Katv Hosokawa

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## 'Ding' Darling Intern Promoted To Ranger

aty Hosokawa, who joined the team at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge as a visitor services intern in June 2020, began her first day as a full-time refuge ranger on January 17 to assist Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland in an official capacity for a term of 180 days. She takes a position vacated by Ranger Monica Scroggin in January 2020.

"I'm so happy that we were able to get Katy on the roster as a staff employee," said Westland. "With refuge employees decreasing by more than half over the past decade, we badly need more staff support and Katy has proven herself to be invaluable since she came aboard as an intern.'

A native Texan from the small town of Azle, Hosokawa graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in geography. She then went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, where she studied environmental geoscience. Before starting at the refuge in June, she held a naturalist position at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge in Texas.

'I love coastal ecology and birds, so Sanibel and the refuge are a perfect fit," said Hosokawa, who also held a position as a naturalist on Little St. Simons Island on Georgia's coast from 2018 to 2019.

To support "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www. dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or director@ 

## Learn How To Boat Safely In Local Waters

he America's Boating Club of Sanibel Captiva will present the United States Power Squadron's America's Boating Course on Thursday, March 3 and Saturday, March 13 using a virtual online format.

The course covers basic boat operation and safety with emphasis on boating the local waters around Sanibel and Captiva. Completion of the class and passing a simple exam qualifies students

to receive the Boating Safety Education ID card from the State of Florida.

The Thursday class runs from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and the Saturday class runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class is designed for those new to boating or new to the area as well as for experienced boaters who would like to strengthen their boating skills. Senior, highly experienced instructors present the class material using lectures, videos and PowerPoint presentations.

The cost for the class, including the course book, is \$50. Students must pre-register by Wednesday, February 17 so that course materials can be distributed and students can prepare for the first

Among the subjects and topics covered are aids to navigation, required and recommended safety equipment, boat handling, docking, right of way rules, VHF radio operation and handling emergencies at sea. Students learn basic chart reading and are introduced to important channels and waterways in the local waters.

For more information, contact lead instructor Bob Orr at 579-0139 or robert.orr1663@comcast.net. To register for the course, go to www.sancapboating. club, click on "Education" at the top of the page and complete the registration

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## Economic Development Director To Speak

John Talmage, director of the Lee County Economic Development Office, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, February 10 virtual business meeting of the Sanibel & Capital Salands Chamber of Commerce, starting at noon.

Talmage, who has spent more than 30 years working in the field of local economic and community development for municipal governments and national research organizations, served previously as the chief of staff to the city manager of the City of Fort Myers. He also sat for several years on the Sanibel Planning Commission and on a number of island boards of directors, including, most recently, Sanibel Community Association, FISH of SanCap, Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) and Sanibel Sea School.

From past work for the New York City Council to currently facilitating a Community Real Estate Development Program for the University of South Florida's Florida Institute of Government throughout Florida, Talmage has vast experience working with communities to improve the business climate.

'John always brings practical, applicable knowledge and strategies to the meeting when he speaks," said John Lai, chamber president and chief executive officer. "We look forward to hearing



John Talmage

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his outlook on the current state of the regional economy as well as an update on the LeeCares program."

The chamber will send members Zoom invitations to register for the virtual event. They will receive a link to the meeting in advance. Sponsorships are still available for the presentation. For information on becoming a sponsor or registering for the meeting, contact Ashley Pignato at ashley@sanibel-captiva.org. Participants can also send questions for Talmage to Pignato in advance or submit them during the meeting through the chat feature.

For more information, visit www. sanibel-captiva.org or call 472-8255.☆

## New Volunteer Coordinator At Historical Village

he Sanibel Historical Museum and Village has recruited Sandy Nering as a new volunteer coordinator.

Nering has been with the village one day a week for the past few years while she also worked at the Sanibel Recreation Center. She is now at the village three days a week while volunteer coordinator Jan Symroski continues in the role two days a week.

Nering and her husband, Doug, moved from Indiana to Sanibel five years ago. She enjoyed a variety of teaching positions, writing grants and chartering a public Spanish Immersion School. She and her husband also owned and operated some business ventures. Both of these past experiences facilitate Nering's skill set. She said, "I enjoy waking up to Sanibel history every morning that I'm at the village. When you hear the school bell ring in the morning, it's probably me having more

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Nering at volcoord@ sanibelmuseum.org or 472-1856.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required. Due to COVID-19, guided tours are available by reservation only in groups of no less than six and no more than 10.

The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS)



and there is handicap access. Admission is \$10 for adults (18 and over); no charge for members and children. For more information, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call 472-4648.☆

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## Rotary Happenings

submitted by Cindy Carter

he Sanibel-Captiva Rotary . Club had the pleasure to hear from David Nixon, an American film director and producer. Currently, he works

at Shell Point, as the Shell Point TV manager, producing their daily TV show as well as commercials and promotional videos, which our esteemed president of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary knows well and has appeared in.

While he was creating commercials for local communities in Southwest Florida, he felt a calling to make faithbased movies. He was approached by a church community in Georgia to help co-produce a wonderful screenplay with nearly no budget. He persuaded his team to go to Georgia with him as a mission trip, another word for volunteer, for six weeks to produce the film. With only 500 volunteers from the church, lodging provided by meals created by church members, and a miniscule budget of \$80,000, the film *Facing the Giants* was created. This film is not only faith-based, but has a very motivational theme used by many teams to create momentum needed for a winning team attitude.

Nixon is also the director and producer



**David Nixon** 

of the movie Letters to God, and co-producer and assistant director of Fireproof. He is the creator of the film company Possibility Pictures and president of DNP Studios, which has produced commercials for Subway, Nickelodeon, the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, Campus Crusade and Walt Disney World.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club is holding hybrid meetings on Zoom and in person at The Dunes. To attend a meeting in person (limit 20), email Bill Harkey at william.harkey@gmail.com by Wednesday. Zoom meetings are held on Fridays. Log on as early as 7 a.m., 

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For reservations, call 472-3700. Seedlings will be available for no contact pickup outside of the City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department office door at Sanibel City Hall, located at 800 Dunlop Road.☆

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#### SCCF Forum

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The forum is intended to help voters understand where candidates stand on critical issues specific to the environment including land use, water quality, Everglades restoration, living with wildlife, coastal resilience and the role of science in policymaking.

Candidates will be seated at a safe social distance; no audience will be present. Questions have not been provided in advance; only broad topics.

Candidates include Mary Bondurant, Dr. Scott Crater, Tim Drobnyk, John Henshaw, Jason Maughan and Mike

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\*\* Important voter information: Feb. 1 is the deadline to register to vote. Feb. 20 is the deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot, as well as return it through the mail. You must renew your Vote-by-Mail request every two years. Please take the time to check your current voter status with the Supervisor of Elections office at: www.lee.vote or call 239-533-8683.



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## New Year: Styling Your Home With A Clean Slate



by Jeanie Tinch

t was an unpredictable Lyear, to say the least. No one could have forecasted the whirlwind that was 2020. While there's no telling how different things will be in 2021, many can agree that the

opportunity for a fresh, clean slate can encourage a more positive outcome for the new year.

Traditional goals and resolutions often entail losing weight, saving money, or making time for a new hobby. But who says you can't step outside the box and set a home-inspired resolution instead? Restyling your home and removing clutter can work wonders for your living space and encourage a clear mindset as well.

Here are a few tips for styling your home with a clean slate:

Declutter – Letting go of the clutter you've collected in the last year during quarantine can be a cleansing home revamp in itself. When clearing out the chaos, remind yourself of each room's purpose. For instance, you shouldn't have stacks of mail taking vacancy on the kitchen table. Likewise, your bedroom isn't for the kids' toys. Dispose of the items you don't need, use or want, and rearrange everything in between.

Create a new organization system - Getting organized is the first step. Maintaining is hard work and keeping everything in its rightful place is the second half of the battle. Placing various shelving systems in different rooms of your home can help keep things in order and add style to the functionality of the living space.

Repaint the walls – If you're looking for the ultimate refresh, painting the walls can satisfy your craving to change things up for the new year. According to trend experts, some of the new paint colors emerging in 2021 include those with earthy rust tones, as well as agua, teal, apricot and a rich and bold gray-brown. This gives you plenty of options to work from that connect with your personal style and the look you want to achieve. Of course, you can always choose your own paint color that goes against the trends – express yourself!
Upgrade your furniture – Like painting

the walls, new furniture can add a fresh new face to any room. This is a great move to consider if you haven't updated your furniture in a decade, or you're interested in downsizing to achieve a more minimalist look. Use your new wall color to inspire a new style, pattern and texture for seating arrangements and other complementary items.

Don't forget the bells and whistles – Or in this case, the décor and accessories that tie everything together. This is a step to consider as you declutter and reorganize. If you removed accent decor from a

space, does it need to be replaced? New accessories can make your home feel complete again after freshening things up.

The new year is the perfect time to break new ground on a revamped living space. Redesigning, styling and organizing your home all in one shot can be more time-efficient, but it can also be an

intimidating feat. If you're ready to start the new year off with a clean slate but need some assistance, consider reaching out to a design professional.

Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at jeanie@coindecden.com.\$

## New Director Of Finance At LCEC

ee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) has hired Sarah Bullock as its director of finance and accounting/ chief financial officer. In this position, Bullock will be responsible for directing the fiscal functions of LCEC in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, various other regulatory and advisory organizations, and in accordance with financial management techniques and practices appropriate within the utility industry.

Bullock joins LCEC from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) where she served as the regional vice president with relationship and portfolio management responsibilities for 60 electric distribution cooperatives in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota. Prior to CFC, she held financial management and accounting positions with Pedernales Electric Cooperative in Texas, Chugach Electric Association in Alaska and Otero County Electric Cooperative in New Mexico. Bullock has dual master's of business administration



Sarah Bullock

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degrees in accounting and finance, and a bachelor of science degree in business administration, all from Colorado Technical University. She is also a member of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives and the Institute of 

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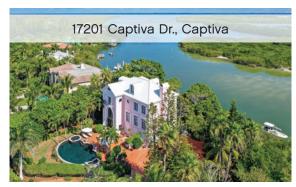


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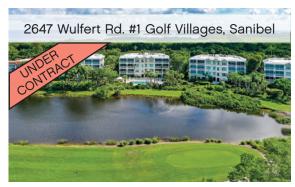
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## Understanding Gift Accounts For Minors



by Robin L. Cook, CWS, Wealth Services

s our families expand through the birth of children and grandchildren, it can provide a great sense of joy to make financial gifts to those children.

But what is the best way to do this? The options are many, including Uniform Transfer to Minors Act gifts (UTMAs), 529 college savings plans, Roth IRAs, or a trust to benefit that child. With each, there are pros and cons.

UTMA accounts are an irrevocable gift to the minor. They are set up with a custodian (often the child's parent) who is vested with the fiduciary responsibility for the minor's account. The pro for UTMAs is the simplicity. While a trust does not need to be drafted, you also have less control over the disposition of the funds. Ready or not, funds are turned over to the child at age 21, though in Florida the age to transfer the funds can be extended to age 25 with some caveats. In addition, the child will be taxed on the income and

gains generated in these accounts. UTMA accounts are considered an asset of the child and are considered when applying for college financial aid. The custodian might misappropriate funds from the account. Even well-meaning custodians could be liable for using funds from the minor's account that the court considers a parental obligation such as medical costs.

529 College Savings Plans come with a very attractive feature – tax benefits to the giver and the recipient. Funds gifted into a 529 account grow tax free and remain so if used for qualified educational expenses. The list of allowable qualified educational expenses has grown. Unused assets in the account can be transferred to another qualified family member (often a younger sibling preparing for college) often with no tax consequences federally (state taxes may vary). Some states offer tax advantages for enrolling in their 529 plans. A 529 account can be "Superfunded" with up-front contributions of \$75,000 per person or \$150,000 per couple, allowing you to use up your annual federal gift tax exclusion for the next five years. The 529 plans can name a parent as the custodian, so the assets would not count as heavily against a student applying for financial aid.

Roth IRAs are a great way to jumpstart retirement savings for those children and grandchildren (minors and adults) who are in the workforce. You can fund a Roth IRA for a child up to the lesser of their earnings or the Roth contribution limits for a given year (\$6,000 for 202, if under age 50). Roth IRAs grow tax free and distributions in retirement are tax free, too. This is a great way to illustrate to the child the value of saving and the effects of compounding.

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would remove the grantor's access to those funds for future needs.

The choices for helping family members through gifts are numerous. Consult your wealth advisory team to help you with these discussions and decisions.

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## Garden Center Supports United Way In February

R S Walsh In The Garden is donating a portion of every sale through February to the United Way of Lee County. Every donation of up to \$50 per person will also be matched until the goal of \$5,000 is reached. In The Garden will be doing giveaways for all donors.

The United Way is a collaborator and local funding entity that addresses issues and provides solutions within the community. The United Way helps more than 90 different partner agencies assist those in need. Last year, United Way agencies provided service to more than 300,000 people throughout the community.

"We want to provide help for as many community members as possible and felt the United Way was the best way to do that," said Lisa Walsh, owner of RS Walsh Landscaping and In The Garden. "Donors can stop into the garden center or call us to donate by phone. We all know that when we work together, we do great things."

RS Walsh In The Garden Retail Garden Center and Outdoor Showroom



Lisa and Bob Walsh

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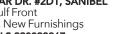
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#### **Candidates**

The *Island Sun* will be posing one additional question to each of the candidates in the four issues prior to the election.

1) What single issue is the most urgent short-term issue facing the city?

Today's most pressing issue is assuring our residents, workers and visitors stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. We must do all we can to ensure



John Henshaw

compliance with state-of-the-science COVID-19 related protocols and best practices, including Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce 'SanCap Safe" guidelines and the City of Sanibel's proclamation 20-040 mandating face-covering inside public buildings. Wearing proper masks, limiting large gatherings, maintaining proper physical distances, encouraging outdoor dining and improving room ventilation are keys to reducing the spread of the SARS CoV-2 virus. We should also work with the Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DÔH-Lee) to see if and when COVÍD-19 vaccines can be offered on the island so all residents, workers and visitors can be vaccinated.

2) What three issues do you think are the most important long-term issues facing the city?

The three most important long-term issues facing Sanibel are water quality, coastal resilience, and the city's adherence to effective environmental, fiscal and operational policies that preserve our sanctuary island in accordance with the Sanibel Plan. The City of Sanibel, along with other stakeholders, must lead the effort to restore and improve our water quality and drive for permanent solutions to harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee, the Caloosahatchee watershed and our neighboring islands. As a city, we must develop long-term strategies to mitigate the impact of severe storms and sea-level rise, which erode our island and threaten our personal properties, natural habitats and economy. Underpinning all our efforts, the city must be fiscally responsible by operating within its means and support the many revenue streams that help keep our millage rate

3) What aspects of your experience will be valuable on Sanibel City Council?

With an environment, health and safety education, and work experience, I understand the general science around the COVID-19 pandemic, water quality and environmental stewardship. In business, I have studied, executed programs and consulted in many of these areas in an effort to mitigate risk to health and safety and improve the environment. I worked at state and federal levels executing environment, health, and safety policies and programs, managing budgets and staff, and addressing a multitude of stakeholders'

needs and desires. I came to Sanibel over 20 years ago because it was a sanctuary island, and have come to understand and believe in the importance of Sanibel's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the principles behind it.

4) What measures do you think the city council can take to help business owners struggling as a result of COVID-19 closures and limitations?

The city council can expand the dialogue with business owners, the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, COTI and others to explore additional measures the city can implement to help businesses survive during the pandemic and at the same time protect residents, workers and visitors. Further easing restrictions on outdoor dining, sidewalk and parking lot sales, and improving the messaging about the city's mandatory face-covering proclamation might help businesses operate more safely, patrons feel safer and businesses stay afloat.

5) What do you think the city can do to combat the effects of global warming?

Through thoughtful study and stakeholder input, the city should further develop long-term strategies to mitigate the impact of severe storms and potential sea-level rise induced by global warming. With guidance from coastal resilience studies, the city should accelerate its efforts to obtain support from Lee County and the state, and explore options to mitigate the destruction that threatens our personal properties, natural habitats and economy. Also, since the science indicates that moving more water south through the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) is another way to combat sea-level rise, the city should continue to drive for the completion of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

1) What single issue is the most urgent short-term issue facing the city?

Recovery. Our city budget is down 15 percent from last year, our businesses are reduced in operations or closed all together and our residents' day-to-day lives have been uprooted. We must



Jason Maughan

focus on guiding our city through these challenging times with proper budgeting, providing businesses the tools to recover, and ensuring residents shop local and enjoy the life they have come to know on Sanibel

2) What three issues do you think are the most important long-term issues facing the city?

Water Quality

We all know how vital our water quality is to our island as it impacts our health, our economy and our way of life. I have spent many years as both a private citizen and a public official fighting for water quality throughout the state. On council, I would continually look for ways to fight for water quality given the current budget considerations at the state level. We must continue to push for the water to be sent south in the Everglades so we no longer

are devastated by these water releases that result in exponential red tide growth. I will continue to push projects and build on my successes from before, where I oversaw the Donax Tertiary Treatment plant conversion to remove legacy nutrients from the Sanibel River, approved and built the Jordan Marsh native plant water treatment park, and built coastal residency projects with living shoreline projects to combat sea-level rise.

Smart Development

Having grown up on Sanibel in the 1970s, I truly understand that families and our small businesses are the backbone of Sanibel. While tourism is part of our economy, it is vital that moving forward, every idea and every plan is geared towards our residents and their families. The worst thing we could do is not smartly develop and end up like our brothers and sisters on the east coast of this state. If reelected, I would continue to be a champion for our families and our small businesses, making sure we plan and develop smartly, and work on updating our land use codes accordingly.

