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## FISH Of SanCap Hosting Virtual Cooking Class

SH of SanCap will host its second Cooking with Leslie webinar on Thursday, July 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. The program will be offered monthly via Zoom and registration is required.

Leslie Adams, chef and owner of Sanibel Captiva Catering, LLC/Catering by Leslie Adams, will lead the class.

The format will allow participants to cook together, virtually, as a group. Ingredients can be provided on the day of the class, compliments of FISH, and delivered to Sanibel and Captiva residents, or participants can purchase them on their own with a list provided by FISH. Recipes are geared toward smaller portion sizes.

This month's recipes are Pecan Encrusted Salmon, Creamy Risotto, Hericot Vert (French green beans), and Mascerated Berries for dessert.

Adams is the former owner of awardwinning Rosie's Deli on Sanibel. After six years of ownership, Adams sold the deli to



Leslie Adams

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devote her energy and talents to catering and private chef service. She was trained at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco and expanded her expertise by attending classes at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris. She has been a caterer and private chef on Sanibel and Captiva for 14 years.

"Our first session was a huge success, continued on page 38

## BIG ARTS Hosting Reception With The Artists

n Saturday, July 17 from 5 to 7 p.m., BIG ARTS will host a fine arts reception and artist talk to celebrate the current exhibit, Fast Forward, which features works by alumni of Florida SouthWestern State College. The reception will be held in BIG ARTS Dunham Family Gallery. Complimentary wine and other beverages will be available, and the talk will begin at 5:30 p.m.

"We're thrilled to have a reception and artist talk back at BIG ARTS," said Lauren Huff, program and gallery manager. "It's really exciting to host these seven young up-and-coming artists at BIG ARTS. This has been a really fantastic exhibit, and we're really looking forward to having all the artists here to discuss their work."

Featuring artists Martha De la Cruz, Dalton Howard, Alejandro Gómez Hernandez, Claire Malécot, Leila Mesdaghi, Kirsten Pettifor and BA Wikoff, Fast Forward is a multi-media exhibition



The Queens Rising Variation by Leila Mesdaghi photo provided

in which the artists imagine the future from the vantage point of this historically turbulent and uncertain time. The work on display ranges from pieces as personal as sewing together one's cultural and familial continued on page 34

### Longstanding Donor Honored At SCCF Preserve

anibel-Captiva Conservation
Foundation (SCCF) has acquired 2.2
acres of environmentally sensitive
land off Pine Avenue on Sanibel that was
donated by the Valade family.

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The Gretchen C. Valade Preserve honors one of SCCF's most innovative and longstanding donors. A seasonal island resident since 1980, Gretchen Valade was the primary underwriter for the first five years of the SCCF Marine Lab's operating plan and also took a leadership role in inspiring others to give through challenge grants that matched public-sector funding.

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"Preserving this wildlife habitat is the perfect way for our family to honor our mother's longstanding support of SCCF's conservation efforts on and around Sanibel and Captiva," said Mark Valade.

The Pine Avenue property contains uplands that are covered in shrubs and hardwoods, including the exotic Australian pine. There are a few active gopher tortoise burrows, but most have been choked out by the shade due to overgrowth of canopy trees. A lot of



photos provided

the ground is covered in Australian pine needles that have eliminated native groundcover plants.

SCCF CEO Ryan Orgera said the donation has "made it possible for us to acquire key parcels we had identified that are in need of re-wilding to restore native habitat for wildlife. We are thrilled to have Gretchen's name on one of our preserves to honor her legacy of giving."

The thin section of the parcel along



The preserve will be restored to provide native wildlife habitat

Sanibel-Captiva Road is a mixture of native and non-native hammock trees. The exotic Phoenix palm and more Australian pines will be removed or treated so native vegetation can become the

dominant species on this strip of land.
Restoration through exotics removal
and strategic replanting of native flora of
the larger section will allow sunlight to
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The Community House

## Community House Events

hildren ages 6 to 12 are invited to "Flamingle" Some Fun at summer camp, which runs Monday through Friday, July 5 to 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be arts and crafts, cooking, outdoor games and gardening. Cost is \$50 per day or \$225 for the week. Lunch is available for \$10 a day. Call 472-2155 to register.

The next paper shredding day is Saturday, July 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$5 per bag or box.

Shell Crafters are on site every Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a class offered from 10 to 11 a.m. There is no charge to attend the class; supplies range between \$3 and \$5.

The Community House is looking for mangoes for cooking chutneys and

photo by Logan Hart

barbecue sauce. Drop off any time between 9 a.m. and 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. Cost is \$5 per class.

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.

Chair Stretching/Yoga with Mahnaz Bassiri is offered on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class.

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

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League exhibit by Keith Johnson and David Tompkins is on view through July 31.

Shell Critter Kits to Go are available

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

Art Kits to Go are also available

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Art Kits to Go 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. Visit www. sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call

## Showing Support For Clean Water



This group of children displayed their sign on the beach

by Wendy McMullen for clea

The Progressive Club of the Islands alerted passing cars on the Sanibel Causeway of the need

photo by Wendy McMullen

to East End

for clean water on the morning of July 3. Meanwhile, island children and friends staged their own demonstration on the beach off West Gulf Drive on Independence Day.



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Summer campers learned all about coconuts

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## Sea School Holds Variety Of Summer Camps

Tn Sanibel Sea School's fourth week of summer camp, counselors and staff were busy with multiple camps for youth, from 4 years old all the way to 17. Two camps were offered out of the flagship campus – Let's Get Co-Conutty, for ages 6 to 13, as well as Wahine Toa, an all-girls paddleboarding camp.

At the Bailey Homestead, an additional section of Co-Conutty Week was added to accommodate this week's demand, and a limited camp for children ages 4 to 6 years old was offered, themed Little Crabby Week.

"It is great to be back in the hustle and bustle of summer camp season,' said Sanibel Sea School Director Nicole Finnicum. "We just love having kids out all over Sanibel exploring, learning new skills and having fun.'

In coconut week, campers spent their days learning about the popular tropical fruits. They painted coconuts, dissected coconuts, and even learned how to

crack one open. Campers also did their best coconut impressions by putting on lifejackets and floating in the sea to demonstrate how coconuts drift with the

Over at the Homestead, the littlest campers at Sanibel Sea School learned all about crabs. They explored the ocean for different types of crabs using both seine nets and even set out a crab trap. Campers also snorkeled to search for crabs crawling across the seafloor. For many of the children, this was their first time using a snorkel, so counselors taught snorkeling techniques and allowed the campers to get comfortable in the water.

For the teens, the all-girls paddleboarding camp was offered for campers ages  $13\ \text{to}\ 17$  years old. The girls set out on paddling adventures throughout the week, including a mangrove paddle near Bowman's Beach and a paddle around Fisherman's Key where they spotted several nurse sharks.

Sanibel Sea School camps are full until mid-August. If you would like information about future camps, visit https://www. sanibelseaschool.org/contact-us to request to be added to the summer camp mailing list.☆

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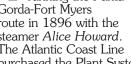
The St. Lucie in 1903

photo courtesy Historical Museum of Southern Florida

Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

## Looking Back: The St. Lucie

he St. Lucie steamboat began running the Punta Gorda-Fort Myers route in 1896 with the steamer Alice Howard. The Atlantic Coast Line



purchased the Plant System railroad and steamboat assets after Henry B. Plant's

death in 1899, but the railroad did not extend into Fort Myers until 1904, so steamers continued to be the transport of

> The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road. next to BIG ARTS. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Guided tours are available by reservation, based on docent availability. There is handicap access to the buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults over 18, no charge for members and children. For more information, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call

## Churches/Temples

BAT YAM-TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS

Shabbat Worship Services at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of the month for June, July and August. Services held in Fellowship Hall at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Those who wish to Zoom the services can find the link in their email notice. Send any questions to batvamsanibel@gmail.com, Rabbi: Stephen Fuchs, Cantor: Murray Simon, President: Alan Lessack 773-251-8862

HISTORIC CAPTIVA **CHAPEL BY THE SEA** 

Rev. Larry Marshall. Outdoor services every Sunday at 11 a.m. Nov. 14, 2021 through April 24, 2022. Previous services posted on the chapel's website for viewing. 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

Sunday services at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11 a.m. in the Historic Chapel. View the Sunday services via livestream at 9 a.m. or

later online at www.sanibelchurch.com, Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-dénominational congregation, 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. 10 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, www.sanibelucc.org, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 472-0497

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Road, 472-2763.

The Rev. Bill Van Oss, Rector. Summer service schedule, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9:30 a.m. Masks will be optional for the fully vaccinated attending services. Masks are highly recommended for those who are unvaccinated. There will be some seating in the back of church spaced apart for those who wish to maintain physical distancing. The 9:30 a.m. Sunday service will also be live streamed. 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 Ápril 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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## Lecture On How Oysters Impact Water Quality

In celebration of its 25-year anniversary milestone, the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum continues its virtual lecture series, which is designed to highlight some of the diverse connections between shells and different fields of human endeavor.

The next lecture in the series, titled Oysters: A Crystal Ball for Water Quality in Southwest Florida, will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13 with Melissa A. May, PhD, assistant professor of marine biology at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Dr. May leads Florida Gulf Coast University's oyster monitoring research program in Estero Bay. Oysters are mollusks and essential members of coastal water ecosystems. These shelled animals play an important role in the health of water, and their reefs provide homes and food for other marine animals. They act as indicators for declines in water quality or other stressors imposed on estuarine ecosystems, and help to clean the water by filtering large volumes of water through their shells.

Dr. May's talk will focus on the range of threats to the health of oysters and other mollusks in Southwest Florida (in addition to freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee), with an emphasis



Melissa A. May

ohotos provided

on her new research program in Estero Bay.

The lecture series is free, but advance registration is required at www.shellmuseum.org. The series will continue through the fall, with the next lecture, Supersized Squid, taking place at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27 with Rebecca Mensch, senior marine biologist at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. Additional lectures will be announced shortly.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is a natural history museum, and the only museum in



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the United States devoted solely to shells and mollusks. Its mission is to use collections, aquariums, programs, experiences and science to be the nation's leading museum in the conservation, preservation, interpretation and celebration of shells, the mollusks that create them, and their ecosystems. Permanent exhibitions on view include the Great Hall of Shells which displays highlights of the museum's collection of some 500,000 shells, as well as the Beyond Shells living gallery of aquariums and over 50 species of marine life. For more

information, visit ShellMuseum.org or call 395-2233.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road.☆

### Seminole Club Annual Fishing Tournament

The Southwest Florida Seminole Club has renamed the 12th annual Seminole Catch & Release Fishing Tournament in honor of Sean Shearman, the late son of former club president and tournament chair, Robert Shearman, and wife Susan. Sean was the Shearmans' youngest son, who passed away in October 2020 in a car accident in Tallahassee, Florida, where he was a senior at Florida State University.

"We are overwhelmed by the amount of support this tournament is receiving," said tournament co-chair Richard Akin. "We remember Sean and his love for fishing and all things FSU."

"Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Sean Shearman Scholarship, which provides a Lee or Charlotte County high school graduate with the funds to further their education," said co-chair Justin Thomas. "We continue to honor Sean and his devotion to FSIJ."

The area's top anglers, and FSU fans continued on page 6

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#### **OBITUARY**



#### LYDIA ANN VERNAGLIA

ydia Ann (Freitas) Vernaglia of Sanibel, Florida and Winchester, Massachusetts passed away at age 78 on July 2, 2021.

Lydia was born in Boston and raised in Peabody, Massachusetts to the late Olive (Frye) of Harrington, Maine and Joseph Freitas of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Lydia graduated from Peabody High School and Simmons College where she studied journalism, resulting in positions at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cornell Medical School, and Columbia Medical

School, where she was the editor of the *American Journal of Immunology*.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Paul A. Vernaglia, MD; sons, Larry and Brian and their wives, Liz and Shannon (all of whom called her "Mom"); and grandchildren John, Marina and Rebecca (all of whom called her "Deamie"); nieces, Leah (Norton) and her husband, Bill, and their children; and Ty (Armstrong) Miller and her husband, James. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Mandy; and brother-in-law, John, and his wife, Rosa, and their children, Jane and Drew, and his wife, Lynda, and their families. She touched the lives of so many other relatives as well.

In addition to her parents, Lydia was predeceased by her sister, Jane, and her husband, Glenn Armstrong of Lexington, Massachussetts and their son, Scott.

She will be missed by many friends in Winchester and on Sanibel Island, Florida.

On Sanibel, and in life, Lydia and Paul were inseparable, cherishing their time together in nature, whether spotting seabirds on the beaches or finding a new trail (and snakes!) through the native plants and trees. Lydia enjoyed making music on the piano, violin and viola (self-taught as an adult), playing duets with Paul, friends, or singing to her grandchildren. Beautiful and folksy pottery, Christmas ornaments and other personal crafts she designed provide warm memories

of her around every corner.

Quick with words, a voracious reader (she traded stacks of books with her daughters-in-law), and spunky and irreverent every day, Lydia brought her early career as a writer to her true calling, being a wife, mother and friend. She was the family editor (on her old Smith Corona typewriter), grammarian (often unsolicited), and humorist, making sure the rest of the family didn't take themselves too seriously. Even when burdened with Alzheimer's Disease for the past couple of years (of which she never complained), her lively personality and wry sense of humor always showed through.

Lydia loved raising her family, and hosted memorable parties, dinners and celebrations. Her well-worn cookbooks and recipes will forever be in service in her children's kitchens. Her stove always full of cookies and other treats, Lydia passed on her baking skills to Marina and Rebecca, starting at their earliest ages with the annual festival of Christmas cookies. She spun elaborate adventure stories for John, populated with exotic characters like Minnetonka, fairies and other mysterious creatures.

A celebration of life was held at Lane Funeral Home in Winchester, Massachussetts on July 7 and a funeral mass was held at St. Eulalia's Church in Winchester on July 8.\*

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#### **Tournament**

will compete to catch the largest snook, redfish or trout, and finish off by enjoying the Seminole Splash Party at 'Tween Waters Island Resort.

Competing in the tournament will be some former Florida State University football players, including William Floyd who continues his support of the event. Floyd played with FSU from 1990 to 1994, competing on the 1993 National Championship Team. He is currently the color analyst on the Seminole ISP Sports Network along with Gene Deckeroff, the voice of the Seminoles.