Responsible Budgeting

We must continue the mission Mayor (Kevin) Ruane set forth in pushing for a balanced budget, spending wisely and funding capital projects that moved this city forward. I am honored to have a been part of achieving these goals with the mayor and the council over these past four years. Now with the impacts of COVID, including reduced resources at the state level, it's more important than ever to follow these goals. Over these next four years, we must focus on items such as water quality, infrastructure improvements, and community advancements that will continue to attract families to Sanibel and increase our revenue base.

## 3) What aspects of your experience will be valuable on Sanibel City Council?

I have served on city council for the past four years, where I got results. The budget has been balanced, taxes were not raised, the pension fund went from 50 percent to nearly 80 percent funded, approved and built coastal resiliency projects to tackle erosion, the Donax Water Reclamation Plant, I approved the purchase of a new building for the Senior Center and CHR offices, approved creation and construction of the Jordan Marsh and pushed the modernization of the police office to provide dedicated space for female officers. I am a successful small business owner, where I have been awarded best attorney on Sanibel 17 times. I give back to our community from coaching T-ball, baseball, soccer, flag football, to being scoutmaster of Sanibel Troop 1740. I have served on the boards of Children's Education Center, CROW, Sanibel School Fund, Student Advisory Committee, CHR and MedVets.

#### 4) What measures do you think the city council can take to help business owners struggling as a result of COVID-19 closures and limitations?

There is not a single silver bullet that will solve these problems. Let's continue to encourage our residents to shop local. We need to work on relaxing some of our regulations, such as advertising, so our businesses have increased visibility. We must continue to advocate for sales tax fairness so outside businesses do not

have an unfair advantage over our local businesses. Finally, we need to work with the chamber of commerce and other business groups to provide businesses the tools to adapt during these times.

## 5) What do you think the city can do to combat the effects of global warming?

While many of these issues are on a federal and state level, there are things that come to mind we can aim for. One of the most important goals is continuing to focus on our coastal resiliency projects to prevent beach erosion. We should talk with private businesses to bring increased solar energy infrastructure to our buildings. We can look to government grants that would allow us to install charging stations for electronic cars on city properties. Finally, we can promote ride sharing services to reduce the amount of vehicles coming and going on the island.

## 1) What single issue is the most urgent short-term issue facing the city?

Protecting our residents and visitors from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic is Sanibel's most urgent short-term issue. I endorse the measures taken



Mike Miller

by the city mandating the wearing of face masks and the maintaining of social distancing.

The state has prohibited enforcement by imposition of fines, but I would nevertheless support compliance through aggressive promotion of the common need to protect one another.

## 2) What three issues do you think are the most important long-term issues facing the city?

I consider the following issues of long-term importance, but necessitating near-term action:

Reducing harmful algae blooms, which kill marine life, harm our pets and endanger our health, requires concerted efforts. Sanibel needs to advocate with legislators and state agencies to fund the water infrastructure projects underway, including the EAA reservoir, to reduce nutrient pollution entering the Caloosahatchee and Lake Okeechobee, and to obtain regulatory flexibility with respect to lake water levels for maximizing water storage capacity.

Maintaining the city's present financial strength in light of future capital spending needs, revenue risks and uncertainties regarding recreation facilities, will continue to be an important priority, and I have the expertise to lead this effort.

Understanding our island's vulnerabilities to sea-level rise/increased storm intensity and beginning to plan for necessary adaptation measures remain a critical need.

## 3) What aspects of your experience will be valuable on Sanibel City Council?

My many years as a CPA and as a senior corporate financial officer give me the experience and expertise to deal with city financial issues and ensure that our fiscal situation remains strong.

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Chamber representatives with Priscilla's of Sanibel owner Maari Simcox, second from left photo provided

## Chamber Holds Ribbon-Cutting For New Store

n January 20, the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce celebrated the November 2020 opening of Priscilla's of Sanibel women's shop at 2340 Periwinkle Way. Inspired by stories of legendary Sanibel realtor Priscilla Murphy, Maari Simcox designed the store to honor and celebrate women and island history.

"Above all, my store is known for bringing happiness and positivity to everyone who walks through my door," said Simcox, who moved to Sanibel from Minnesota in August 2020 with her husband and two children to work remotely during the pandemic. "It has been such a joy in these first few months watching girls, women and men of all ages come in and learn about the history of the

island and take away something that brings them joy, strength and positivity.

The Simcox family had planned on a temporary stay on Sanibel with Maari's parents, but quickly ended up with their own place and a brand-new store. It specializes in a wide selection of handmade, women-made, unique gifts including clothing and accessories, jewelry, children's gifts, home décor, beauty and self-care products, and stationery. It also operates an e-commerce store at www. priscillasofsanibel.com.

"Priscilla's fills a unique niche for Sanibel shoppers while making them aware of some little-known aspects of island history," said John Lai, chamber president and chief executive office. "We welcome its innovation to our retail scene and community.

"I am thrilled to be partnering as a member with the chamber," said Simcox. Their mission to foster and preserve community and educate tourists about the island is integral to my store and our purpose."₩

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### **Candidates**

My five years on the COTI board, including three years as president, give me a solid background in various city issues including the technical and legal aspects associated with water quality matters.

My legal experience, including five vears as a board-certified Florida attorney. will enable me to deal with the sometimes complex issues of legislation and water regulations.

#### 4) What measures do you think the city council can take to help business owners struggling as a result of COVID-19 closures and limitations?

Council should continue the mandatory face covering rules and, to the extent possible under state limitations, enforce the rules and promote compliance. The perception by potential visitors of Sanibel as a safe environment will benefit all of our local businesses.

Council should continue to allow outdoor dining by restaurants, to allow them to offer 100 percent occupancy while maintaining social distancing. Other local restrictions, including signage, should be relaxed if not injurious to public health.

And at all times pertaining to issues before the city, as a member of council, I would seek input from local businesses and listen to them.

#### 5) What do you think the city can do to combat the effects of global warming?

To combat ongoing global warming, the city should set an example by reducing its carbon footprint when financially prudent and establish policies that encourage its citizens to do likewise. Reducing our carbon footprint should be included as an aspirational goal in the upcoming update to the Sanibel Plan. The effects of global warming are increasing the intensity of storms. In the short-term, we need to address flooding issues that are presently affecting many of our neighborhoods and engage with Lee County to ensure the causeway is sufficiently protected from flooding. In the long-term, the city needs to accelerate its resiliency planning to understand our vulnerabilities and plan for adaptation strategies. Such planning needs to ensure the continuity of services provided to us such as causeway access, stormwater distribution, potable water supply, wastewater distribution, electricity continuity and cellular service.

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## Be Careful Naming Trust As IRA Beneficiary



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

've had several new clients come to me with an existing estate plan that includes IRA beneficiary designations naming their lacktriangle revocable trust as either the primary or contingent beneficiary. On closer review, many did not meet IRS requirements to treat the beneficiaries of the trust as the IRA beneficiaries.

When the IRS requirements aren't satisfied, IRA distributions following the account holder's death are accelerated, resulting in taxes due on the remaining balance right away and, of course, the loss of tax deferred growth.

This can be a double whammy for larger estates that also owe

The IRS rules require a trust to qualify as a "see through trust" to the beneficiary. Allow me to explain by example: Suppose Father names his Trust as the beneficiary to his IRA account following his death. The trust has one beneficiary, Son. If the IRS "see through" requirements are met, then Son is treated as the beneficiary, and the trustee has 10 years in which to withdraw the entire trust balance for Son.

The trustee of the trust might be Son himself, or it might be a third party, such as a bank or trust company. Why would Father name the trust and not Son as beneficiary? There are several possibilities. Son might be a spendthrift or may have a mental incapacity causing Father to want a third party to manage the money. Father may want to protect the IRA inheritance from Son's divorcing spouse. Father might want to give Son the ability to distribute the IRA to Son's children rather than himself.

There are five requirements the trust must satisfy in order to qualify as a "see through trust." First, the trust must be valid under state law. Second, the trust must be irrevocable, or become irrevocable by its terms upon the death of the original IRA owner. Third, the trust beneficiary(ies) must all be identifiable as being eligible to be designated beneficiaries themselves, and fourth, a copy of the trust must be provided to the IRA custodian by October 31 of the year following the account owner's death, and fifth, all beneficiaries must be individuals.

Another troublesome issue is when the account owner names the trust instead of a spouse as the beneficiary. This typically occurs in blended families when each spouse has children from a prior marriage. Assume that Wife has an IRA account. She

#### How's The Market? Ask Ann

I enjoy working with buyers in their "search" for the right home that fits their budget. Today's "budgets" range between \$500,000 to higher priced properties (over \$1,500,000). Last year, 288 homes sold on Sanibel, up from 211 homes that sold in 2019. The average price was \$951,487 in 2020 and \$949,790 in 2019.



Ann Gee Broker/Owner John Gee

Let's look at the "high end" of our market: 27 homes sold at over \$1,500,000 in 2020. It made up approximately 10 percent of our market sales in 2020. The average price in this segment

was \$2,535,382. Florida law allows us to rebate a portion of our commission to either a buyer or a seller in a sale, and the amount can be substantial, particularly in a high end home sale. Call me directly and I will discuss the details. Just as important, I will provide you a high level of service and attention to detail. My cell is 239-850-0979. Existing inventory continues to drop. Just 63 homes, 82 condos and 45 lots are currently listed for sale in our MLS system.

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wants her husband to benefit from the IRA account for his lifetime, then upon his death, the balance can be distributed to Wife's children.

The reason **Wife** doesn't want to name **Husband** as the primary beneficiary is because he can then "rollover" the IRA into his own account and name whomever he wants (his children) as beneficiaries.

So the trust appears to be a reasonable alternative. Except it's not.

The reason the trust doesn't usually work is due to the Required Minimum Distribution rules. Assuming the trust qualifies as "see through" so the surviving spouse is "identifiable," if that spouse lives out to a full life expectancy, the trustee will be required to withdraw most, if not all, of the IRA account balance anyway. There are other tax issues should the trustee wish to accumulate portions of the distribution inside the trust for the first decedent spouse's children, but that discussion is beyond the scope of this column.

İncome taxation of testamentary and irrevocable trusts are complex. I've seen dozens of trusts where the drafter failed to consider these issues, but they can have a real economic effect on the beneficiaries. If you have named your trust as the beneficiary to an IRA, 401(k) or other qualified plan account, make sure that you have it reviewed by a competent attorney.

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## FGCU Professor's Research Could Save Sea Turtles

fter years of studying sea turtles in Ghana, Florida Gulf Coast University Vertebrate Zoology Associate Professor Phil Allman found a way to save them. In a new study, Allman proves a simple, low-cost innovation reduces the number of endangered sea turtles killed because of fishing nets operated by smallscale fisheries. It's a light shown on a sometimes overlooked industry section that negatively impacts sea turtle populations.

Research published 10 years ago reported 85,000 sea turtle deaths annually across the globe, but the number of participating boats represent less than one percent of the global fishing effort,' said Allman. "The magnitude of sea turtle bycatch is unsustainable and driving sea turtles closer to extinction.

Working with a small team, Allman partnered with fishers in Ghana to modify fishing nets. He installed several green LED lights around each net, a simple change that has worked in commercial fisheries. Allman said this is the first study to try the same lights on nets operated by their small-scale counterparts.

'Across two separate studies in different fishing communities, the experimental nets with lights captured 81 percent fewer turtles than the control nets (without lights)," said Allman, who works in the university's department of biological sciences.

In 2015, the first year of the study, Allman and his colleagues observed 15 gillnet fishing boats in Ghana. In that time, 64 turtles were killed or approximately four turtles per vessel per year. According to NOAA Fisheries, a gillnet is a "wall" of nylon netting that "hangs in the water column." While it works well for capturing fish, it also kills other species. NOAA Fisheries notes that in the case of sea turtles, the animal gets tangled in the net and drowns if unable to reach the surface.

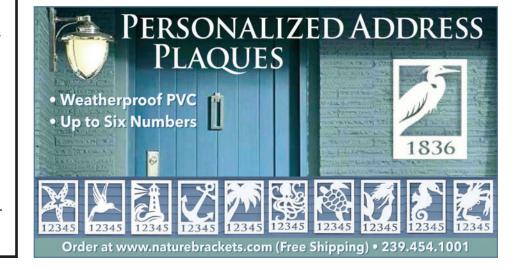
According to Allman, Ghana has roughly 12,000 registered gillnet boats. He believes there are "several thousand" others working without governmental authorization. Simple math could lead one to surmise that Ghana gillnet fishers kill upward of 48,000 sea turtles each year.

'Clearly, the Ghanaian gillnet fishery may be responsible for thousands of sea turtle deaths each year, but this is likely just a tiny fraction of what is captured globally," Allman said.

Allman believes this finding could have a significant impact on sea turtles. He saw many killed by gillnets during his study, including olive ridley, green and leatherback species. The latter was important to Allman because, he said, this was also the first study to test the effect of green LED lights on leatherbacks.

The leatherback population in the Pacific Ocean is considered critically endangered and requires immediate action to prevent the population from completely disappearing. We hope this study gives fishers confidence the readily available green LED lights can serve as an easy and affordable strategy to reduce sea turtle

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## **Zonta Awards** Grants To 15 Local Nonprofits

submitted by Sue Denham

very 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, which was canceled this past year due to coronavirus concerns. However, through the generosity of many businesses and individuals, local grants totaling \$82,500 have been awarded to 15 Lee County programs, including two on Sanibel.

This has been a year like no other, and Zonta faced additional challenges, with requests totaling over \$165,715, about twice the amount available to distribute. Nevertheless, a spirit of celebration endured at a Zonta-hosted Zoom meeting on January 20, with each organization's representative having a few onscreen minutes to describe her organization and its goals.

Pam Eccles and Marianne Ravenna, co-chairs, and their grants committee focused instead on specific needs in a COVID-19 environment, and looked for organizations that have adapted and survived in spite of difficulties. "These organizations have made creative



Among those making presentations was FISH of SanCap Social Services Director photos provided Nitza Lopez

changes in the ways they operate, managing to maintain their vital services to women at risk," they said. "Their work continues to help women achieve a sense of safety, success and self-worth.'

For 2021, local projects supported by Zonta grants are:

Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT): Ongoing economic empowerment program

Angel Wings: Shelter for homeless women without families (new this year)

Children's Network of Southwest Florida: Support for 18-year-olds aging out of foster care

Community Housing & Resources (CHR): Educational support and



Lucy Garcia, director of OILE, with 1,000 of 10,000 masks made over the summer by clients of the Healing Stitches program

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 Florida: 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 to create entrepreneurs

Habitat for Humanity Lee County Women Build: New or renovated homes for female heads of household

Healthy Start Coalition of SW Florida: FOCUS program to educate teen mothers

Organizacion Internacional de Latinos en el Exterior SWFL (OILE): Healing Stitches program and language skills for immigrant women

PACE Center for Girls Lee County: Incentives for Earning thru Learning

Partners for Breast Cancer Care: Mammograms for women in at-risk communities

SalusCare: Economic empowerment for women in recovery

Zonta is getting ready to announce Peek Repurposed, a unique event planned within COVID-19 guidelines. From March 1 to 10, Zonta will host an online auction of repurposed furniture by local artists and original art, and on Saturday, March 13 (regular "Peek" day), will present a jewelry and antiques appraisal event, offering 15-minute sessions (\$100 donation) with local experts. More details will follow.

As always, proceeds will help fund programs that empower women and girls, locally and elsewhere. In addition to the regional grants awarded for 2021, Zonta also pledged \$17,500 to Zonta International for global initiatives (www.zonta.org).

For information on Zonta and this year's "Peek" event, or to donate, visit www.zontasancap.org, follow Zonta Sanibel-Captiva on Facebook and "like" us (@zontasancap) on Instagram.☆

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by Howard Prager

The loss of Hank Aaron. I still believe Hank Aaron is the home run champ, as he did not use (or was suspected of using) PEDs. Let's get to his stats. Aaron holds MLB records for RBI and total bases

RBI and total bases, had a career batting average of .305, and won three gold gloves. Along the way, he never had a bad season. He was a total ballplayer. His only MVP award came in 1957, but if Aaron had never hit a home run in his career, he still would have collected 3,016 hits, enough to be in the Hall of Fame. Aaron and Eddie Mathews hit 863 homers between 1954 and 1966, the most homers ever by a pair of teammates. Aaron's birthday, February 5, was one day before Babe Ruth's. Former Chicago Cub and fellow Hall of Famer Billy Williams said Aaron was a great all-around player. "A lot of people look at him as a hitter but he was an outstanding baserunner, outstanding fielder, had a great arm. He played the game with ease. Baseball historian Ralph Moses shared this. In the 1957 World Series, Aaron came to bat with the label of his bat facing him instead of away from him. That noted baseball intellectual, Yogi Berra, pointed this out to him. Aaron hit the next pitch over 400 feet for a homer. Aaron's reply

when he reached home plate was, "Yogi, I didn't come up here to read."

So much has been written about Hammerin' Hank that it's hard to find a different angle. One is growing up. Sportswriter Steve Zalusky talked to Williams, who was raised near Mobile. Alabama, and was a close friend of Aaron. Williams remembered Aaron saying, "Don't think of me as a great baseball player, think of me as a great individual." Williams said, "I used to go down and see him play with the Mobile Black Bears, because I had a brother on the same team, and watched him progress to the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro League and quickly to the Milwaukee Braves. You always followed him because he was a Mobile hero to all of the Blacks, because he went through the Negro League and all of a sudden he was playing in the major leagues." When Williams reached the majors himself, he said they had a whole Mobile contingent in the majors and would have a lot of get-togethers in Atlanta when the Cubs played the Braves. The Mobile group included Tommie Agee, Cleon Jones, Willie McCovey and Billy's brother Franklin, who played minor league ball with the Pirates. "We would work out together weeks before spring training hitting, shagging some ground balls and catching fly balls. And then we would go sit in the stands and ask Aaron lots of stuff. The information he gave us was tremendous."