Also attending will be Jason Whitaker, offensive tackle with FSU from 1993 to 1995, was a consensus All-American in 1999; Jimmy Jordan, FSU quarterback from 1976 to 1979, Hall of Fame Class of 1985; and Barry Smith, a wide receiver with FSU from 1970 to 1972, Hall of Fame Class of 1979

The captain's dinner will be held on Friday, July 16 at 'Tween Waters and the fishing tournament runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Currently over 40 boats and over 150 anglers are registered to compete.

Southwest Florida Seminole Club has numerous fundraising events throughout the year and has provided local students with scholarships to Florida State University. For more information, email SWFloridaSeminoleClub@gmail.com.

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Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland peers through the new scope that the refuge will unveil that day photos provided

## Great American Outdoors Day At The Refuge

Tednesday, August 4 marks the first celebration of Great American Outdoors Day across federal lands. This date is now one of six fee-free days the government has designated throughout the year. JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel also celebrates with the unveiling of a spotting scope engineered specifically for colorblind viewers, and with other free on site activities.

Among the 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System, "Ding" Darling will be the first to expand its accessibility initiatives to include a colorblind-friendly spotting scope. Specially manufactured by SeeCoast Manufacturing using EnChroma's patented lens technology for color blindness, the scope will be mounted at the Wildlife Drive observation tower.

Besides the scope unveiling and free admission to Wildlife Drive from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Wildlife on Wheels (WoW) mobile classroom will be available to tour for free at the

observation tower on Wildlife Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Accessibility and urban interaction are two of our main goals in 2021," said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland. "Visitors will be able to experience our wheelchair-accessible WoW classroom, one of our proudest achievements toward community outreach. It has been visiting schools and summer camps throughout the region since it debuted in January, reaching more than 6,000 visitors already."

Also, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2021 Artist in Residence Rachel Pierce will be doing a pop-up plein-air painting demonstration along Wildlife Drive to illustrate the difference between colorblind and normal vision. Visitors will have the opportunity to watch her paint and meet the artist, whose year-long "residency" will culminate in an exhibition of her refuge-inspired and other works starting October 1.

"We have invited individuals living with color-blindness to the unveiling – at a time to be announced – to try the scope for the first time and share their reactions," said Westland, who led the project to get the scope in place. "This follows on the heels of numerous



Artist in Residence Rachel Pierce will be painting plein-air along Wildlife Drive, where admission is free all day

facilities and services – such as the observation tower's accessible ramp, a lift for the Visitor & Education Center, and wheelchair accessibility on the Tarpon Bay Explorers tram tours – to make visitor services at the refuge available to the greater public."

For more information about Great American Outdoors Day at the refuge, call 472-1100 ext. 237.\*

### Florida Yards Sought For TV Makeover Series

The City of Sanibel has received notice that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), are seeking nine Florida homeowners who want help "flipping" their yard into a Florida-Friendly landscape as part of the Flip My Florida Yard (FMFY) television series.

Florida Yard (FMFY) television series.
The FMFY team will work with the selected homeowners to determine how to flip the yard, develop a landscape design and bring it to life. Depending

on the size and needs of the landscape, a yard or a portion of the yard could be flipped.

Sanibel property owners are encouraged to visit the City of Sanibel's Department of Natural Resources website for resources on native vegetation, fertilizer, water quality and protecting the beaches, as well as the Environmental Reference Handbook.

Contact Rachel Rainbolt in the Natural Resources Department by email at rachel.rainbolt@mysanibel.com or phone at 472-3700 with any questions.

The FMFY show will travel to homes around the state for the ultimate Florida-Friendly makeover, transforming selected yards to help protect and conserve Florida's natural resources through science-based landscape practices. The landscape designs are based upon the nine principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping (FFL): right plant, right place; water efficiently; fertilize appropriately; mulch; attract wildlife; manage yard pests responsibly; recycle yard waste; reduce stormwater runoff; and protect the waterfront.

To learn more or sign up to be considered for season two, visit, https://www.flipmyfloridayard.com/want-your-yard-flipped.html.\*

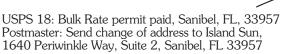
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The children had an opportunity to study

## Children Explore Island Thanks To Outreach Project

anibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and Captiva Cruises hosted 17 children, ages 6 through 12, from the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida recently. The center aims to improve the lives of at-risk children and their families through prevention services.

The No Child Left on Shore



The group aboard The Playtime motor catamaran

Environmental Education Outreach Project is a collaborative endeavor of SCCF and Captiva Cruises to provide the younger generation of Southwest Florida with an informative and fun way to gain experiential knowledge of the region's marine ecology.

This enriching initiative enables local youth to form a deeper connection to their coastal surroundings and to spark their curiosity. Many of the recent participants had never been on a boat before this field trip.

Departing McCarthy's Marina aboard

Captiva Cruises' motor catamaran The Playtime, the children were thrilled to observe dolphins close to the boat while cruising the waters of Pine Island Sound on the way to Cayo Costa State Park.

The Children's Advocacy Center Summer Program participants had the opportunity to get their feet wet, explore the shoreline and discover the diversity of marine life with Captiva Cruises/SCCF Educator Richard Finkel.

Due to a stormy afternoon, their time on the water and exploring the beach habitat was cut short, but they were

excitedly talking about wanting to come back as they recounted the highlights of their field trip.

SCCF Board of Trustee member John Raho, who serves as CFO at the Children's Advocacy Center, was thrilled to see the two organizations merge missions through the trip.

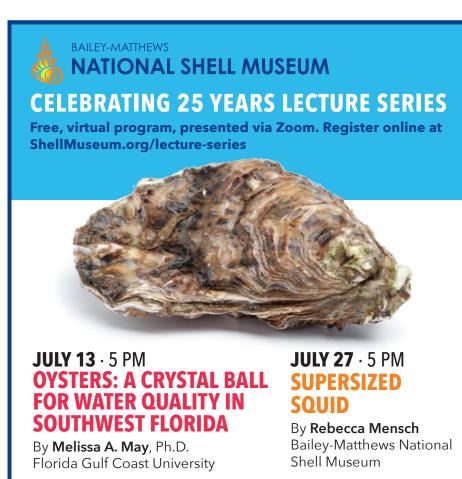
"It's such a wonderful way to enrich how our summer program participants experience Southwest Florida. Getting out on the water and up to Cayo Costa helps them appreciate our natural world and the value of healthy ecosystems,

For more information about the No Child Left On Shore project or to sponsor a local youth group field trip, contact Richard Finkel at richardfinkel@ captivacruises.com or 472-5300.☆

## City Hurricane Seminar Now Available Online

he City of Sanibel held its annual hurricane seminar on June 17. Citizens of Sanibel who were unable to attend can watch the 96-minute seminar online. The seminar was presented by the Sanibel Police Department and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=oR52lf-MiK0.

For more information on hurricane preparedness, call the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111.☼







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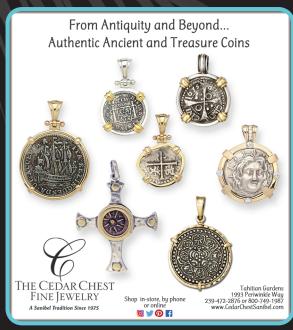
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Roostertree is a larval host and nectar plant for the monarch butterfly but is not native to Florida photo by Gerri Reaves

**Plant Smart** 

### Roostertree

by Gerri Reaves

oostertree (Calotropis procera) is a non-native ornamental shrub or Ltree of the dogbane family. Another common name for this native of Asia and tropical Africa, giant milkweed, indicates its value to monarchs, which require milkweed species to

Monarchs use the plant in the larval stage and later as a nectar source.

It's important to note, however, that planting native milkweeds for native butterfly species is always preferrable to relying on non-native ones.

Roostertree typically grows eight to 15 feet tall with an equal width.

The thick evergreen leaves are opposite, gray-green and up to 10 inches long with white veins. New foliage tends to be downy.

Broken leaves and stems exude a milky sap that can be irritating to the skin and mucous membranes.

Waxy-looking clusters of striking purple or white flowers appear in the leaf axils of the upper leaves. Flower centers resembling small crowns inspire another common name, crown flower.

The fruit is a large pod that contains silky fibers that have been used as pillow stuffing. The tufted seeds are dispersed on the wind after the pod splits at

The bark is cork, and the fibrous wood is used in making rope, fishing line and thread.

This plant adjusts to a range of soil conditions and prefers full sun. It is drought and somewhat salt tolerant.

It has a variety of medicinal uses. Sources: Florida Landscape Plants by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu, https://fairchild.gardenexplorer.org, www.gardeningknowhow.com and www. missouribotanicalgarden.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.☆

# Tag Your Reptile This Sunday At Animal Services

ew rules require owners of pet tegus and green iguanas to apply for a nocost permit and mark their pets with a Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag, also known as a microchip. Working with a variety of partners, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has helped pet owners by tagging nearly 150 tegus and green iguanas for free.

The new rules took effect on April 29, but a 90-day grace period has provided pet owners an opportunity to come into compliance and take advantage of Tag Your Reptile Day events that the FWC is holding throughout the state. These events offer pet owners an opportunity to have their pet green iguanas or tegus microchipped for free. Staff are also present to help address questions about the permit application process.

The FWC will hold a Tag Your Reptile Day on Sunday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lee County Domestic Animal Services, located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers

The rule changes to Chapter 68-5, FAC specifically address 16 high-risk invasive reptiles including pythons, tegus and green iguanas that pose a threat to Florida's ecology, economy, and human health and safety.

The new rules also include reporting requirements for permittees, biosecurity requirements to limit escape of these high-risk invasive species, and additional language to clarify limited exceptions for possession of green iguanas and tegus for commercial sales or as pets.

The 90-day grace period ends July 28, 2021 and by that time, all pet green iguanas and tegus must be permanently microchipped and owners must have applied for a no-cost permit. All other entities must come into compliance with the new rules by July 28 as well, including entities possessing the regulated species



A green iguana getting microchipped photo provided

for research, educational exhibition, eradication/control or commercial sale purposes. Additionally, entities with these species will have 180 days to come into compliance with the new outdoor caging requirements. The 180-day grace period for upgrading outdoor caging ends October

More than 500 nonnative species have been reported in Florida. Approximately 80 percent of these species have been introduced via the live animal trade with more than 130 established in Florida, meaning they are reproducing in the wild. Since most nonnative invasive fish and wildlife find their way into Florida's habitats through escape or release from the live animal trade, it is important to create regulations to prevent high-risk nonnative invasive wildlife from becoming introduced or further established in Florida's environment.

For more information on how these new rules will impact pet owners, commercial sellers, exhibitors, trappers and other groups, or to learn more about Tag Your Reptile Day events, visit www. MyFWC.com/ReptileRule.

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## SCCF Shorebird Nesting Update



Snowy plover chick, just under 4 weeks old

he shorebird nesting season is full of highs and lows that reflect the challenges wildlife constantly encounters.

Last week, one of the island's snowy plover (Charadrius nivosus) broods lost all its chicks within a few days. The parents had left their chicks unattended to attack other broods, so their chicks weren't getting the attention they needed to survive. The adults can be territorial due to limited habitat availability and busy beaches filled with people, dogs and natural predators such

photo by Aaron White

as ghost crabs, crows and herons.

The good news is, this pair has renested so Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) shorebird monitors are expecting more chicks to hatch in about a month. In addition, there are a total of four snowy plover chicks roaming the beach. The oldest is just under 4 weeks old and the youngest is a pair of 2-week-old chicks. Snowy plover chicks take four to six weeks to fledge.

That's a long time for such a fragile bird, which is why we stress the importance of giving them space to

forage and grow," said SCCF Shorebird Intern Aaron White.

There is a Wilson's plover (Charadrius wilsonia) brood on the west end that still has all three chicks. They are 4 weeks old, and should soon be able to fly.

If you are observing territorial behavior among remaining broods, maintain a safe distance of at least 100 feet. Giving them proper space is important so that they can return to their established territories and properly tend to their chicks. If you are observing shorebirds in the presence of a predator, allow them plenty of space (especially laterally) so that they can retreat from the threat.

If you are out on the beach and happen to find a new snowy plover nest, leave it undisturbed and contact SCCF at 813-756-8773. If you have any questions or concerns regarding shorebirds, email shorebirds@sccf.org.\$

### Tip For Students In The Workforce

Then a student gets his or her first job, one thing he or she needs to learn early on is how to read and understand their pay stub, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Federal and state tax codes are complicated, so learning about the deductions you see on your pay stub is vital to managing your money and budgeting. When it comes to the federal income tax withheld from your pay, you should make sure the right amount is being taken out. When you file your taxes, you don't want to discover that you owe a large amount because you didn't have enough withheld throughout the year.

Each employer's pay stub is different, but you will usually see these items:

Gross Pay - This is what you earned during that pay period before any taxes or benefits, such as insurance, were

Net Pay – This is your take-home pay after withholdings.

Federal Tax – This might be abbreviated as Fed Tax, FT or FWT. It shows how much was withheld from your paycheck in federal income taxes.

State Tax – This could be abbreviated as St Tax, STW or simply by the abbreviation of the state in which you reside. Your state many not have a state income tax.

Local Tax - Some cities or counties levy a local tax. Depending on where you live or work, you may not be subject to this tax and, therefore, won't see anything withheld.

Social Security Tax – This tax might be abbreviated as FICA, SS, SSWT or OASDI. The federal government requires that 6.2 percent of your wages be withheld.

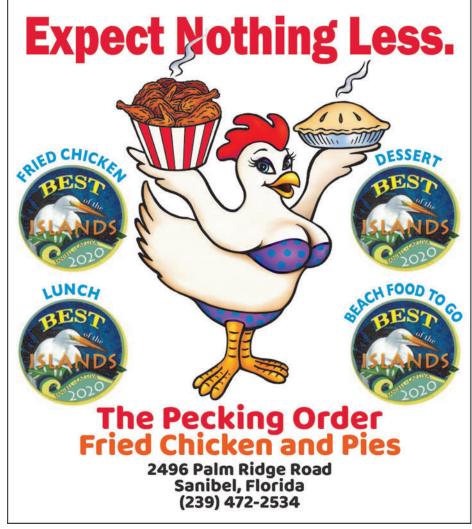
Medicare – This tax is typically abbreviated as MWT or Med. The

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## Summer Family Fun



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

ost of our charters during the summer months are family trips. We often break up the time on the water between fishing to make it part eco tour and/or beach

time. Showing off what our area has to offer is always a favorite for me. Most of the fishing we do on these trips is highactivity flats fishing.