Williams remembers how tough times were for Aaron as he edged closer to Ruth's home run record. "It was a terrible time for him. He was really upset about receiving so many threatening letters, and

he read every one of them." At a time when he should be experiencing joy and excitement, he felt nothing but sadness and fear. "He knew, growing up around Mobile, what would happen. Here is a guy, a Black guy, (breaking the record of) an icon of major league baseball. And nobody wanted Aaron to break a record, let alone break a white guy's record who hit more home runs in baseball than anybody. He had to have a guard around him. He had to have protection for his kids. A lot of people don't know that." Fortunately, his joy for the game came back afterwards.

Hats off to Hank Aaron, a true baseball

Hats off to Hank Aaron, a true baseball hero and American icon. A movement has started to rename the Atlanta Braves the Hammers in honor of him. That would be both a beautiful lasting tribute and an opportunity to shed a Native American image that has stirred controversy. Do share your stories and memories of Hank Aaron with us.

The NFL playoffs...

I'll talk more next week about the American icons in Super Bowl LV (55) after Tampa Bay and ageless Tom Brady shocked the Packers and won the NFC. They'll be the first team to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium. It pits the NFL's oldest quarterback against the youngest quarterback to ever try and repeat as champion, as the Chiefs try to make it two in a row after beating Buffalo for the AFC crown. But no one beats Buffalo's fans, as reported by ESPN.

Buffalo fans are remarkable and generous. ESPN reported that after the Bills won their first trip to the AFC Championship Game since the 1993, thousands of fans donated over a half

million dollars to a charity that Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson supported during his college career at Louisville. You've got that right, the opposing QB. Shortly after their 17-3 victory two weeks ago over the Ravens – a game in which Jackson left during the second half to enter concussion  ${\cal L}$ protocol – momentum was generated among Bills fans online to show support for Jackson by supporting the Blessings in a Backpack Louisville chapter. "It's just been overwhelming — in the best possible way," said Nikki Grizzle of Blessings in a Backpack, whose mission is to mobilize communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. This isn't the first time that Bills fans – affectionately known as "Bills Mafia" – have gathered together with a charitable heart. "Bills fans also donated in droves earlier this season to John R. Oishei Children's Hospital after it was announced that quarterback Josh Allen's grandmother had died. Donations to that cause eclipsed \$1 million." Grizzle described what unfolded the past two weeks in one word. "Amazing." she said. Buffalo Bills Mafia, you win the trophy for the fans with the biggest heart. May you get your wish and have your Bills in a Super Bowl sometime soon.

Howard Prager is the son-in-law of longtime columnist Ed Frank. Prager is a sports enthusiast from the Chicago area who also writes and blogs about leadership. Email comments or questions to press@islandsunnews.com.



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## Lee Health Foundation **Board Of Trustees**

ee Health Foundation has appointed its 2021 board of trustees, with J. Pason Gaddis returning as chairperson.

Trustees help guide philanthropic initiatives for Lee Health Foundation, which is celebrating 25 years of supporting lifesaving health and wellness programs in Southwest Florida. Since 1995, the foundation, its supporters and trustees have made it possible for Lee Health to serve a growing community with comprehensive medical services close to home. Thanks to the generosity of the Southwest Florida community and dedication of the trustees, the Lee Health Foundation's fiscal impact for 2020 included more than 4,000 donors raising more than \$27.5 million.

"We are so grateful for the guidance and support of leaders throughout Southwest Florida in Lee Health's mission to empower healthier lives through care and compassion," said Chris Simoneau, Lee Health's chief foundation and development officer. "Lee Health Foundation trustees advocate and raise funds for advanced technologies, worldclass care and programs that wouldn't exist without philanthropy but that are necessary for Lee Health to expand and enhance care throughout our seven-county region."

Gaddis is co-founder and CEO of Florida Media Group, which publishes Florida Weekly. Gaddis has served on the foundation board since 2016, and recently was inducted into Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's Business Hall of Fame, Lee County.

Returning to their roles are Dr. James W. Orr, Jr. as vice chairperson and Jennifer Parisi as secretary. Dominic Cameratta will begin as treasurer of the

Newly elected trustees are David Call, Chetan Gulati, Kristin Haag, George Hamilton, Susan McGrogan, Lori Shaffer, Dr. F. Brett Shannon and Sandy Stilwell Youngquist. Returning trustees are Joseph R. Catti, Dr. Paul DiGiorgi, Jenny Gezella, Matt Hanson, Charles K. Idelson, Al Kinkle, Fred Pezeshkan, Pablo Veintimilla and Scotty Wood.

Ex-officio trustees are Dr. Larry Antonucci, David Collins, Gary Gold, Steve Henry, Sue Lester and Armando Llechu. The board's emeriti committee includes Amanda Cross, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Joe Gammons, Frank Haskell, Chairperson Elaine Hawkins, Garrett Reasoner and Madeleine Taeni.

Lee Health Foundation's committee chairpersons include: executive committee, Gaddis; finance committee, Cameratta; nominating and governance committee, Parisi; and development committee, Gezella. Additional community leaders who also serve on committees include Bill Cronin, William Gruver, Tarek Salhab and Austin Williams.

For more information about the role of philanthropy at Lee Health or to donate, visit www.leehealthfoundation.org or call 343-6950.⇔

## Commissioner **Elected Chair** Of Airport Board

he Lee County Board of Port Commissioners recently elected Kevin Ruane as chair for 2021. Cecil L. Pendergrass was elected as vice chair. The board, composed of the five Lee County commissioners, meets bi-monthly as the Board of



Port Commissioners to set policy and direct the operations of Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. The other commissioners include Brian Hamman, Frank Mann and Ray Sandelli.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 5.9 million passengers in 2020 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. Page Field provides services to corporate, commercial and private aviators and accommodated more than 126,000 aircraft operations in 2020. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction, and both airports are funded solely with revenue generated from their operations.

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#### **SPORTS QUIZ**

- 1. Doak Walker won the Heisman Trophy in 1948 playing multiple positions for what college team?
- 2. In 1973, what Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher had such a severe case of the yips that the 'condition" was colloquially named after him?
- 3. What team drafted Purdue quarterback Jim Everett with the third overall pick in the 1986 NFL Draft, then traded his rights to the Los Angeles Rams?
- 4. In December 2004, who was hired as head coach of the USC Trojans men's basketball team only to resign five days later?
  What baseball team won the 2020 KBO League championship with a 4-2 Korean
- Series win over the Doosan Bears?
- What three-time winner of the Formula One World Drivers' Championship was killed in an accident while leading the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix?
- 7. What San Diego Chargers player set the NFL record for longest play by returning a missed field goal 109 yards for a touchdown in a 2007 game against the Minnesota Vikings?

#### ANSWERS

5. The NC Dinos. 6. Ayrton Senna. 7. Antonio Cromartie.

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## Excessive News Intake Is Bad For Your Health



by Julie Rosenberg, MD

barraged over the past year with negative news: coronavirus pandemic, political unrest, racial tension, economic uncertainty.

While an awareness of current events keeps us informed and helps us to understand the possible impact on our lives, news commentaries are increasingly negative, fear-laden and alarming. Still, many of us actively feel the need to seek out news. We spend hours scrolling through social media feeds, reading newspapers, listening to the radio or watching television to consume the latest news. Frequent alerts on our mobile phones keep us in contact with world events 24/7.

There is growing evidence that the continuous exposure to negative information about the state of the world has a negative impact on our state of mind, our mood and our productivity.

Negative News Can Affect Our Mental Health – We often feel anxious and stressed when we hear about distressing events in the news. In fact, negative news can aggravate worrisome thoughts that are not even related to the content of the news story. Daily exposure to negative news typically makes people feel worse when they consider the news to be personally relevant.

Negative News Makes Us Feel Unsafe – When we're surrounded with negative news, we often fear for our safety. These feelings may lead to increased upset, worry and angst.

Negative News Impacts Productivity – When we spend hours per day consuming negative news, our productivity is negatively impacted. We may lose hours of time immersed in the news when we could be doing things that are pleasurable, productive, or both.

Five Tips for Managing So Much Negative News – What can you do to manage the negative psychological effects of consuming so much negative news? First and foremost, disconnect from the news when you feel anxious or stressed. Next, consider these five tips that will support you in managing negative psychological symptoms and concerns related to excessive news consumption.

Deep Breathing – Most people take short, shallow breaths into their chest. Deep breathing is a powerful tool to ease stress and lessen anxiety. Try this: Take a deep breath in through your nose. As you breathe in, feel your belly rise. Hold it for a count of three. Now, let it out slowly through pursed lips and feel your belly lower. You may notice a difference in how you feel already. Deep breathing is

a powerful tool to ease stress and lessen anxiety. Even a few minutes of deep breathing can have a significant benefit.

Count to 10 – Take a comfortable seated position in an area of quietude. Count slowly to 10. Repeat, and count to 20 if necessary.

Progressive Relaxation – Progressive relaxation is a good way to tame tense muscles. Try this simple exercise: Choose a muscle group, tighten it for a few seconds, then let go. Focus on one area at a time and work through the areas of your body where you hold tension, such as the jaw, shoulders and neck.

Look for Triggers – If there are certain news events that trigger you and lead you to feel especially anxious, write them down. Journal about your feelings related to these events. Journaling helps you to look for patterns in your thinking, to explore your feelings and will help you to put your concerns into perspective.

Take a Time-out – Practice yoga, listen to music, meditate, get a massage, walk in nature. Stepping back from the constant barrage of news will help clear your head.

None of us is immune from negative news. Yet, everyone has a different tolerance. Pace yourself with news consumption. Recognize when you're at your limit – and tune out!

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#### Sea Turtles

interactions in their gillnet fishery," Allman said. Allman demonstrated the green LED lights do not impact the size of a fisher's target catch nor the market value of their product. Moreover, Allman is hopeful this innovation will appeal to Ghanaian fishers who know the capturing of sea turtles can be costly.

"Fishers in Ghana do not like catching turtles because the turtles damage or even destroy their net, and it can be quite expensive and time consuming to repair. Any amount of time they cannot fish is lost food and income. They also do not like catching sea turtles because it is a taboo," Allman said.

The fisher is trading the potential cost of the damage for a relatively low cost to light a net, Allman said.

"Including battery changes every six months (AA batteries), it cost a fisher approximately \$130 to \$165 to run the lights for three years. A turtle captured in the net will often cause significant damage to the net, which would often require replacing multiple sections. This can cost about \$225 to replace. Given that we found a fishing vessel catches around four turtles per year, it is cost effective to use the lights."

Whether commercial or small scale,
Allman hopes fisheries take advantage of
innovations like this to impact sea turtle
populations significantly.

The study is published in the journal Conservation Biology from the Society of Conversation Biology.





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## **Rotary Awards** Business Person Of The Year

submitted by Cindy Carter

ach year, Rotary Clubs around the world select and celebrate members of their communities with a prestigious award. The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club fosters the ideals of vocational service by recognizing non-Rotarian professionals in the community with the Business Person of the Year for Vocational Service Award.

Vocational service is one of Rotary's avenues of service. Through vocational service, Rotarians serve others by using their unique skills to address community needs, empower others through training and skill development, and inspire others to act with integrity by following Rotary's guiding principles. Vocational service is rooted in the Second Object of Rotary which is "to encourage and foster" high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Professionals join a Rotary club as representatives of their particular business or profession. Rotarians have a dual responsibility to represent their vocation within their club and to exemplify the ideals of Rotary in their place of business.



**Mary Bondurant** 

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This year's Business Person of the Year for Vocational Service Award was presented to Mary Bondurant for her many contributions to the Sanibel community. She is a realtor with Kingfisher Real Estate and has been active in the island community that began with

volunteering in several capacities at The Sanibel School many years ago when her children were young. She has since helped organize the annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration and founded the Let's Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness and Detection Program. She is past president of the local American Business Women's Association chapter and was named Businesswoman of the Year. She recently assisted in establishing the independent Sanibel-Captiva Businesswomen's Association.

Bondurant serves on the boards of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village and Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, of which she is past chair. She is a member of Zonta of Sanibel-Captiva, Sanibel Community Association, America's Boating Club of Sanibel-Captiva, Island Cotillion and Lee Coast Chapter of the Military Officers' Association.

Bondurant served in the U.S. Air Force and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard for 10 years prior to moving to Sanibel.

In the past, the club has honored the following community members: 2020 – Marty Harrity, Doc Ford's Restaurants; 2019 – Chris Davison, Island Inn; 2018 - Sally and Billy Kirkland, Billy's Bikes; 2017 – Christopher Heidrick, Heidrick & Co. Insurance; 2016 – Mead and Richard Johnson, Sanibel Packing Co. and Bailey's General Store; 2015 - Maggi Feiner, FISH of SanCap. In 2019, Scot Congress of Congress Jewelers was awarded the Vocational Service Award for Rotary District 6960.☆

#### **ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS**

#### **RE/MAX** of the Islands







Kimberley Andrews



**Chuck Andrews** 



**Julie Potts** 

he top producers for December at RE/MAX of the Islands were: Chip Wolfe, top listings; and the team of Kimberley Andrews, Chuck Andrews and Julie Potts, top sales.



## Daycation



by Kay Casperson

veryone has a dream of their next vacation, whether in another state or traveling across the country. Regardless of when things will open up more and where those places will be, you can

continue to enjoy your beautiful life just a short road trip away.

There are so many places to discover in your own backyard, next city over, or just miles down the road. This is the time to explore the beautiful places that make neighborhoods and communities unique. There are always things to enjoy, from the restaurants, the boutiques, and the spa, to the beautiful surroundings.

When craziness hits, my husband and I have always taken a road trip to experience things we usually would not ever do. For example, during 911, we could not travel as we had planned, so we set out on a road trip to visit various places that we would typically not go to. We had so much fun and found great venues that we will now want to revisit and recommend.

We hopped in the car with kids and dogs during the pandemic and visited

five different states to experience a day of learning and educating ourselves about places that we have never been. The girls loved it, and we not only learned about new areas but had beautiful family fun.

More and more, we are seeing people come to our spas that have decided to hop in their car and head out on a road trip. The international traveler has been replaced by the road

We love this because we can reach out to people in our own backyards who want to learn what is just around the corner from them.

A daycation is different from a staycation and a vacation. It allows you to step out, get away from the everyday stuff, enjoy a day of rest, relaxation and rejuvenation just steps away from your comfort zone. This can make you feel like you are in a different world.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I will take a daycation whenever possible to experience the beautiful things that surround me."

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## **Autoimmune** Disorders And Risk Of Infection



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

ear **Readers:** Having an autoimmune condition, or a thyroid condition. can make you more susceptible to COVID-19 complications.

Think of autoimmune conditions in the same manner you would other immunosuppressive disorders (i.e., cancer, organ transplantation, history of radiation treatment or chemotherapy). As it pertains to Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Graves disease or hypothyroidism, you need to be extra vigilant while you're out in public because your immunity is compromised.

The right dose of thyroid medication, and the right kind, are critical because you may not be getting enough active thyroid hormone (T3) to your immune system, which resides primarily in the intestines. While your body struggles to make do with whatever hormone is available in your body, you may experience symptoms such as poor concentration, chronic fatigue, hair loss, apathy, sensations of being cold, depression and/or anxiety.

If you have autoimmune thyroid disease, or hypothyroidism, your immune system may not be able to protect you from foreign "antigens" or invaders. These include new cancer cells, microorganisms, toxins and even simplistic signals that your body should "see" and doesn't due to low thyroid. If you're low in thyroid, your protection against invaders is hindered.

When you have poor T4 to T3 conversion, I call it being "thyroid sick" and

the solution is thoroughly discussed in my best-selling book called *Thyroid Healthy*, available on Amazon. The situation makes you hypothyroid and you could have many, if not all, the symptoms that go with it, especially suppressed immune function, and more frequent colds, fever blisters, rashes and UTIs.

Some doctors prescribe both medications to a patient, meaning both T4 drugs and T3, but getting the right dose is tough on doctors (and patients) because it's like trying to hit a moving target.

Generally speaking, because the cytokines will be imbalanced in a person with autoimmunity, the recovery time from an infection could be lengthened. There are vitamins that can keep your immune system in tip-top shape during the season. And also, I'm passionate about herbal medicine. One reason that herbs work well and have strong anti-viral, anti-bacterial and anti-parasitic effect is because they have a wide spectrum of medicinally active constituents.

This means they have a wide range of beneficial impacts in the body aside from their "kill" action.

I want each of you to be very thoughtful while reading this and remember to never suddenly go off your medication because of something you read. Going off a medication can be problematic for two main reasons:

 It leaves your condition less controlled, and your symptoms will flare-up and that's bad for your health.

2. Some medications will induce serious and sometimes life-threatening symptoms of withdrawal unless they are slowly weaned over months, with physician supervision. If you'd like to receive my newest ebook on immunity, download it now at https://www.store.suzycohen.com/ strengthen-immune.

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## Applications Open For Red Sox Scholarships

The Red Sox Foundation will once again be awarding scholarships in the spring of 2021 to one deserving student from each of the 14 public high schools in Lee County.

Applications are now open and available to local Lee County public high school seniors at www.redsoxfoundation.

org/leecountyscholarship.
Applications are due by midnight March
12. The Red Sox Foundation will award a \$5,000 scholarship to 14 academically talented Lee County public high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to community service.

Scholarship funds are raised annually from proceeds of the Red Sox annual Swings for the Sox Golf Tournament.

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## Preventing Dementia And Enjoying Life





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

The recently read an article by famed Neurosurgeon Sanjay Gupta, commentator and author. Dr. Gupta says, "There are things we can do that involve lifestyle changes that could absolutely delay the progression of dementia and even reverse it."

We could not agree more! We have covered this topic in prior articles, but it is always good to talk about it again. Dr. Gupta is in line with many of the concepts we have been discussing for many years. These lifestyle habits help people live the longest lives with the least number of age-related diseases. Isn't this what we all strive to do... live long healthy lives?