The easy way to locate feeding fish has been to find birds and fry bait schools on the flats. For family fun fishing or just keeping the rods bent, nothing works better than a popping cork rig. This setup with a live shrimp will bring nonstop action and keep everyone smiling. It helps give inexperienced young anglers a visual indicator of when they have a bite.

For popping corks, I like a concavestyle float that makes lots of noise when you twitch the rod tip. This style float comes rigged on a heavy mono or even no kink titanium wire with beads that rattle. Each end of the rig has a swivel for easy attachment. The popping sound of these corks make a clicking noise resembling fleeing baitfish or shrimp and attracts the fish.

When rigging the popping cork, anglers should use 18 to 24 inches of

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Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email captmattmitchell@aol. com.₩



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#### **CROW Case Of The Week:** White Ibis



by Bob Petcher

he white ibis (Eudocimus albus) is a wading bird that can be found in wetlands as well as parks or on lawns.

At CROW, an adult white ibis arrived at the clinic after being found

at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club on Sanibel. The patient was so weak that it couldn't lift its head, and its back end had become so stained with feces that sores developed. Veterinarians suspected the patient to be suffering from toxicosis such as brevetoxins (red tide), cyanotoxins (blue green algae) or botulism.

"We do not know for sure what caused the initial presenting neurological signs, as is often the case. Testing for a wide range of toxins can be both difficult and expensive, so we often treat symptomatically and with supportive care," said Dr. Sasha Troiano, CROW veterinary intern. "In this case, the patient responded well to treatment.'

. Veterinarians immediately placed an IV catheter to provide the bird with fluids and performed a lipid emulsion treatment to counter any toxins in its body. The IV catheter was in place for two days.

"If the toxin is lipophilic – attracted to



Patient #21-3440 recovered nicely from its neurological illness

photo by Missy Fox

fat – then the intravenous lipid emulsion will bind any circulating toxin before it can be taken up into tissues and continue to cause clinical signs," said Dr. Troiano. "Even if the toxin is not lipophilic, the lipid emulsion is not detrimental to the patient, therefore, we sometimes use it even if we are unsure whether the patient is suffering from brevetoxicosis or a different toxin."

The patient's sores were then cleaned and bandaged. After a few days in the hospital, the white ibis began to support itself and sit up on its own.

"When the wound was first noticed,

there were maggots present in the wound bed. For this reason, the wound was extensively flushed with sterile saline, and then a topical flush was applied to kill the maggots. The patient was also given an injection to help kill the maggots, said Dr. Troiano. "The wound bed was then covered in honey initially, then a silver gel, both of which serve to keep the wound moist and as an antimicrobial layer. Bandages were changed daily for four days before the wound was healing well enough to leave the bandages off.

Dr. Troiano was asked how long it takes to recover from such an injury.

"It depends entirely on the underlying cause of presentation, and response to treatment," she replied. "Sometimes, patients do not respond to treatment, sometimes we can turn patients around in a few days, other times it takes weeks. It is very hard to generalize because we see such a wide variety of species presenting for a variety of reasons, including trauma, infection, systemic disease and toxin, all of which can often have similar clinical signs on presentation.'

After nine days of care, the white ibis had fully recovered and was released on

"We are very happy with how well this patient did," said Dr. Troiano. "The neurological signs resolved quickly within the first couple of days. We do not know if that was due to the lipid, the antibiotics, or just the supportive care of fluid therapy and feeding. The wound was fairly extensive, and very close to the vent, which also was a concern initially, but that too healed very well. Despite grave concerns initially, this patient responded extremely well to treatment, and we are happy to have been able to release it back to the wild.

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.☆



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## The Noble Wentletrap



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

Reaching about 35 mm (about 1.4 mm) in size, Sthenorytis pernobilis (P.

Fischer & Bernardi, 1857), can be found in deep water around Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. Thanks to its elegant proportions and exquisite sculpture of prominent blades, or costae, the species is an eternal favorite among shelling enthusiasts. (A large reproduction of this illustration is displayed in the In Focus exhibition at the National Shell Museum.) Read more about mollusks and their shells at www. shellmuseum.org/shell-guide and www. shellmuseum.org/blog.

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The Noble Wentletrap, Sthenorytis pernobilis, from off Dry Tortugas, Florida

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Sunday, July 18. All are welcome.

On Tuesdays, tacos are served all day. Steak and cheesesteak sandwiches 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 first 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. There are two tables in play. 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.







Volunteer Irene Nolan doing an inventory of the first loggerhead sea turtle nest

photo by Shane Antalick

### Green Sea Turtles Return To Nest On Sanibel

In the last few weeks, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation ▲(SĊCF) sea turtle team has documented 12 green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas) nests on Sanibel

The team has been able to identify four green nesters, two of which have been seen on Sanibel in years past and were part of a satellite tag tracking project in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Most of the nesting on Sanibel and Captiva is primarily by loggerhead sea turtles so a different species is always extra exciting," said SCCF Research Associate Andrew Glinsky. "Based on the number and timing of nests, there could possibly be as many as two more green sea turtles that we have yet to positively ID.'

One of the green turtles, named Gardenia, was seen nesting during the day recently. Sea turtle volunteer Nancy Riley witnessed the event and captured a photo from a safe distance.

As of June 30, Sanibel had 440 loggerhead (Caretta caretta) nests and Captiva had 139 loggerhead nests as hatching season is ramping up.

Longtime volunteer Irene Nolan inventoried the first loggerhead nest



photo by Nancy Riley

that was laid this season. Her egg count showed that 132 hatchlings emerged from the nest on the east end of Sanibel. Nine nests on both islands have hatched, with nearly 1,000 hatchlings.

To report any issues with nests, nesting furtles or hatchlings, call the Sea Turtle Hotline at 978-728-3663. Visit www.SanCapLifeSavers.org for tips on how to safely share the shore with sea turtles.☆

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General admission is \$12 for adults, \$7 for ages 4 to 12, and no charge for ages 3 and under.

Guests learn about CROW's history and day-to-day operations through displays, interactive exhibits and video. The center also features live animal exhibits, children's areas and live camera feeds of the hospital intake room and several outdoor rehabilitation enclosures. General admission includes the daily presentation (see schedule) and no reservation is required.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

For the safety of the animals and other guests, masks are required at all times in the Visitor Education Center.

Wildlife Walk Guided Hospital Tours - \$25 (includes general admission)

Southwest Florida is filled with fascinating wildlife, and CROW provides a unique opportunity to look into wildlife rehabilitation and meet the staff responsible for their care. Wildlife walks are the best opportunity for visitors to get an in-depth look into



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the inner workings of the hospital and the treatment process. The hour and a half program has two parts: the daily presentation in the Visitor Education Center and then a guided tour through treatment areas of the hospital, concluding on the rehabilitation grounds. This program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Masks are required at all times during the tour.

Tours are offered Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. Capacity is limited to eight participants. Advance Registration is required. Tours are subject to modification and cancellation based on patients recovering in the hospital.

To register, call 472-3644 ext. 229 or email reservations@crowclinic. org. Payment is required to complete

Daily Presentation Schedule **Friday, July 9, 11 a.m.,** Baby Care at CROW – Wildlife parents are devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them, and juveniles found "abandoned" might actually be in a natural stage of development. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided supportive

care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves.

Monday, July 12, 11 a.m., Species Profile: Snakes of Southwest Florida – Florida is home to 46 species of native snakes, only six of which are venomous. Although there is a widespread fear and misunderstanding of this animal, most species are harmless to humans and form vital links in the ecosystem. Snakes are extremely valuable because they are efficient at monitoring pest populations without relying on chemical pesticides which can degrade the environment and harm other animal species. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Tuesday, July 13, 11 a.m., Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a keystone species. CROW's presenter will explain why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present. Wednesday, July 14, 11 a.m.,

Patient Profiles: Virginia Opossums - Virginia Opossums are the only marsupial, or pouched mammal, native to the United States. They are highly adaptable animals and can live in a variety of habitats, both natural and human made. Although it may not be obvious to some people, opossums are a unique member of Florida's wildlife,

playing an important role in the function of a healthy ecosystem. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

Thursday, July 15, 11 a.m., Patient Profiles: Birds of Prey - Raptors are birds that prey on other animals in the wild to survive. Their specialized beaks and talons make them some of the most effective hunters. This presentation discusses the unique adaptations of the native and migratory raptors of Florida. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.  $\preset$ 

## International Fly Fishing Film Festival To Begin

he International Fly Fishing Film Festival, coming virtually to all of Florida beginning Thursday, July 15, features 10 films, six to 16 minutes in length, from all corners of the globe. The films showcase the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly fishing.

Admission to the film festival is \$10 and may be accessed at https://watch.eventive.org/if4us/ play/605e0bd599812300c10d1f00. Viewers may log on to the site any time within 48 hours of the 6 p.m. EDT showing. Once logged in, access to the film will be granted for seven days.

In addition to the films, there will be fly-fishing product giveaways and other promotions. One attendee will be selected to win the 2021 grand prize drawing consisting of fly-fishing gear provided by International Fly Fishing Film Festival sponsors and valued at thousands of dollars.

The festival is sponsored by the National Sporting Library & Museum in Middleburg, Virginia.

Total virtual film festival viewing time is 115 minutes, said Chris Bird, festival producer.

Among the films to be screened are: Turbo Giants by InTents Media: An adventure to the Seychelles off the coast of Africa in search of

exceptionally large giant trevally. The Art of Fly Fishing by Bluff Line Media, winner of the inaugural Stimmie Award. "Stimmies" are presented by Fly Fusion Magazine to encourage and reward producers of fly-fishing films by previously unknown filmmakers. The film profiles artist Brooke Belohlavek's passion for fly fishing and painting.

The Wanderer, 2021 International Fly Fishing Film Festival original: Where do we go to escape? Journey to a sanctuary in the heart of the Rocky Mountain West.

Tuna Fuerte by PopFizz Productions: A group of fly-fishing friends embark on a trip to Colombia in search of the tuna that call those waters home.

Others include Raising Ghosts, a steelhead odyssey; Baltics, tangling with Baltic salmon; and Raised on Rainbows, the story of a fly-fishing family navigating early parenthood.

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## Summer Showers Rouse Frog And Toad Breeding

he beginning of the summer rainy season heralds the breeding season for most of Sanibel's anuran (frog and toad) species. During the dry season, they keep moist in some permanent water bodies, such as lakes and rivers, or seek out damp places to avoid desiccation (drying out) – burrows, fallen trees, bark piles, or by simply burying themselves. The onslaught of regular June and July rains in Southwest Florida invites frogs and toads to emerge and breed in both temporary and permanent water bodies.



Chris Lechowicz conducting a frog call

To understand the local anuran species, and the health of their populations, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) participates in the national FrogWatch program through the Southwest Florida Amphibian Monitoring Network. SCCF biologists visit 20 sites

across the island after dark every third Wednesday of the month, June through September, to record the species heard, call intensity, temperature, humidity, wind speed, sky condition, traffic noise and other environmental variables.

"Amphibians (frogs, toads and

salamanders) are an excellent indicator species for water quality and environmental problems," said SCCF Wildlife and Habitat Management Director Chris Lechowicz. "Because their skin is exceptionally absorbent, they take in water constantly, as well as toxins. A reduction or total loss of a frog species in a wetland can mean some type of environmental contamination, loss of water quality, or habitat change has occurred.'

While "some frog and toad species are more tolerant than others of contaminants, the loss of a highly sensitive frog species can mean the beginning of an issue in a wetland," Lechowicz said.

Male anurans attract breeding females by producing a species-specific call in areas suitable for egg deposition (wetlands). On a good night, you can hear hundreds of male frogs calling all at once. The nine species of frogs and toads on Sanibel have distinct mating calls, and SCCF volunteer frog monitors have been trained to identify the nuances in each species' distinctive calls.

This information is added to the extensive Southwest Florida Amphibian Monitoring Network database, which is shared at the national level through FrogWatch and the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program to get a big-picture understanding of how amphibian populations are faring around the country.

If you have questions about frog or toad calls, email clechowicz@sccf.org.

## Fish Caught



**Tim Callahan** 

im Callahan of Miami caught a 20-pound snook with a greenback on 30-pound test line. He was fishing off the beach at Waterside Inn while visiting for a family reunion with the Barica family. Callahan's wife, Michele, said, "There was quite a crowd on the beach for this event. Tim and I live in Miami, Florida but our family members have come as far as Arizona for this reunion.

Callahan has been fishing off the beach on Sanibel for over 22 years.☆



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### A Man's **Best Friend**



by Allison Havill Todd

or the past 27 years. the owner of Island Marine Services, Dave Doane, remembers always having a golden retriever by his side since the start of his business

in 1994. He shared that he cannot imagine a better partner or co-worker than his four-legged friends.

His current companion for the past seven years is a strikingly handsome, male golden named Jesse, who he has raised since puppyhood and who never leaves his side. When I first learned of this special dog who accompanies his dog dad to work each day, I was eager to meet Jesse. I had a female golden retriever named Jesse who passed just over a year ago and held a special place in my heart.

Upon arriving at Island Marine Services to meet Doane and Jesse, I was greeted by a large dog with a beautiful reddish-gold coat and a strong bark that might have intimidated any stranger, but the sweeping golden retriever tail revealed the canine's true personality. He was just putting on a good show and letting his owner



Dave Doane with his co-worker Jesse

know that a visitor had arrived. Doane smiled as I entered the shop and joked that Jesse was better than any kind of doorbell.

Jesse is the fourth golden retriever to take up post at the shop, and was preceded by Johnson (named after the well-known outboard marine engine) who was featured in an LL Bean catalog that is displayed on one of the walls. It is quite apparent that



Doane puts a lot of time into training his dog companions. Not only does Jesse quickly respond to obedience commands to sit, stay, come and down, but he also fetches tools for his owner as needed. This four-legged wonder dog will even hold one end of a tape measure in his mouth when Doane needs an extra hand... or paw, though a stuffed toy duck is his favorite item in the shop to carry around. He is invaluable at guarding the shop when his owner needs to make a service call and is quite adept at warding off unwanted salespeople from entering the building with a warning bark. Doane chuckled that the only thing Jesse does not help him with is cleaning the shop!