We'll say it again, and this time, Dr. Gupta is saying it too, "Move Naturally, Move More!" Again, we cannot stress this enough. Once the body stops moving, all systems shut down, especially the brain. Dr. Gupta writes, "When you move, it's almost like you're signaling to the body and to the brain, 'I wanna be here. I'm not ready to go!' What the brain specifically releases are things called neurotrophins; these good chemicals are sort of nourishing the brain." Once you cannot walk three city blocks, your chances of entering a nursing home increase many-fold. Inability to walk, transfer and assist oneself are criteria that end up leading to a loss of independence. We live in a beautiful part of the country here in Southwest Florida. Even on the chilliest of days and the hottest of

days, we can still get outside and walk. If walking is painful, try pool walking to experience the amazing power of the pool.

Next, eat a plant-slanted diet. Fresh vegetables and fruits help many areas of the body, including the brain. Berries, in particular, provide brain nourishment, along with essential fatty acids found in fish and nuts. A fresh-food diet gives you the most nutrition per mouthful.

As we have talked about in one of our recent articles, learning new skills will strengthen your brain. It will cause you to continue to strengthen the parts of your brain that may be weaker. Learn to knit, learn a new language, play a new card game, read a book from a new genre, eat with your non-dominant hand, try a new physical activity like pickleball or aqua aerobics. By getting out of your comfort zone, you stimulate your brain to a whole new level.

Last week, we spoke about the importance of sleep. Many people (up to one-third of Americans) do not get enough sleep. Our brains need to regenerate during sleep. This complex organ is like a machine. It requires a resetting of experiences and filing them into memory. If you are getting out of your comfort zone and learning new things, then get enough sleep so that you can commit them to memory.

One of our favorite books is *The Blue Zones* by Dan Buettner, who describes and espouses the lifestyles of the areas of the world where people live to be 100 and experience virtually zero diseases of aging. One of the tenants of these cultures is to be connected with your tribe. He calls it "wine at 5" – but this just means to have a great group of friends with whom you can experience social interaction, kindness, sharing and caring, and even physical touch. This is especially important during these trying times. Our brains function better when we release these happy hormones.

So, we encourage you to live longer, live smarter, live better by adapting your lifestyle to include these things. Cheers!

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD, established Caring Medical in 1991. Caring Medical Florida and the Hauser Neck Center are located in Fort Myers. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.

## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** My insomnia is getting worse with all the stress surrounding me. Can you provide some tools to help with sleep?

**A:** We are a culture of insomnia, yet the behaviors we

use contribute to this. Avoid stimulants such as excess alcohol, sugar, caffeine, social media and too much screen time. Try not to have arguments before bed, emotionally charged discussions, paying bills or reading negative material.

In other words, play soft music, go outside and watch the stars, be in silence, drink a glass a warm milk or chamomile tea. Practice self-soothing techniques such as a warm bath, cuddle with your pet, remind yourself you need a good night's rest and allow your left analytical brain to rest.

Practice deep breathing, focus on the breath and allow disturbing thoughts to exhale from your mind and body out into a gray mist to dissolve.

Your body deserves a good night's rest. You need a good eight hours of sleep to feel rejuvenated and restored. By practicing the above techniques, your

insomnia should lessen and dissipate very

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## Landscaping Workshops

F/IFAS Extension is offering an online workshop to learn the nine principles that guide friendly landscaping in Lee County.

Each principle is covered in class, so you can apply what you learn to your own garden. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation and proper mulching will be discussed. Learn how reducing the use of fertilizers and pesticides will help minimize impacts to waterways.

Register for the following free online Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) classes at www.fflwinter2021.eventbrite.com.

Friday, February 19, 3 to 5 p.m. (Spanish only)

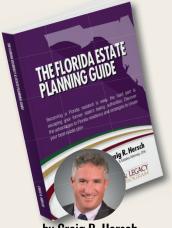
Wednesday, February, 24, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 15, 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information about the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program, call 533-7513 or email fyn@ leegov.com.

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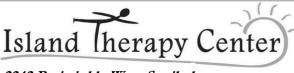
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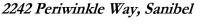


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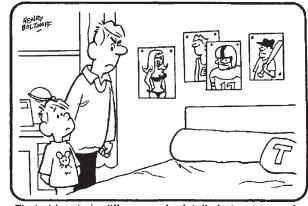
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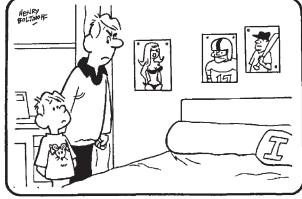
#### SCRAMBLERS Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag! Bitter GRANY **ALOCK** Close **BRANEY** Stupid NANIE "Daddy woke up \_\_\_\_\_\_ again." TODAY'S WORD

**HOCUS-FOCUS** 

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF







Differences: 1. Letter on pillow is different. 2. Man's shirt is black. 3. Mouse design is different. 4. Lamp is missing. 5. Picture on wall is missing. 6. Curtain is longer.

## **To Play** Sudoku:

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

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



Ruby ID#A516849

photos provided

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

## Ruby And Frannie

ello, my name is Ruby. I am a 10-year-old female brindle pit bull **▲**mix. I have a message for you – All you need is love... and a dog. You don't have one? No worries, Lee County Domestic Animal Services can help you adopt the new love of your life. I am a 'Super Senior' with tons of spunk and personality. I love to scratch my back by rolling on the turf outside (which is quite entertaining). I am content sitting close to wherever my person may be. Loyalty is top on this girl's list. My adoption fee is

Hi, I'm Frannie. I am 3-year-old female domestic shorthair. My unique markings and laid-back charm are the perfect combination for this 'tween' feline. I am beautiful inside and out. High maintenance is not a term I am familiar with. I will be there for you whenever you need a little TLC, but am certainly good on my own when needed. My adoption fee is \$50, and



Frannie ID#A848229

you can get another kitty for free when you adopt me.

Each year millions of people make New Year's resolutions. Lee County Domestic Animal Services invites you to "Skip the Jog and Walk a Dog" as part of yours. Make pets a part of the plan for the New Year and consider that a new pet can help achieve many of the most popular goals set each year.

The adoption fee for dogs will be reduced to \$30 for the entire month of January. All senior dogs (aged six years and over) are just \$25. So say goodbye to 2020 and hello to 2021 with a new best

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. Adoptions are available by appointment Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit www.leelostpets.com to complete an online application. As always, cats and kittens are adopt one and get a feline friend at no additional charge. For more information, call 533-7387.蓉

## Reading Festival To Be Held In Virtual Format

he 22nd annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival this March will be a month-long, fully virtual celebration of the power of reading, brought to the community by the Lee County Library System.

Nearly 30 acclaimed authors will provide nightly programming from Monday, March 1 through Friday, March 12. Other highlights include the opportunity to video chat with headlining and local authors during the festival's live booth hours from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, March 6 and 13. Grab-and-go crafts, a reading program with festival bingo and online STEAM contests featuring Lego builds, and art and creativity challenges are also part of the fun.

"Our library system is pleased to once again provide our signature event for the community," said Mindi Simon, library director. "The online format allows us to extend the festival's length and scope.'

Patrons can log on to EventHub beginning Friday, February 22 for a preview of the festival. Author presentations will broadcast weekday evenings March 1 to 5 and March 8 to 12, with youth and teen authors at 6 p.m. and adult authors at 7 p.m.

Each interview is followed by an interactive, live meet and greet to converse with authors and ask questions via video or text chat. Additional opportunities to chat with authors will be offered during the Saturday live booth sessions at 1 p.m. After live events conclude on March 13, festival attendees will be able to watch recorded content on-demand through March 31.

Participants are encouraged to sign up for the online reading and activity challenge or complete the paper-based reading bingo for chances to win prizes and book baskets with festival author book titles. The deadline to log reading and activities is March 31.

STEAM contest prizes include numerous Lego sets, as well as arts and crafts supplies, with contest entries accepted through March 14. Online public voting will take place March 15 to 31. The eligible entries with the most votes will win the prizes for each

The library system's commitment to reading continues with providing each participating child and teen with a new, free book. This year, the free books will be distributed in age-appropriate grab-and-go craft bags, available while supplies last at the 13 Lee County Library System branches starting February 22. Adults will receive a book in their craft kits as well, which will incorporate various patterns to become part of a folded book art craft.

The lineup of award-winning authors scheduled to participate in the festival includes adult authors Jennifer Chiaverini, Gregg Hurwitz, Jayne Ann Krentz and Kyle Mills, as well as youth and teen authors JC Cervantes, Greg Pizzoli, Julie Berry and Ryan La Sala.

The Southwest Florida Reading Festival is free and communitysupported through donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event, visit www.readfest. org to make a secure online donation. For more information and a complete list of authors, visit www.readfest.org or call 533-4832.☼

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## My Stars ★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2021 **Aries** (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience

a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time so that you know just where you are at any given point.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you could find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that longsought turn on your career path. **Capricorn** (December 22 to

January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who

uncovered the treasure you really are.