When asked how he became so good at training his dogs, Doane revealed that while he was a marine services expert by day, he also taught dog obedience classes every Saturday with an instructor in Cape Coral called John,



Jesse with his favorite shop toy

the Dog Trainer. He frequently brings Jesse to his classes to demonstrate proper behavior to his students, but it's not all work. During a recent Saturday class, all canine participants were able to enjoy a frosty treat in celebration of Jesse's 7th birthday.

Doane beams proudly when he speaks of his dogs, and his passion for the animals and dedication to them is unparalleled. He stated that Jesse sets the mood at the shop and brightens up the whole atmosphere. An entire wall of the shop's office is devoted to displaying dog oriented cards, photos and articles that Doane has received over the years, and his fondness for Jesse is evident by the sparkle in his eyes. There is no doubt that Jesse has earned the role of this man's best friend!

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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### Shells Found





Nicholas Wadman with alphabet cone and Florida horse conch

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icholas Wadman, 15, of Fort Wayne, Indiana found an alphabet cone washed ashore and a Florida horse conch in about three feet of water during the first week of June. Wadman and his family visit the islands twice yearly and were staying at a condominium on Sanibel.

## Shell Found



Junonia

photo provided

my Canary found a junonia on July 3 while digging in a pile of shells Lat Silver Key on Sanibel. She said, 

## Lee County Mosquito Control Service Requests

he Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) provides mosquito control for Sanibel and all of Lee County. Mosquito season typically runs from May through October and mosquito activity increases with rain, particularly after heavy rains that produce large areas of standing water. Due to the abundance of mangroves, wetlands and salt marshes, Sanibel is a prime breeding ground for mosquitoes.

If you are experiencing a high number of mosquitoes at your residence, make a service request by contacting the LCMCD directly at 694-2174. If the LCMCD receives complaints from a specific area or neighborhood, the district will dispatch personnel to conduct a mosquito count and, if warranted, will fog or spray the area.

For more information regarding mosquito control on Sanibel, visit Lee County Mosquito Control District's website at www.lcmcd.com.



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2 tablespoons olive oil

2-3 garlic cloves

1/4 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped (optional)

1 tablespoon taco seasoning (your favorite)

½ tablespoon sugar

2 limes, juiced

Couple dashes hot sauce (optional)

Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Preheat broiler to high (500 degrees).



Cantina-Style Tomato Salsa

photo courtesy Fresh From Florida

Combine tomatoes, all peppers, and all onions in a bowl. Add olive oil and taco seasoning and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Pour contents out on a sheet pan and place under the broiler for 10-15 minutes or until vegetables caramelize and char. Remove from heat and let cool completely. Add ingredients to blender or food processor and pulse until desired consistency. Add garlic cloves sugar, lime juice, hot sauce, and cilantro to blender and pulse. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

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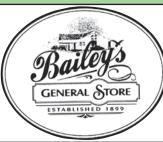
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## SCCF And Refuge Partner To Monitor Tidal Flushing

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Marine Lab has worked closely with the staff at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge since 2003 to monitor water quality and seagrass health, and a new project is already providing information that aids in tidal flow and water quality improvement efforts.

Most recently, the team decided to install a water quality sonde to an area with stagnant water, occasional fish kills and abundant macroalgae. The water quality sonde measures salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll, turbidity and dissolved organic matter hourly in the impoundment.

If you frequent the refuge, you may notice the new sensor on the west side of Wildlife Drive. The impounded body of water, seen on the left when driving down Wildlife Drive, was once naturally connected to the tidally charged mangrove channels feeding into Pine Island Sound on the right.

Currently, Wildlife Drive bisects them, with culverts beneath the road to link the tidal flows from one side to the other. Regular tidal flow is important on both sides of Wildlife Drive. It promotes better health for mangrove and seagrass ecosystems, both crucial for birds, manatees and other wildlife that use the



Angle that can be seen from Wildlife Drive of sonde and solar panel that powers it photos provided

habitats within the refuge.

The location of the new sonde was based on the stagnant water's depth, elevation, GPS location, salinity and oxygen levels. The data from this sensor is being compared to the water conditions monitored by an adjacent sensor located in Wulfert Flats with unrestricted tidal flushing.

Over the past two weeks, the sensor from the impoundment has shown, on average, lower oxygen levels in the water than the sensor at Wulfert Flats. Ultimately, this information will be used to apply for grants to improve tidal flushing along Wildlife Drive.



Kayak used to determine best placement for the new sonde. Instruments mounted to the kayak measured depth, elevation, GPS location, oxygen levels and salinity.



## The Radish





by Chef Jarred Harris

The radish is an edible root vegetable and a member of the Brassicaceae family. It is related to kale, broccoli, cauliflower and horseradish. There are numerous varieties of radishes, and they vary in shape, size and color.

Radishes were first cultivated in China around 3 BC. They spread through the Northern Hemisphere and into Europe during the early 1500s. The radish was one of the first vegetables introduced to the New World, however, radishes were already under cultivation in Mexico and Haiti during the mid-1500s. The word "radish" means "root," and comes from the Latin "radix."

In North America, radishes and their leaves are mostly eaten raw and used in salads, but in many European dishes, radishes are cooked and eaten warm or hot. In Chinese and Japanese cooking, radishes are pickled and brined like cucumbers. Some large radishes are grown for the oil in their seeds. In fact, ancient Egyptians used radish oil in their diet before olive oil was discovered. Radishes were so highly prized in ancient Egyptian civilization; they were paid as "wages" to the Egyptian laborers who built the pyramids.

Radishes have long been used for medicinal purposes throughout history. They have been used to relieve stomach ache, gout and to regulate blood pressure. They have also been used to treat kidney stones, intestinal parasites and bad skin.

Radishes are a particularly good source of vitamins C and B6, fiber, riboflavin and potassium, as well as copper, magnesium, manganese and calcium.

## Here is a simple recipe to try: **Radish, Avocado and Jicama**

Ingredients

20 radishes (thinly sliced)
4 avocados (pitted and diced)
1 cup jicama (thinly sliced)
½ fennel bulb (thinly sliced)
½ red pepper (thinly sliced)
2 cups mixed salad greens

For The Dressing 1/4 cup basil (shredded)

1/4 cup mint (roughly chopped) 1 jalapeno (seeded and diced), optional

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup olive oil

Juice and zest of 2 lemons 4 tbsp. honey Method

Add the dressing ingredients to a mixing bowl and whisk until well combined. Add the radish, avocado, jicama, fennel and red pepper. Gently mix until everything is well coated with the dressing.

Arrange the salad on a platter, then

top with the salad greens.

Although I have retired early and am no longer the resident chef at The Community House, my heart is still with the members of SCA and the Sanibel community. I will continue to share my knowledge and recipes with you. Please be a patron of The Community House and visit the Culinary Education Center.

## Poetry Corner

by Crystal H. Rogers

#### I Must Go Down To The Gulf Again

Apologies to John Masefield and Robert Service

I must go down to the Gulf again to escape the trials of home, And all I ask is get outta my way, and leave me the hell alone. I need to hear and see the surf as it bangs against the beach To feel the calm that brings the balm that nothing else can reach.

The push and pull of the rocking tides will draw all my cares away, Make me secure, washed clean and pure, at the end of a long sunny day. I lie in the surf, awaiting rebirth, while the sand files into my suit, Then I scan the sand with a pail in hand, hoping to spot some loot.

There's a shell or two, a jellyfish blue, and a bunch of plastic beside, There's smelly seaweed, tar balls to heed, and styrofoam along for the ride. So why did I come, it wasn't the rum, as I said in the very beginning, It's the feel of the day packed in salt spray, and the idea that somehow I'm winning.





## Meet The Interns At SCCF



Luke Miller

Glorimar Rivera Zamorano

uke Miller has been an policy intern for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) since October 2020. Originally from New Jersey, Miller graduated from Northwestern University with a bachelor's degree



**Aaron White** 

in Spanish literature and business. He came to SCCF following three years of working in the global foreign exchange markets.

"I decided to switch career paths to focus more on conservation and policy, and my internship with the policy team at SCCF has been a perfect way to work with experienced professionals in the policy field and learn the fundamentals of the industry," Miller said. "Throughout my internship, I have written articles about Florida policy issues that intend to make complicated policy matters accessible to our whole community. I have also worked to plan and execute action alerts to urge our elected officials to support environmentally friendly policies and oppose harmful ones."

oppose harmful ones."

Miller said he has learned about significant issues on the environmental front during the past seven months and how environmental policies are designed and implemented. "During Florida's two-month legislative session, it was great to be able to work with the SCCF policy team to learn how bills progress through the legislative system," he said. "I've also been able to learn about issues such as climate change, renewable energy and sea level rise through my work on various related projects on these topics."

Miller departs in mid-July and will be studying environmental policy at Indiana University's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs in the fall. "My time with SCCF will be extremely helpful as I continue to pursue my interests in the field of policy. The real-world experience I've gained by covering Florida policy issues over the course of my internship will be invaluable as I learn more about policy design, implementation and issues," Miller said.

SCCF Native Landscapes and

Garden Center intern Glorimar Rivera Zamorano is a senior at the University of Central Florida, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in environmental studies. She began the internship on May 31 and will wrap it up on August 8.

"So far, I've come to learn a lot more things than I originally expected since starting this internship," she said.

Zamorano already understood the importance of incorporating native species into urban landscapes, and she is learning more about the roles they play in the environment. She is learning how to better identify native flora and is learning about different species' roles within their habitats as food sources for birds and wildlife, as pollinators and nectar sources for insects and butterflies, and their climate tolerances and culture. "There's something new to learn every day and I can't wait to see what's next," she said.

Aaron White was born and raised in Houston, Texas and recently graduated from Texas State University with a bachelor of science degree in wildlife biology. He has been a shorebird intern at SCCF since March.

"I've learned a lot during my time at SCCF. I've most enjoyed learning about snowy plovers (*Charadrius nivosus*) and their specific behaviors related to nesting and protecting their broods," White said. "It's been really interesting observing the interactions between the broods, such as seeing what territories they establish for themselves to avoid predators and plover infighting."

White is considering what he would like to focus on in wildlife biology.

"Being exposed to new species and learning about them in a fast-paced environment has made me confident in my abilities to work with new species in the future," White said. "On the other hand, if I want to keep pursuing work with plovers, I'm well equipped with base knowledge to advance down that career path." ""

## College Graduate

## College Graduate

arah Heidrick of Sanibel, who graduated in December 2020 from Emerson College, was honored during a recent ceremony at Fenway Park in Boston, Massachussetts.

Heidrick received a bachelor of fine arts degree in Theatre Education and Performance.



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## Dark Sky



by Di Saggau

ark Sky is CJ Box's 21st Joe Pickett novel. It involves a Zuckerberg-clone, Steve Price. He is a 32-year-old Silicon Valley billionaire and CEO of Aloft. Inc. and

the principal behind ConFab, a social media site. Price is planning to build the largest server farm in North America, and the governor of Wyoming wants it in his state. He is anxious for a "real" wilderness experience, so he tells the governor that he wants to go elk hunting in Wyoming. Hoping the experience will convince Price to choose Wyoming for his new headquarters, the governor orders Game Warden Joe Pickett, to make it happen.

All seems easy enough until Earl Thomas and his no good sons arrive on the scene seeking vengeance on Price for the death of Earl's daughter. She committed suicide after being bullied on Price's social media platform. Her suicide may have been Earl's fault, but he's not about to acknowledge that. Instead he and his sons decide to hunt Price and Pickett as they head into the mountains to hunt elk.

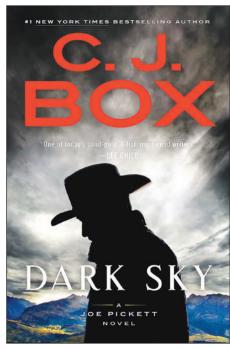


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Meanwhile, Joe's pal Nate Romanowski, ex-special forces turned falconer, has troubles of his own. A subplot involves Romanowski and his protégé, Joe's daughter Sheridan. It's interesting and also serves as a teaser for Box's 22nd Pickett novel. Valuable birds of prey are being stolen by a very bad person. As Nate is dragged into Joe's current situation, we will have to wait to find out more about the stolen falcons in the next novel.

There's enough going on in Dark Sky to keep us turning the pages. It's a suspenseful, action-packed tale set in the vividly described wilderness around Battle Mountain. As Pickett tries to protect Price, it gives the author a chance to comment about the dangers of our digital lives. Ultimately, the story is about Pickett

fighting the bad guys with some help from Romanowski. The bad guys are armed with murder on their minds, and Pickett is the only one standing between Price and certain death. The book is fast-paced, filled with action and hard to put down.☆

#### School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Shelley, daughter is going away to college in August and, of course, I have some concerns about her safety and emotionally well-

being. What should I talk with her about to see if she's doing OK?

Beverly H, Fort Myers

#### Beverly,

This is a great question, and I'm so glad you're asking it. So much of what determines whether students are successful at college has nothing to do with academics but instead involves the skills of coping, self-care, self-advocating, independent living and self-control.

Here are some key questions from Donna Volpitta, EdD, the founder of the Center for Resilient Leadership, to help you assess your child's ability to navigate the social and emotional aspects of college and some suggestions to help work on these skills.

What does your child do when something doesn't go her way? Pout, problem solve, run to you? It's essential for your child to develop coping strategies in order to be ready to go away to college. Typically, parents want to solve things for their kids, but it's better for them to struggle to find solutions themselves. Use everyday challenges such as missing a deadline or forgetting her homework as opportunities to help your child develop coping strategies.

Self-advocacy is a critical skill for children to learn. Does your child know who to go to if she needs help? Does she know how to ask for help? Think about whether she's prepared for some of the issues that might arise in college, such as working through a problem with a roommate or meeting with a professor to discuss accommodations. If you don't think your child can ask for help, it's time to teach her how to do so. Role-play is one of the ways you can help your high schooler learn how to speak up for her needs, both academic and non-academic.

The day-to-day demands of taking care of oneself can be overwhelming if a child has never had to provide her own self-care before. At college, there won't be anyone making sure she gets enough sleep or eats a balanced meal. She'll also need to do her own laundry, take care of her finances and get herself to the infirmary if she's sick. So, it's very important that you allow her to start the self-care process while she is still at home this summer and you can guide her.

Give your child opportunities to show that she's emotionally ready to take care of herself before she leaves for school. Let her practice getting herself up and ready for school or work, doing her own laundry, making her own breakfast and lunch, and other tasks without constant reminders from mom and dad.

Teens are faced with some very difficult decisions in high school and college. Has your child demonstrated selfcontrol when it comes to drinking, drugs and sex? Is she prepared to make good decisions when faced with tough choices? Teens with a strong sense of self-control are more capable of making good decisions. If your child is still struggling with these issues, it's very important to help your high schooler work on selfcontrol before she gets to college. You can help your teen gain self-control by laying out clear expectations and talking about moods and feelings, so that she has a clearer idea of her own thoughts and feelings about difficult topics.

Unfortunately, there is no single test to determine whether someone is emotionally ready to leave home for college. If you think your child isn't ready for college yet, you can work with her on these skills while she's still at home with you. The good news is that resiliency, self-advocacy, self-care and self-control are all skills that can be taught. Give her opportunities to handle challenges and to ensure that she's ready.

Shelley Greggs is former faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she taught 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 or at www. schoolconsultationservices.com.☆

### **Local Named** To Dean's List

ylee Simons of Sanibel was named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester at The University of Tampa. Students must maintain a gradepoint average of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

## Shredding Day

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## Charitable Foundation Adds **Board Member**

he Charitable Foundation of the Islands (CFI) appointed Doug Congress to the board recently. Congress has over 30 years of experience working as an executive officer and owner of several businesses. His background



**Doug Congress** 

includes business operations, finance, administration and public accounting.

He began his career with Deloitte & Touche, one of the top accounting firms in the country. He went on to build

several businesses and currently owns and manages businesses in the finance, mortgage and retail sectors. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Florida.

Congress has served on the Sanibel School Fund board, was president and treasurer of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club, former chairman of the board of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce and former vice mayor of Sanibel City Council.

"We are delighted to have Doug join us as a new member of the CFI board. He has been an essential part of the Sanibel and Captiva community, and his involvement will assist the board in meeting their long-term goals," said Virginia Stringer co-chair of the CFI board.

"Doug's successful business acumen will help strengthen the mission and goals of CFI and move us into a viable position to serve the community we all care about," said Chip Roach, co-chair of the CFI board.

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**T**hether settled into your home desk or you've finally made your way back to the office, now is the

by Marcia Feeney

perfect opportunity to clean and get organized. This is

especially true for those who haven't been to their office desk in some time it's time to trash the outdated calendar, get rid of irrelevant notes and make your workspace feel put together again.

Reconsider your current setup. If you're looking to enhance your home office, look at your current desk and decide how much it's really helping you get through your workday. You may have settled with something simple and sleek because it's stylish and inexpensive, but what about the storage space? Do you have papers piled skyhigh because you have nowhere else to put them? A desk with built-in storage can be an ideal improvement for getting all your items together.

If you're dealing with the desk at your workplace again and it's not in the company budget to buy new furniture, consider the storage solutions and potential organizational features you can simply add to it instead. Filing cabinets that secure directly under the desk can be the perfect addition to your workspace and open your eyes to a world of possibilities in storage. The main idea is to free up some surface space on your desk; reducing physical clutter can clear your mind and make it easier to concentrate on your work tasks.

Don't be afraid to add other functional furniture. Depending on

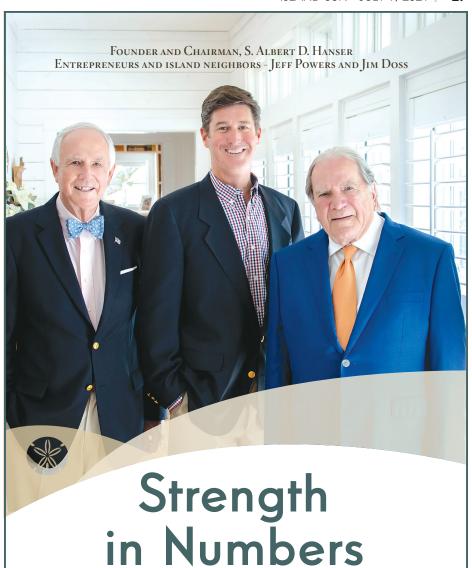
the amount of space you need to work efficiently within your office, you don't only have to rely on your desk for storage space. A bookshelf makes an ideal piece of functional furniture that not only stores books and other important documents but can also add style along the way. You can use the surface space to your advantage while also decorating with accessories that can help the office look and feel more personal and put together.

Wall shelving can also come into play in this instance. Freeing up space on your desktop while also adding a decorative element to your workspace can benefit you in many ways. Remember, you're spending a lot of time here, so you should add features that can help you feel most comfortable without distracting you from your work.

Always remember the traditional organizational tools. Ridding your desk of clutter is important, but there are certain classic tools that can play a major role in how organized your workspace remains. Pen holders, file holders, desk trays and cord organizers can come in handy no matter where you're working. Just remember that less is more and keep things simple and don't clutter your desk with organizational tools just because you think they might help you occasionally. Stick to the options that you'll utilize in the months to come.

Getting your workspace back in order can be a daunting job, especially if organization is one of your least favorite tasks. Don't let the idea of returning to your office or rearranging your home workspace overwhelm you. Instead, consider consulting a design professional to lend their expertise to get the job done. Identifying the best organizational concepts that work best for you will ensure that your new setup can be maintained well into the future.

Marcia Feeney is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at marcia@ coindecden.com.☆



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Island Home by Allison Davis is one of the paintings on display photos provided

## Summer Reading, Art And Archives At The Library

anibel Public Library's Summer Reading Program theme is Tails and Tales, with a focus on animals. All children, from babies to age 18, are eligible for the program. Locals and visitors welcome. Participants will receive a gift (quantities are limited).

Programming is online with Take and Make activities available to pick up at the library. The library is open for browsing and contactless curbside service is available.

Beanstack is used for online reading logs. Sign up from a smart phone or computer. Beanstack is a free, user-friendly app for PCs, Apple and



Violet Vanover with her Summer Reading Program completion certificate

Android devices. Adult readers can also use Beanstack by visiting https://sanlib. beanstack.org/reader365.

As in years past, children read to earn books for their home libraries and for patients at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Youth Services Librarian Deanna Evans posts her Baby Bounce Time videos and storytime videos to the children's webpage weekly.

From July through September, stop by the library to see 25 works of art from the Sanibel Captiva Art League



The Sanibel Public Library seeks the names of the Boy Scouts in this 1960s archival photo

exhibit, titled Home Sweet Home.

The library is seeking stories, photos or videos of people and places of Sanibel and Captiva for the archive. The digital archives are now online. With over 2,000 items, the ever-growing collection is a peek into the past. To see the images, newspapers and oral histories, go to the homepage at www. sanlib.org. The library is also seeking help in identifying names and places shown in the archives photograph collection. Seed development for this ongoing project is supported in part by

the Roni Jo Freer Fund of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation.

Computers, printers, scanners and fax machines are available as well as magazines and daily newspapers.

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays through August.

Sanibel Public Library cards are available to all residents of Sanibel and Lee County at no charge. Visitor library cards are available for a \$10 annual fee. For more information, call 472-2483 or visit www.sanlib.org. The library is located at 770 Dunlop Road.☆

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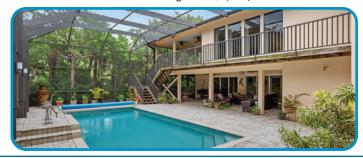
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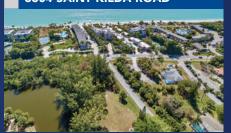
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## Highlights From CHR Give Back Wednesday At Tahitian Gardens



From left, Hunter Briseno, Dylan Trafton, Andrea Timmons, Selena Juarez and Karan Balmer of Paper Fig Kitchen photos provided



From left, Fran Grant, Lynn Kompinski and Debbie Francis of Pandora's Box



From left, Maryann Gilhooley, Jane Hudson, Nancy Clare and Joan Sperry at Sanibel Cafe



Josh Stewart and Justin Stallings at Adventures in Paradise



From left, Lynne Campean with Jane and



Mary and Ed Holden



From left, Jinny, Tim, Corinne and Bennett Datema



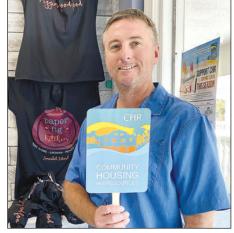
The Johnson family, from left, Richard, Bailie, Dane and Mead



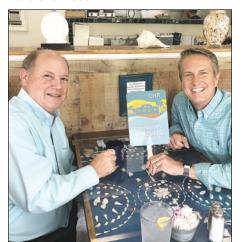
From left, Jerry Edelman, Maryanne Daly and John Morse



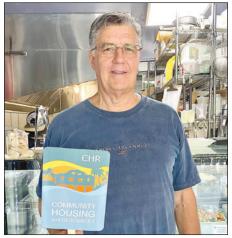
From left, Carrie and Matthew Brun, and Peggy Kavanaugh



Nate Grey



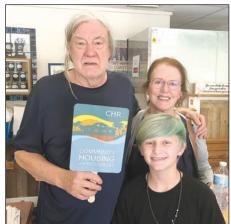
Steve Greenstien and Jeff Muddell



**Dwight Grizzell** 



Susan Ayres



From left, Gene and Linda Massey with Tyler **McCurry** 

## BURNS family TEAM







#### 1. LAKE & GOLF COURSE VIEWS IN BEACHVIEW - SANIBEL

- 5 BR/ 3.5 BA completely renovated with gourmet kitchen, soaring 2 story ceilings, and incredible views
- Private office, library, formal dining room, private pool, 2 car garage
- \$2,695,000 EURO 2,204,949

#### 3. GORGEOUS BAYOU VIEWS ON WEST END - SANIBEL

- 3BR/2 BA Coastal chic remodeled home with wood floors & open floor plan overlooking Clam Bayou
- Fantastic outdoor areas including screen closed pool and sitting area, outdoor kitchenette area, firepit, & more!
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#### 4. REMODELED DIRECT ACCESS HOME IN SHELL HARBOR - SANIBEL

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#### 5. ON A WHIM - CAPTIVA

- 2BR/2BA cottage located steps to the Bay in the Captiva Village area
- Newly painted, wood plank tile floors, multiple lanais, & tropical décor
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#### **6. CANAL LOT ON SANIBEL**

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#### 7. SHORT WALK TO BEACH - SANIBEL

- 3 BR/ 4 BA + den home constructed by Gulf To Bay homes on prime lot in Beachview community
- Open kitchen, high ceilings, private pool with spillover spa, 2 story screen enclosure all just a short walk to the deeded beach access
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#### 9.5 HOUSES FROM THE BEACH ON SANIBEL

- 3 BR/2 BA ground level beach house just 5 homes from the private beach access
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#### 10. LONG CANAL VIEWS ON PERIWINKLE - SANIBEL

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#### 12. HAPPY DAZE - CAPTIVA

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## Florida Python Challenge Offers \$10K Grand Prize

he Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), South Florida Water Management District and the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida recently announced a new \$10,000 Ultimate Grand Prize exclusive to the 2021 Florida Python Challenge, thanks to sponsor Virtual Business Services. The award will be presented to the participant who removes the most pythons as part of the competition.

The 2021 Florida Python Challenge kicks off at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 9 and ends Sunday, July 18 at 5 p.m.

This is a monumental contribution to the cause of removing Burmese pythons from the Everglades ecosystem. We are grateful to Virtual Business Services for their generous donation and hope this sparks more interest in this important effort. Working under the leadership of Gov. Ron DeSantis, we will continue to work with our partners to protect our natural resources from the threat of invasive species," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto.

'I want to thank the public and all of our corporate sponsors for making this challenge possible. The South Florida Water Management District, the FWC and our partners in this great endeavor are teaming up to take the fight to the pythons, and we won't stop until these invasive snakes are eliminated and the

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Everglades are protected," said SFWMD Governing Board Member "Alligator Ron" Bergeron.

Virtual Business Services is proud to partner with the Florida Python challenge. With the fragile ecosystem in our great state of Florida, we are excited to help eradicate the python issue to preserve our native species," said Virtual Business Services Chief Executive Officer Frank VanDeBoe.

'We are thankful for Frank's commitment to combatting invasive Burmese pythons in the iconic and fragile Everglades. We can't wait to see how many pythons the challenge is able to remove. We wish all the hunters the best of luck," said President and CEO of the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida Andrew Walker.

Participants who do not win the Ultimate Grand Prize can still win thousands of dollars for the most pythons in the Professional or Novice categories. There are also awards for the longest snakes in both categories. Active-duty military personnel and veterans who register for the competition will be eligible for additional prizes.

The goal of the Florida Python

Challenge is to increase awareness about invasive species and the threats they pose to Florida's ecology. The annual competition encourages people to get directly involved in Everglades conservation through invasive species removal.

Registration for the challenge is now open, and people can sign up to participate until the last day of the event. There is a \$25 registration fee and

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participants must complete free online training.

Visit www.flpythonchallenge.org to register for the competition, take the online training, learn more about Burmese pythons and the unique Everglades ecosystem, and find resources for planning your trip to south Florida to participate in the Florida Python Challenge.

Burmese pythons are not native to Florida and negatively impact native

species. They are found primarily in and around the Everglades ecosystem in south Florida where they prey on birds, mammals and other reptiles. A female Burmese python can lay 50 to 100 eggs at a time. Since 2000, more than 13,000 Burmese pythons have been removed from the state of Florida. For more information on Burmese pythons, visit www.myfwc. com/python.

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he top listing agent for June at John Naumann & Associates was Meredith Murray. The top listing team was Harrell, Tolp and Albright. Top sales agent was Nancy Finch and top sales team was Larry and Deb Hahn.☆



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## Progressive Club To Meet

The Progressive Club of the Islands monthly virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15 at 5 p.m. Guest speakers will be representatives from the SWFL Coalition for LGBTQ

The coalition was formed to fight for LGBTQ youth in SWFL and consists of LGBTQ organizations, parents, students, faith leaders, civic leaders, businesses and business owners. The program will feature a presentation and discussion to educate attendees on issues facing LGBTQ youth in the community and constructive actions you may like to undertake.

The meeting will be interactive with plenty of time for questions. Request the Zoom link by emailing pcisancap@gmail. com. You can also view the program live or afterwards on the Facebook page at



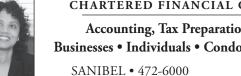
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Annual dues for the club are \$30 per individual or \$60 per couple. To renew a membership or join, mail a check payable to PCI, P.O. Box 898, Sanibel, FL 33957. For more information, visit https//pcislands.org, call 994-3175 or email pcisancap@gmail.com.\$

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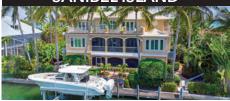
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## Will A Religious Clause Regarding Trust Disputes Hold Up In Court?