Born This Week: Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

#### MOMENTS IN TIME

- On Feb. 1, 1790, the Supreme Court of the United States meets in New York City for the first time, with Chief Justice John Jay presiding. The U.S. Supreme Court was established by Article Three of the U.S. Constitution, which took effect in March 1789.
- On Feb. 7, 1812, the most violent of a series of earthquakes near Missouri causes a so-called fluvial tsunami in the Mississippi River, making the river run backward for several hours. The strongest of the aftershocks, an 8.8-magnitude, caused church bells to ring in Boston, over a thousand miles away
- On Feb. 4, 1861, delegates from South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana convene to establish the Confederate States of America. Within two months, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee all had joined the Confederacy.
- On Feb. 6, 1891, three members of the Dalton Gang stage an unsuccessful train robbery in California – an

inauspicious beginning to their careers as serious criminals. A year later, the gang botched another robbery, boldly attempting to hit two Kansas banks at the same time.

- On Feb. 3, 1953, French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau publishes "The Silent World," a memoir about his time exploring the oceans. In 1950, Lord Guinness, a British patron, bought him an old British minesweeper to use for his underwater explorations.
- Cousteau christened it Calypso.

   On Feb. 2, 1980, details of ABSCAM, an FBI sting operation to uncover political corruption in the government, are released to the public. Thirty-one public officials were targeted. In the operation, FBI agents posed as representatives of a fictional Arab business, offering money in exchange for special favors.
- On Feb. 5, 2003, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell gives a speech to the United Nations justifying an invasion of Iraq that is full of fabrications. Powell later called it a "blot" on his record.

#### NOW HERE'S A TIP

• "If you have a bunch of picture frames that don't match or ones that are nicked or have small cosmetic damages, just paint continued on page 30B

## **PUZZLES**

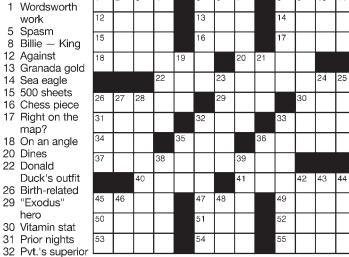
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## King Crossword

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: Extra Income From your Employer

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#### Redfish Pass Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
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Sat	1:04 am	8:25 am	3:20 pm	7:19 pm
Sun	1:53 am	8:58 am	3:40 pm	8:18 pm
Mon	2:46 am	9:31 am	4:04 pm	9:23 pm
Tue	3:46 am	10:03 am	4:33 pm	10:37 pm
Wed	5:00 am	10:34 am	5:06 pm	None
Thu	6:42 am	12:00 am	5:46 pm	11:01 am

#### Point Ybel Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	2:09 pm	7:53 am	None	6:27 pm
Sat	12:09 am	8:27 am	2:25 pm	7:21 pm
Sun	12:58 am	9:00 am	2:45 pm	8:20 pm
Mon	1:51 am	9:33 am	3:09 pm	9:25 pm
Tue	2:51 am	10:05 am	3:38 pm	10:39 pm
Wed	4:05 am	10:36 am	4:11 pm	None
Thu	5:47 am	12:02 am	4:51 pm	11:03 am

#### Punta Rassa Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	12:11 am	7:53 am	2:08 pm	7:09 pm
Sat	12:43 am	8:31 am	2:51 pm	8:02 pm
Sun	1:25 am	9:07 am	3:30 pm	8:56 pm
Mon	2:25 am	9:41 am	4:03 pm	9:49 pm
Tue	3:50 am	10:13 am	4:32 pm	10:50 pm
Wed	5:13 am	10:46 am	5:00 pm	None
Thu	6:41 am	12:12 am	5:36 pm	11:24 am

#### Cape Coral Bridge Tides

Day	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	2:28 am	11:07 am	5:14 pm	9:41 pm
Sat	3:14 am	11:41 am	5:30 pm	10:35 pm
Sun	4:03 am	12:14 pm	5:50 pm	11:34 pm
Mon	4:56 am	12:47 pm	6:14 pm	None
Tue	5:56 am	12:39 am	6:43 pm	1:19 pm
Wed	7:10 am	1:53 am	7:16 pm	1:50 pm
Thu	8:52 am	3:16 am	7:56 pm	2:17 pm

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### Now Here's A Tip

them. Choose a matching color for all, and you have a collection." – TL in Florida

- Kitchen tip: You can slice mushrooms in an egg slicer.
- If your sneakers are smelly, try this: Stick a sheet of fabric softener in each one. Let them set overnight, and most of them time, the smell will be gone by morning. Of course, you should rotate your tennies to help them "breathe," since wearing your shoes day after day can foster bacteria growth - meaning your sneaks will be really stinky.
- "To get sheets and towels to dry faster, try adding a tennis ball to the dryer. It bounces around inside while the cycle is going, and breaks up large items that tend to crumple into a ball." – CL in Illinois
- When you get near the end of a roll of paper towels, save it to put in your car. Pull together a kit to keep in the car with

the following items: a small bottle of glass cleaner, a squeeze bottle of water, some wet wipes and the short roll of paper towels. You will always be ready for a quick on-the-road cleanup.

• The kitchen and the bathroom are the worst places in the house to store medicines and vitamins. Humidity and heat can damage the properties of the

#### STRANGE BUT TRUE

- The most leaves ever found on a clover is 56.
- In 2012, General Mills sent professional basketball player Jeremy Lin a special jersey made entirely out of Fruit Roll-Ups after he tweeted about his love for the snack.
- The southern polar region of Enceladus, one of Saturn's moons, contains cryovolcanoes, an exotic type of geyser that spews ice instead of magma.
  - Aluminum is infinitely recyclable, with

nearly 75 percent of all aluminum ever produced still in use today.

- The first footprints on the moon will remain there for a million years.
- A Kansas man requested that an Iowa court grant his motion for trial by combat. His opponents? His ex-wife and her attorney, whom he desired to meet "on the field of battle" in order to "rend their souls from their corporeal bodies."
- The world's largest recorded snowflake measured 15 inches wide and 8 inches
- Similar to how human babies suck their thumbs for comfort, baby elephants suck on their trunks.
- In the Middle Ages, a man's wealth was measured by his stockpile of pepper.
- A 639-year performance by an automated organ, based on avant-garde composer John Cage's As Slow as Possible, started in September 2001 and is still running at St. Buchard Church in Germany. Progressing so slowly that visitors

have to wait months for a chord change, it is scheduled to conclude in 2640.

• Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin brought a chalice, bread and wine to the moon to take communion.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Yet I had rather be remembered as those brave beginners are, though many of them missed the triumph, than as the latecomers will be, who only beat the drums and wave the banners when the victory is won." - Louisa May Alcott

#### TRIVIA TEST

- 1. Geography: What is the longest river in Asia?
- 2. **Television**: What is the name of the trashcan dweller in PBS' Sesame Street?
- 3. Food & Drink: What kind of nuts are used to make marzipan?
- 4. Movies: What incantation did the fairy godmother use to transform

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- the character in Disney's animated Cinderella?
- 5. Medical: What is a more common name for onychocryptosis?
- 6. **Animal Kingdom**: What is a male goose called?
- 7. **Literature**: In which famous work did the phrase "eat, drink and be merry" appear?
- 8. **Music**: What is the most watched video on YouTube?
- 9. **Chemistry**: What is the chemical symbol of potassium?
- 10. **Ad Slogans**: Which company sells its popular clothing with the slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?

#### TRIVIA ANSWERS

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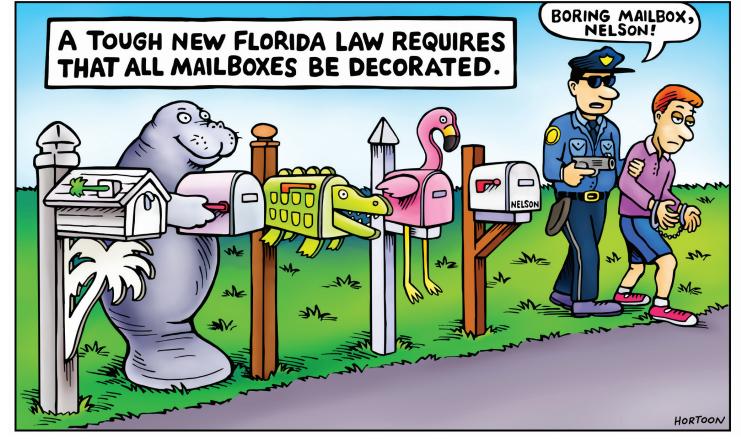
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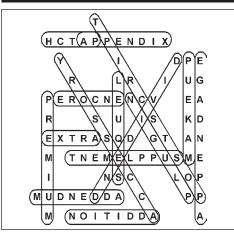
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Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	2008	9,459	\$5,950,000	\$5,630,000	316
Fort Myers	Fort Myers	2009	8,600	\$3,800,000	\$3,475,000	121
Rookery Lake	Bonita Springs	2001	6,148	\$3,450,000	\$3,450,000	10
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	2016	3,225	\$3,399,000	\$3,175,000	70
Ancona	Miromar Lakes	2020	4,237	\$3,495,000	\$2,951,935	172
Bay Woods	Bonita Springs	2001	5,700	\$2,995,000	\$2,400,000	416
Tuscany Isle	Estero	2002	4,023	\$1,995,000	\$2,050,000	93
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	2004	3,350	\$1,875,000	\$1,800,000	324
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