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

Ourts of law normally handle disputes between citizens. Our American court system has evolved over the years to have its own method of procedures, evidence and tribunals. But what happens when a trust mandates that disputes are to be handled not by a secular state court but instead by a religious court? Is that legal? Moreover, what happens when complex tax laws become an issue? Can the IRS declare the imposition of a religious court as something contrary to rights under state law, causing adverse tax consequences?

These issues were recently decided in the Mikel v.

Commissioner.

Israel and Erna Mikel made large gifts to an irrevocable trust totaling \$3.62 million. The Mikels took advantage of something known as a "Crummey" withdrawal right, meaning that when a contribution is made to the trust, to the extent that a beneficiary has a limited window to withdraw his or her interest, then all or some part of the contribution to the trust is considered gift tax free.

The Mikels had an unusually large number of family members as beneficiaries -60, in fact. Under the then current gift tax laws, \$1.4 million could be contributed annually gift tax free to the trust using these Crummey powers. The trust was therefore able to accumulate many millions of dollars gift tax free.

Under the terms of the trust, which were consistent with the federal tax law, each of the 60 beneficiaries had a limited period of time to withdraw their share of any contribution to the trust, subject to a cap based on the federal gift tax exclusion amount (then \$12,000 per donee) at the time of the gift. The trust required the trustee to give notice to each beneficiary when any contribution was received by the trust, and the trustee gave these notices in a timely manner.

Instead of ending there, however, according to the terms of the trust, any dispute that arose between the beneficiaries was to be arbitrated by a "Bet Din" before commencing a lawsuit. A Bet Din is a panel consisting of three men of Orthodox Jewish faith. Under the terms of the trust, the panel was directed to enforce the rights that the parties had under New York law, but the Halachah (Rabbinic Jewish law) was the primary gateway to the beneficiaries' rights.

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

June sales were impressive. Average Residential sales price for June 2021 was \$1,359,500 and average sales price for Condos was \$855,940. There were 40 Home Closings and 35 Condo Closings totaling 75 Units. To put this in context, Closings in June of 2019 (prior to the pandemic) totaled 24 sales. An increase of 200%. Historically, Sanibel produces 6-7 Closings per week. We



Ann Gee Broker/Owner

are in a highly volatile market. Here's my forecast for the second half of 2021: Unit sales will decrease because of a shortage of listings. If you want to buy, market conditions limit your ability to negotiate. If you are selling, our market, particularly in homes, is up 25-30% from a year ago. If you are considering a sale, make sure you talk to me. You can benefit from a substantial commission reduction that will save you \$15,000-\$20,000. Plus you receive 5-Star service.

#### 26 Closed Sales Going Back One Week: 12 Homes, 11 Condos & 3 Lots

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2255 W. Gulf Dr. 102 Cottage Colony West - **\$571,500** 

827 E. Gulf Dr. I-8 Sanibel Arms West - **\$624,000** 1543 Bunting Lane - **\$626,000** 

1737 Serenity Lane - \$635,000

461 Sawgrass Place Vacant Land - \$675,000

2480 Library Way - **\$725,000** 

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These provisions read, in part, "It is the Grantor's express intent that certain provisions of this Trust instruement be interpreted in accordance with Orthodox Jewish Law, or a "Halachah" including (that) by an Orthodox Jewish Bet Din convened by (Rabbinic Organization)... The Bet Din shall determine and resolve any issue arising as to the interpretation... or the application of Halacha... Grantor expressly directs and authorizes the Trustee to consult with the Bet Din concerning the resolution of such matters...

The IRS took issue with whether the withdrawal rights were valid under the gift tax rules, arguing that the mandatory use of a Jewish court constrained a beneficiary's ability to compel the trustee to make a distribution. It is important to know that under the federal tax law, the right of a beneficiary to withdraw his or her share of a contribution to the trust under the limited time window must be absolute and not subject to any contingency. The IRS argued that this Bet Din requirement imposed a gatekeeper that could impinge the beneficiaries' rights of withdrawal.

Not only that, but the Mikel trust also contained an in terrorem clause (no challenge) that would result in a contesting beneficiary forfeiting his or her beneficial interests in the trust. The IRS argued that this provision undermined a beneficiary's ability to challenge the trustee's direction as to distributions. If the IRS won their arguments, then none of the contributions to the trust would have been free of gift tax.

As a side note – in terrorem clauses are unenforceable under Florida law. But this was a New York based trust.

The tax court rejected the IRS arguments, holding in favor of the taxpayers, accepting the Bet Din as not inhibiting the beneficiaries' rights. The court held that the Bet Din was there to interpret state law, and provided a means to resolve disputes outside of the court system. Just because the resolution mechanism was not secular did not invalidate it.

I found this case interesting, and look forward to reading the outcomes of similar cases as they arise.

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## Animal Services Adoption Special

ee County Domestic Animal Services will celebrate July with red, white and blue. Throughout July, adult dogs and cats are designated "red" and may be adopted for \$10; puppies and small-breed dogs are designated "white" and may be adopted for \$40; while kittens are marked "blue" and may be adopted for \$20. Cats and kittens are also two for the price of one

The July promotion coincides with kitten season. An average of 520 cats per month enter the shelter during kitten season, compared to a monthly average of 280 during the rest of the year. To further add to the challenge, adoptions typically decline in the summer as the local population dips and residents focus on summer travel.

Although fees are reduced, the adoption package valued at \$600 includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license for pets over 3 months, 10-day pet health check, microchip ID, feline leukemia and AIDS test for cats, heartworm test for

dogs over 6 months, flea treatment and deworming.

Adoptions typically are available from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the shelter, located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. For more information and photos of lost pets or pets for adoption, visit www.leelostpets.com.

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## Reception

heritage to work that explores the wider world and interrogates colonialism and income inequality. One piece in the exhibition offers solutions to competitive occupations through an alternative game of chess where players work collaboratively to turn pawns into queens.

The exhibit is currently on view and closes July 31. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A high-definition virtual gallery walk-through of the exhibit is available online at www. bigarts.org.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For more information, call the box office at 395-0900.



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ee County's National Spirit of '45 Day in Fort Myers will be held on Sunday, August 8 from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m. at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort, located at 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers.

Dinner will be served from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. The World War II veterans tribute and ceremony will be held from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Guest speakers will include several World War II veterans and entertainment will be provided by Guns N' Hoses Pipes N' Drums.

There is no admission charge for World War II veterans and spouses of the World War II generation. For all others, cost is \$30 per person. Reservations must be made by Sunday, August 1 and paid for by Wednesday, August 4 (non-refundable). To make a reservation, contact Eryka Aptaker, Lee County Spirit of '45 chairman, at 917-607-4385

For more information, visit www. 



World War II veteran "Pancho," who will be 102 years old in November, with one of the youngest World War II veterans, Fame Academia, who is 91 years old photo provided

## Notice From Lee County Mosquito Control District

he Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) provides mosquito control for Sanibel and all of Lee County. Mosquito season typically runs from May through October and mosquito activity increases with rain, particularly after heavy rains that produce large areas of standing water. Due to the abundance of mangroves, wetlands and salt marshes, Sanibel is a prime breeding ground for

If you are experiencing a high number of mosquitoes at your residence, make a service request by contacting the LCMCD directly at 694-2174. If the LCMCD receives complaints from a specific area or neighborhood, the district will dispatch personnel to conduct a mosquito count and, if warranted, will fog or spray the

For more information mosquito control on Sanibel, visit Lee County Mosquito Control District's website at www.lcmcd.com.☆

# Home Tips To Help Your Electric Bill This Summer

ee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) reminds residents that even when the rain cools things down, the heat and humidity in Southwest Florida these days is unforgiving. Don't let the heat skew your electric judgement. Keep the following tips in mind to keep cool without increasing your electric usage:

When cooling your home, set the thermostat at 78 degrees Fahrenheit. Each degree below adds 8 to 12 percent to the cooling costs;

While away from home for more than two hours, set the thermostat at 83 degrees Fahrenheit;

Install a programmable thermostat that will automatically raise and lower the temperature at certain times of the day;

Be sure your thermostat fan switch is set on the "auto" setting. This is more economical for temperature and humidity control;

Do not close A/C vents or interior doors when A/C is running;

Service your air conditioning system

Change or clean filters monthly; Keep windows and exterior doors closed when running your air conditioner. Also, use caulk and weather strip around windows and doors;

Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), which use 75 percent less energy, or LED lamps (light emitting diode), which use 85 percent less energy with a life expectancy of 30,000 to 50,000 hours of run time;

Turn off fans when the room is not occupied. Each continuously running fan costs approximately \$7 per month on your electric bill; and

Install reflective window tint/film that will reflect 65 percent or better on windows facing east, west or south. LCEC also recommends installing awnings, storm shutters and planting shade trees.

For more ways to save on your electric bill. visit www.lcec.net.☆



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## Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager

played sousaphone in Lthe marching band. Can I get Pain Away as my college sponsor? I can even put their name on the bell of my horn for some great visibility at football

and basketball games. Wait, what if the band already has a medical sponsor for aches and pains? And then, what about my fellow piccolo player... how can they get a sponsor when they don't have a large bell to show off a sign? It's all so

Welcome to the world of college athletes for pay (and I don't think that extends to marching bands). Some athletes have already struck deals for messages and their images, others are trying to figure out what they can do. John Keilman of the Chicago Tribune spoke to Dustin Maguire, a former college athlete who is a lawyer whose specialty is college endorsements. When asked if he thought football and basketball players would benefit the most, he replied: "All sports. Already an article is out saying 10 of the top 20 projected highest earners were not football or men's basketball players.' When asked if he has any idea how much money athletes can expect, the answer is a clear no, that's yet to be determined. As far as separate deals for shoes and clothing, Maguire shared that restrictions do apply for conflicting contracts and said, "Lots of interpretation is needed." He believes that "in five years and hopefully sooner, athletes will have group licensing opportunities for video games, jerseys, trading cards and other activities.'

Clearly this will be a developing story we will follow for quite a while.

Can Lightening strike twice? It looks like it. Montreal won an elimination Game 4 in overtime Monday night, keeping their hopes barely alive in the Stanley Cup. Should they miracously sweep the rest of the games, that would be the greatest comeback in sport history. Should Tampa Bay close it out, they would deservedly continue to be seen as the sport champion city with back-to-back Stanley Cups, a Super Bowl LV championship in 2020 and an American League pennant and runnerup in the 2020 World Series

On the court, it's been which superstar is going to be missed less, Yiannis or Tre? Looks like Yiannis, as the Bucks won Game 6 in Atlanta without him and now have a date with the Sun. Yiannis is still doubtful for Game 1. It is Phoenix, who has never won an NBA Finals, versus Milwaukee, which last won in 1971.

The Twins were in Chicago so I thought I'd have a look for myself at the team our Mighty Mussels are aiming to join. The welcome sign is on, they need you. Despite all the injuries on the White Sox, they outplayed the Twins in all three games and are 15 games over .500. Big. The press from Minneapolis are looking at the rest of the season as a great way to see how prospects play. Look for the Twins to make a big move before the trading deadline. Interesting side note: Josh Donaldson had a little something to say about Sox pitcher Lucas Giolito's spin rate withou some added substance. And Giolito was unhappy with that, and Sox fans rode Donaldson the whole series. Centerfielder Nick Gordon looks like a keeper. He made a remarkable catch by taking a home run away when he jumped high on the outfield wall. His wrist unfortunately landed on the wall coming down and the ball fell out, over the wall for a three-run homer. Berrios pitched the best of the Twins starters and made it close in Game 3, but they couldn't hang in there and lost 8-5. Yet Monday night at Target Field, the Twins repaid the favor taking the first game from the White Sox 8-5.

The good news story of the day is from AP News. Gwen Goldman applied to be a bat girl for the New York Yankees 60 years ago when she was 10. Goldman had been rejected by then-Yankees general manager Roy Hamey, who wrote her in a letter on June 23, 1961: "While we agree with you that girls are certainly as capable as boys, and no doubt would be an attractive addition on the playing field, I am sure you can understand that it is a game dominated by men. [A] young lady such as yourself would feel out of place in a dugout." Current Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said he had been forwarded an email written by Goldman's daughter, Abby. In a letter dated June 23, 2021, Cashman wrote, "... it is not too late to reward and recognize the ambition you showed in writing that letter to us as a 10-year-old girl. Some dreams take longer than they should to be realized, but a goal attained should not dim with the passage of time. I have a daughter myself, and it is my sincere hope that every little girl will be given the opportunity to follow her aspirations into the future." Wearing a full Yankees uniform, Goldman threw

player Tyler Wade, then stood alongside manager Aaron Boone for the national

"I don't know where to start, of which was the best, what did I enjoy the most?" Goldman said during a news conference in the fourth inning. 'The whole piece, from walking in the front door of the stadium at Gate 2, to coming up to a locker with my name on it that said 'Gwen Goldman' and suiting up, then walking out onto the field. It took my breath away. It was a thrill of a lifetime - times a million. And I actually got to be out in the dugout too. I threw out a ball. I met the players. Yeah, it goes on and on. They had set up a day for me; that is something that I never would have expected.

New York extended the invitation as part of the Yankees' annual HOPE week, which stands for Helping Others Persevere & Excel. Sounds like something we should all be a part of. It's never too late to live your childhood dream.

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.☆

## Record-Breaking Traffic At Airport

out a ceremonial first pitch to New York

uring May, a record-breaking 946,366 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers. This was an increase of 562 percent compared to May 2020 and more than 30 percent above May 2019. Year-todate, passenger traffic is up 34.9 percent compared to last year.

The traffic leader in May was Southwest Airlines with 212,214 total passengers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta (193,971), American (124,336), United (122,108) and JetBlue (94,007).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 9,203 aircraft operations, an increase of nearly 175 percent compared to May 2020. Page Field saw 12,097 operations, a 24.7 percent increase compared to May 2020.

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## Two Nonstop Flights To Resume

laska Airlines will resume its nonstop service between Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) in Fort Myers and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) on November 19. Alaska ĥas also increased the frequency of both flights and will operate daily to LAX and SEA.

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#### **SPORTS QUIZ**

- 1. Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Walter Johnson holds the Major League Baseball all-time record for shutouts with how many?
- What British golfer won the Open Championship in 1934, '37 and '48? (Hint: The European Tour's Rookie of the Year award is named after him.)
- In 1989, the New York Knicks hired what 33-year-old to be their head coach?
- 4. What college football bowl game was first played at Yankee Stadium in 2010?
- What Pro Football Hall of Fame kicker holds the NFL record for regular-season games played with 382 from 1982-2007?
- Name the rookie NHL goaltender who started every regular-season game for the Detroit Red Wings in 1964-65?
- 7. Businesswoman Gail Miller was owner of what NBA franchise from 2009-20?

#### ANSWERS

6. Roger Crozier. 7. The Utah Jazz.

### Lee Health Lifts Restrictions On Visitation Hours

ffective immediately, Lee Health is returning to pre-COVID-19 pandemic visitation hours for non-COVID-19 patients. Visitation hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. As necessary for patient care, the number of visitors in a room at one time may be limited at the discretion of the patient's care team. Visitation is not allowed for COVID-19 patients except for cases of compassionate care.

All visitors must undergo symptom and exposure risk screening at facility entrances and wear a face covering per CDC guidance for universal source control. For this reason, there can be no visitation by children under age 2. Children over age 2 are required to wear masks like all other visitors, including in mom-baby units. In OB areas, visitation by children under age 12 is limited to siblings of the newborn. Other visitation by children can resume to pre-pandemic guidelines.

The movement of visitors throughout the healthcare facility is restricted and should be limited to only the patient they are visiting or activities related to that patient. Visitation is not allowed during an aerosol-generating procedure.

For outpatient surgery patients, their companion is now allowed to wait inside the facility waiting area once the patient goes into the operating room. While waiting for the patient during surgery, the visitor must remain physically distanced from others and wear a face covering while in the waiting area. The visitor is not allowed to wander throughout the facility while waiting.

For compassionate care visits of COVID-19 patients, gowns, gloves and hospital-supplied masks are required. Training on the donning, doffing and discarding of personal protective equipment is required for those visiting COVID-19 patients. Compassionate visits for COVID-positive patients wmay include guardians for patients such as minors or those who are developmentally disabled if they normally live with the patient.

People who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should consider not visiting for their own safety. For a list of conditions that put someone at risk of severe illness, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html.\*

### Generator Safety Tips From LCEC

If you power your home with a portable generator during electrical outages, it is essential to consider the serious health and safety risks to you, your neighbors and unsuspecting line crews working in the area, if not operated properly. Keep the following in mind to protect yourself and others this storm season.

Before you buy a generator, determine how much electricity you need for your home. Be sure to buy the right size generator.

Read the operating instructions carefully before operating the generator.

Do not connect a generator directly to your home's electrical system. Plug appliances directly into the generator.

Never use a generator indoors or in an attached garage. Keep in an open, well ventilated area outside and away from open windows.

Buy a battery-operated carbonmonoxide alarm, which will alert you if carbon monoxide levels become dangerous.

Do not touch a generator if you are wet or standing in water.

Consult an electrician if you have any questions about the safe operation of your generator.

### Soma Abuse

oma abuse is common and this drug is being prescribed by many pain management clinics. A person abusing Soma builds up a tolerance and often a dependence to this drug. In a study of 20 Soma users, 13 of them admitted to using more than prescribed.

To learn more about Soma abuse, visit www.narconon-suncoast.org/drug-abuse/soma-effects.html. Call 877-841-5509 for free screenings or referrals.

### Help Those In Need Through LCEC Program

ee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) has launched the Power to Share by Rounding Up Program, an expansion of the current Power to Share program that was created in 2009 to assist financially strained customers having difficulty making electric bill payments through a partnership between LCEC and the United Way. This short-term emergency assistance is available to qualifying customers within the LCEC service territory, and the program is funded through donations by LCEC employees, business partners and customers.

Power to Share by Rounding Up expands the current program by providing participating customers with the

opportunity to round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. This makes it easy to donate. For example, a bill of \$150.25 would be rounded up to \$151. The additional 75 cents will be allocated to the Power to Share Program. Customers can also add an additional monthly contribution or make a one-time donation to their bill. Excluding additional donations, the maximum year contribution per customer is \$12.

All of the donated funds are allocated to the Power to Share Program and administered by United Way to help pay the electric bill of someone in need. Customers can enroll through the LCEC SmartHub, online at www.lcec.net, or over the phone at 656-2300 with an LCEC customer care professional. If a customer decides to opt-out later, they can simply use the same enrollment channels to do so.

For more details on the program, visit www.lcec.net/about-lcec/community-and-education/power-to-share.

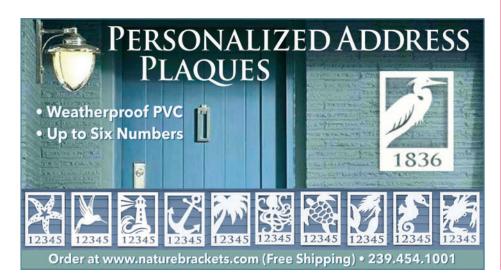
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### Life Lessons From Cancer Survivorship



by Julie Rosenberg, MD

'n October of 1993, I was diagnosed with papillary carcinoma of the thyroid. I had no signs or symptoms of this disease - my cancer was found incidentally on an

MRI of my neck that was done following a bicycle accident. The MRI showed not only a herniated cervical disc, but also a nodule on my thyroid gland. The doctors told me that this nodule was probably "nothing" but the biopsy results showed cancer.

I was fortunate to have Stage 1 disease, which was successfully treated with surgery and radioactive iodine. Nevertheless, living as a cancer survivor has not been easy. I have needed to be diligent about my health throughout my adult life, to manage the long-term effects of the disease and its treatment, and to ensure a good quality of survival.

In this article, I share five major lessons from my 28 years as a cancer

1) Put your health first - The title of this column, Health First, is in no way random. It is imperative to embrace a healthy lifestyle and to take an active role in your physical and mental health. Key components of healthy living include making time each day for physical activity, healthful eating, relaxation, reflection, nurturing relationships and sleep. It's also important to prioritize your recommended health screenings and to create a safe and healthy environment

in which to live.

2) Let go of past struggles - There is no time like the present to let go of the past. I've learned the hard way that hanging on to emotional pain from the past can prevent you from healing and moving on. Practicing mindfulness in such situations can be very helpful. Mindfulness teaches you to focus on the present, rather than on the future or the past. By being present, past hurts and transgressions have less control over your life. In addition to practicing mindfulness, practicing forgiveness will give you peace of mind and lead to greater happiness and contentment.

3) Do what makes you happy – It's always amazed me that so many people choose to be unhappy or stay in unhappy relationships. Happiness comes from within and is a great motivator. When you do what makes you happy, rather than what you think you should do or what others expect you to do, you empower yourself. You become content with who you are, your decisions and your life, no matter your circumstances. It's a scientific fact that people who choose happiness are healthier than those who choose unhappiness.

4) There is always something to be grateful for – No matter how difficult your life circumstances are, you can always find something to be grateful for, even if it's small. What are you grateful for? I am grateful for sunshine, the ocean breeze, a hot shower and wildflowers, to name a few. Practicing gratitude by keeping a journal or by simply reflecting on things for which you are grateful each day can positively impact your outlook on life.

5) Célebrate and enjoy life – I used to believe that if I worked hard and earned a good income, I would ultimately find happiness in the things that I could do and the places that I could see. I was wrong. Happiness alluded me. Over many years, I learned to work smarter and not harder, so that I could make time to enjoy and celebrate each day,

rather than wait for happiness. Daily celebrations have been key for me in living a fulfilled life. So, take the time to stop and celebrate life more often. Enjoy the little things in life.

In conclusion, there is always uncertainty in life, and no one is guaranteed tomorrow. When life throws us a curve ball - such as a cancer diagnosis - we feel anxious, stressed and, sometimes, forlorn. However, we can learn to stay positive - positive thoughts quiet fear and irrational thinking. We can choose to appreciate simple acts and moments that touch us. We can practice gratitude. And, we can embrace happiness, regardless of our circumstances.

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### Data Released On Homelessness In Lee County

he Lee County Homeless Coalition is an advocacy group made up of individual stakeholders and agencies who are engaged to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief and one-time. The coalition represents the Continuum of Care, a local planning body that coordinates housing and human services funding for homeless families and individuals. Once per year, the coalition, with the help of many volunteers, conducts a Point in Time (PIT) census to count the homeless and provide data to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The PIT count is also used to gather the information that allows local service providers to target services to meet the specific needs of the homeless in local communities.

The PIT count, which asked people where they slept the night of January 26, 2021, included both sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families. The PIT count documented 394 homeless persons, of whom 57 (14.47 percent) were chronically homeless

according to the HUD definition. HUD defines chronic homelessness as "an unaccompanied adult homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either continuously been homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.' Among the 394 homeless persons surveyed, 29.44 percent reported having a disabling condition. Also, among the 394 were 30 families with 65 children. There were 39 veterans recorded in the PIT count, 35 of which were active in a Rapid Rehousing program working with a case manager to obtain housing. Data obtained through the Lee County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and PIT count found that during the year, there were an estimated 2,789 people experiencing homelessness in Lee County.

Housing and service programs for the homeless are provided in part through Continuum of Care funds from HUD. The 2020 Continuum of Care funding announcements were made in January 2021. Lee County was awarded funding to sustain existing programs and begin new programs that provide housing and services to persons experiencing homelessness. These programs are operated by Lee County Human and Veterans Services, Community Assisted and Supported Living, Lee County Housing Development Corporation, Jewish Family and Children Services, Saint Vincent de Paul, Goodwill Industries of SWFL, and The Salvation Army. The total awarded amount was \$1,997,727.

The Lee County Homeless Coalition thanks all the volunteers who assisted with this year's PIT count.☆

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### Cooking

and we are excited to work with Leslie again to offer another cooking experience," said Susan Alexander, senior services and community engagement director for FISH. "We hope our neighbors will join us for this fun, interactive Zoom event where everyone can learn new recipes and beneficial cooking techniques while satisfying their palates.

Registration is required by Monday, July 19 by contacting Susan Alexander or Manuela Martinez at 472-4775. Once registered, FISH will provide a link and meeting ID number for access to the Zoom webinar.₩



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### Natural Treatment Options For Anxiety



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

ear Readers: summer and people that I know are still battling some type of anxiety, whether it's from travel stress, flying, the idea of the delta

strain, or something stressful going on with your family.

Whatever it is, there are some natural ways to conquer anxiety and boost mood.

First off, do not feel alone, millions of people are anxious over something. I'll tell you one of my issues, it's driving on big highways with other cars, and I assume that when they fly past me, they are texting. In fact, I assume pretty much everyone is distracted except for me and so I usually GPS the slower roads. I have been this way for years, and there's no amount of lavender that helps me. But for other anxieties, there is help and today's article will lend insight into some natural remedies.

Here are some symptoms of anxiety, which you may relate to, depending on the day and the severity of your condition: Sweaty palms, rapid heartbeat, a feeling of impending doom, trembling or shaking, dry mouth, GI symptoms, and inability to think of anything else other than the perceived danger at hand. Some people also experience insomnia. Furthermore, hypertension, gastric ulcers and depression are also associated with prolonged anxiety. Finding the root cause, or the root person that causes your anxiety is key to getting well.

For some simple anxiety-producing situations, you can look into the following nutrients, but if your conditions is serious, you must see a qualified specialist.

Vitamin B1 – Thiamine or B1 helps you produce and release serotonin and

norepinephrine which reduce mental fatigue and improve physical energy. If you like to drink wine, you are sure to be deficient in this nutrient.

Vitamin B2 – Riboflavin or B2 helps your adrenal glands which secrete DHEA and cortisol, and these hormones must remain in proper homeostasis in order for you to cope.

Probiotics – The friendly gut bugs help you activate thyroid hormone, which has been proven in some studies to work even better than traditional antidepressants in some people. We know that a reduction in probiotics can indirectly cause profound anxiety and

Zinc – This mineral has a very calming effect on the body, perhaps it helps with the COMT gene that some people have, and it is relaxing to most

Exercise – Few things work better than a run, or a trip to the gym. Physical activity is known to raise dopamine immediately.

Herbs – There are many herbs that can help you if you like herbal teas, or herbal supplements. Among the best are chamomile, lavender, lemon balm, ashwagandha, catnip and valerian.

Conventional medical wisdom has programmed us to believe that sedatives, and addictive medications are the answer to anxiety, but that's not necessary for everyone. If you'd like to read the more comprehensive version of this article, sign up for my free newsletter at www.suzycohen.com

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www. SuzyCohen.com.☆

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### Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I have been going out with a new guy for about three months now. I am falling in love with him, and he seems great. Do you have any suggestions on how I can know he is the

one for me?

A: I believe that if you want to attract a healthy partner, you have to love yourself first. Can you answer that question with a yes?

If so, then what you want to watch for is that this partner is totally in alignment with what he says and does. Pay close attention, as this is most revealing as to whether this can be a potential life partner.

I would watch and listen for kindness, honesty, compassion, authenticity, genuineness, alignment, congruence, sense of humor, empathy and laughter. Be sure to focus on the reality of your situation. Did you set criteria and does this person match your criteria? Be honest with yourself and refuse to settle for less. Take time to really get to know this person. You are getting to know him and you are falling in love. However, it

takes much longer than three months to really get to know someone. Look at the whole person. Does he still meet your standards?

Do not fixate on this person's potential. Notice what is showing up in this person now, in the present.

Is he attentive? Is he present? Does he honor and respect you? Is he a good listener? Is he emotionally available

This will help you determine if it is worth your time and energy.

Pay close attention to your intuition as your inner guidance system knows. What many of us do is ignore what our intuition is trying to tell us. It really can save you grief down the road.

You deserve the absolute best. Love and honor yourself first and take your time as you are deserving of love, honor and respect.

Open your heart to this and you will have the love and honor you so deserve.

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# **Heart Palpitations** May Not Be What You Think





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

eart palpitations are a sense of a pounding, fluttering, or rapidly beating heart. Most traditional medicine providers explain the cause as related to stress, exercise, medications, or underlying medical conditions. Patients report a feeling of their heart fluttering rapidly or skipping beats, beating very fast, a flip-flop feeling, or even a pounding feeling in the neck, throat, or chest, and they occur at rest or during activity. In some cases, these may be related to more serious problems and may lead to chest pain, shortness of breath, fainting and dizziness.

Some home remedies to consider include the following: quit smoking if you smoke; drink plenty of fluids and maintain

good hydration status; get plenty of highquality sleep at night; exercise regularly; eat at regular intervals to avoid dramatic swings in blood sugar levels; practice relaxation techniques such as meditation, prayer, yoga, breathing exercises, or other methods that help stress reduction; and avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol.

What can also happen is that heart palpitations come on out of the blue. None of the above factors is an issue, thus people seek care from health care professionals, often cardiologists, which is a good thing. If heart disease is ruled out, then the person is still left baffled. One possible explanation as to why seemingly healthy individuals, having been checked out by a cardiologist, have cardiovasculartype symptoms with no clear explanation is related to issues of instability of the boney structures of the neck.

The vagus nerve is responsible for slowing the heart rate or bringing the heart rate down after an event that caused it to rise such as exercise or doing something strenuous, fear, anxiety, panic, or fright. Sometimes the vagus nerve does not get this message. Why? Because something is blocking or interfering with the message. This may occur due to cervical instability and vagus nerve compression.

The sensory nerves that tell the brain what is going on, moment to moment, regarding heart rate and blood pressure are carried by the vagus nerve and the glossopharyngeal nerve. If the messages that these sensory nerves need to deliver to the brain are blocked or impaired, the symptoms described above can develop. How?

The person's cervical bones are moving

too much, thus these nerves can get compressed and stretched, and some of the nerve impulses are blocked, producing symptoms such as heart palpitations. The symptoms may come and go because the issue is positional, meaning it occurs when the person moves their head in a certain direction causing the blockage/pinching to

You may be wondering how neck structures become loose. Well, hold the phone! We mean, drop the phone. We find that "the facedown lifestyle" of constantly looking at some kind of device is the main culprit. We cannot encourage you enough to put the phone away - for

many reasons - but the health of your neck depends on it. If these issues do not resolve, strengthening the neck with specific exercises and working on proper posture can help correct the problem. If the neck is too far gone, then regenerative medicine treatments to strengthen the looseness may be in order.

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.☆

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### Retail Therapy



ne of my favorite things to do, especially when I am traveling, is to find unique stores and boutiques. I love to see how people design

seeing how store owners and managers display their items and how much love goes into picking their array of goods to offer. Boutiques tend to give you an opportunity for more unique and possibly one-of-a-kind items. I am lucky that I have two daughters who love to browse these stores with me.

There is something to be said about how going to a store or shop is more fun and fulfilling than always shopping online. There is just something personal about it, and it tends to bring joy to many individuals. Research has shown that there is an actual psychological and therapeutic value when you are shopping. Whether it is window shopping, browsing a store or gallery, or even purchasing a particular item, an emotional boost of happiness can surround us.

Shopping can give you a sense of achievement, especially if you purchase something you have wanted for some time. It can also be a distraction from something negative you have been dealing with in your life. Getting out for a nice day of shopping can take your mind off of many things. Also, what an excellent way for you to bond with an old or new friend, or a loved one.

Of course, as with everything else in life, shopping should not become an obsession. I have tried to teach my girls that you don't always have to buy something everywhere you go. Taking a good look around, enjoying the moment, and making intelligent purchases is an excellent habit to have. Learning when and how to shop is something that you can take with you your whole life. Making wise decisions on what to buy gives you a strong sense of control and an appreciation for your purchases.

There are many ways in which you can make yourself feel better, happier or more fulfilled. Still, I believe that retail therapy is good for us as individuals and fabulous boutique shop owners. They

put their heart and soul into making their stores beautiful, unique and memorable for us to browse and enjoy, and maybe even take home a thing or two.

My affirmation for you this week is: "I will make time now and then to do some retail therapy to live my best and most beautiful life.

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### Preserve

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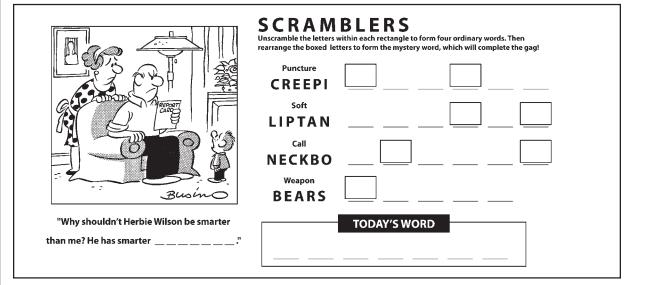
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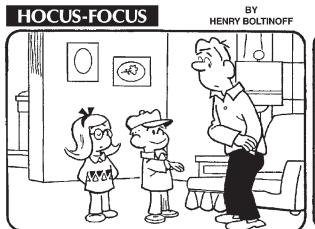
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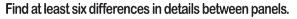
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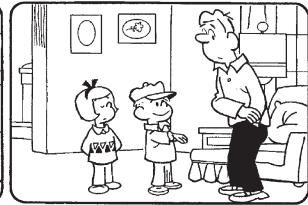
### **PUZZLES**

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Differences: 1. Picture is higher. 2. Sweater is different. 3. Glasses are removed. 4. Hairstyle is changed. 5. Pillow is added. 6. Shoes are different.

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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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### **PUZZLES**

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### King Crossword

#### **ACROSS**

- Choose
- Scale amts.
- Diving duck
- 8 Diner workers
- 10 Dijon darling
- 11 Removes, as a brooch
  - 13 Winter Olympics event
  - 16 "— Clear Day"
  - 17 Bolivian city 18 "Ulalume"
  - writer
  - 19 Favorites
  - 20 Roman emperor
  - 21 Driverswith handles
    - 23 Battery part
    - 25 Persia, today 40 Tax form ID
    - 26 "What's for 41 Reply (Abbr.) me?"
    - 27 Lincoln or Ford
    - 28 Accord maker
    - 30 Baseball
    - execs 33 2016 Best
    - nee
    - in hockey

    - 39 Apple variety
- site 2 Lima's land

- Picture nomi-
- 36 Net defender
- 37 Separated
- 38 Island near

#### **DOWN** 1 Alpha's oppo-

- 3 Performer

33

- with a baton
- 4 Candymaker Willy 5 November
- birthstone
- 6 Revue segment
- 7 Tibia's place 8 Points
- 23 "The King -" 24 Falls on

- the U.S./ Canadian border
- 12 Napper's 25 German proracket noun 14 Comestibles

9 Took potshots

10 Corp. money

manager

15 Earth (Pref.)

Daniel

22 Legendary

French

actress

instrument

- 26 Draw a con-
- clusion 19 Calligrapher's 28 Big wheels at
  - sea
- 20 Word of denial 29 Leek's kin 21 007 portrayer 30 Metric mea
  - sures Simple
  - 32 Retired iet
  - 34 Lectern locale
  - 35 "Once a
  - time ...'

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EQOLIGDBYWTRPMK WICTFRORROHYDBY WAA(ELDERBERR Q O R R M D O K K A E I F T D BMRRRDZXRGWUS IOIENTNOLJHRF D R E R C O I I R A W Y W R V TRRSQBRRPONNL ROTARRANRIPHOEF CREAECBZYAWEVRU SRQDPNMLJIHHRFI

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: A MISTAKE

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<u>Day</u>

Fri

Sat

Sun

Thu



<u>High</u>

11:36 am 8:32 pm

12:16 pm 9:08 pm

**SUNDAY** 

<u>High</u>

None

None



**MONDAY** Partly Cloudy



**TUESDAY** Partly Cloudy High: 89 Low: 81



WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 92 Low: 85



Cape Coral Bridge Tides

**THURSDAY** Partly Cloudy High: 91 Low: 83

### Redfish Pass Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:31 pm		None	None
Sat	1:11 pm	9:06 pm	None	None
Sun	4:55 am	6:38 am	1:53 pm	9:41 pm
Mon	5:10 am	7:34 am	2:37 pm	10:17 pm
Tue	5:29 am	8:37 am	3:25 pm	10:53 pm
Wed	5:52 am	9:46 am	4:18 pm	11:30 pm
Thu	6:20 am	11:03 am	5:21 pm	None

Cloudy High: 89 Low: 81

4:00 am 6:40 am 12:58 pm 9:43 pm

5:25 am 11:05 am 4:26 pm None

Mon 4:15 am 7:36 am 1:42 pm 10:19 pm

Point Ybel Tides

Low



Low

None

None

High: 90 Low: 82

Punta Rassa Tides

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	$\underline{\text{Low}}$	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	2:04 am	4:05 am	12:48 pm	8:42 pm
Sat	3:06 am	7:25 am	1:24 pm	9:27 pm
Sun	4:09 am	8:32 am	2:04 pm	10:07 pm
Mon	4:50 am	9:27 am	3:01 pm	10:43 pm
Tue	5:23 am	10:13 am	4:09 pm	11:16 pm
Wed	5:53 am	10:57 am	5:05 pm	11:49 pm
Thu	6:20 am	11:43 am	5:58 pm	None

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### My Stars ★★★★ FOR WEEK OF JULY 5, 2021

Aries (March 21 to April 19) You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening; otherwise, you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send to you.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times.

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	Low
Fri	2:41 pm	11:46 pm	None	None
Sat	3:21 pm	None	None	None
Sun	7:05 am	12:22 am	4:03 pm	9:54 am
Mon	7:20 am	12:57 am	4:47 pm	10:50 am
Tue	7:39 am	1:33 am	5:35 pm	11:53 am
Wed	8:02 am	2:09 am	6:28 pm	1:02 pm
Thu	8:30 am	2:46 am	7:31 pm	2:19 pm

stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

Virgo (August 23 September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put off all this time.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a difficult situation involving someone close to you. But you know you're doing the right thing, so stick with your decision.

**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now's the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) That project you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a

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### My Stars

colleague before you can consider it

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hardworking Piscean. A nice, refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

Born This Week: You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise

#### MOMENTS IN TIME

- On July 16, 1863, the draft riots enter their fourth day in New York City in response to the Enrollment Act. Although avoiding military service became much more difficult, wealthier citizens could still pay a \$300 fee to stay
- On July 14, 1881, Sheriff Pat Garrett kills Henry McCarty, known as Billy the Kid. Garrett had been tracking the Kid for three months after the gunslinger escaped from prison only days before his scheduled execution. At the trial, the judge had sentenced Billy the Kid to hang until "you are dead, dead, dead." Billy reportedly responded, "And you can go to hell, hell, hell.'
- On July 15, 1903, the newly formed Ford Motor Company takes its first order, an \$850 two-cylinder Model A automobile with a backseat. The car.

produced at Ford's plant in Detroit, was delivered a week later.

- On July 13, 1930, France defeats Mexico 4-1 and the U.S. blanks Belgium 3-0 in the first-ever World Cup football matches, played in Montevideo, Uruguay. The World Cup has since become the world's most-watched sporting event.
- On July 18, 1940, Franklin Roosevelt, who first took office in 1933 as America's 32nd president, is nominated for an unprecedented third term. He would eventually be elected to a record four terms.
- On July 17, 1955, Disneyland opens on former orange groves in Anaheim, California. Due to counterfeit invitations, thousands showed up and the opening did not go well. Food and drink ran out, and the steamboat nearly capsized from too many passengers.

  • On July 12, 1979, disco music
- died at Chicago's Comiskey Park when a "Disco Demolition" night is held. Organizers grossly underestimated the number of fans who would want to blow up their disco records: a sellout crowd inside the stadium and 40,000 outside who stormed the field and lit bonfires on the diamond.

#### NOW HERE'S A TIP

- Groceries and food shopping can eat up a tremendous portion of your budget if you aren't careful. The best and most serious money-saving tip for home economists is to ALWAYS use a list. It really does make a difference to have a plan. Here are some more tips to save money while feeding your family. – JoAnn
- Most stores list the unit price on the shelf tag. Use it to compare the cost of different sizes and brands of the same

item. Just because a package is bigger doesn't necessarily mean it has the best price per unit.

- "A secret of busy moms: Cook once, eat twice (or three times, if you plan well)! When you prepare favorite recipes that will freeze well, or even just elements of those recipes, make a double or triple batch. Then a few nights of the month, you can just pop something in the oven easily. I cook taco meat once for the month, and we have tacos every week. I just freeze three portions of the meat, and the rest is easy to assemble." - KS in Florida
- "If you know you're going to make a purchase soon from a specific store, search online for discounted gift cards to that store. Many people get gift cards for places they don't shop, and they sell them at a discount for cash. That's a percentage off your purchase just for preplanning." – ES in Virginia

  • Remember that, typically, the higher
- shelves and the lower shelves at the grocery store house the better deals

#### STRANGE BUT TRUE

- In Tikrit, Iraq, there's a 6-foot-tall monument of a shoe that journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi threw at then-President George W. Bush.
- Speaking of shoes, a collector of same is called a Sneakerhead.
- Researchers were able to mimic the voice of a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mummy by re-creating much of its vocal tract using medical scanners, 3D printing and an electronic larynx. The mummy had little to say, however, even after all that time, as they produced just a single sound somewhere between the vowels in "bed" and "bad."
- Magnolia plants are so ancient that they're pollinated by beetles, as they

existed prior to the appearance of bees.

- A study by psychologists found that when 4- to 6-year-olds pretended to be Batman while doing a boring but important task, it helped them resist distraction and stay more focused. (We're trying this the next time we wash the dishes.)
- Tootsie Rolls were added to soldiers' rations in World War II due to their ability to withstand all weather conditions.
- In medieval games of chess, pawns that had been promoted to a queen were given the title of "adviser," so as to not imply that the king had more than one queen or was guilty of adultery!
- Those tears you see in the Tin Man's eyes in The Wizard of Oz were made of chocolate syrup, as machine oil didn't photograph well.
- Ancient Egyptians loved their cats so much that household members would shave their eyebrows as a sign of mourning when the cat died. Mourning ended when their brows had grown back.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I never thought in terms of being a leader. I thought very simply in terms of helping people." – John Hume

#### TRIVIA TEST

- 1. **Television**: What is Agent Mulder's nickname on *The X-Files* drama?
- **Measurements**: How many gallons are in one barrel of oil?
- 3. **Games**: How much money do you get when you start a board game of Life"?
- 4. Science: When was the sound barrier broken for the first time?
- 5. Movies: What was the name of the whale that swallowed the title

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- character in Disney's Pinocchio?
- 6. **Geology**: What is diagenesis?
- 7. **Geography**: Which river runs through the Grand Canyon in Arizona?
- 8. U.S. States: How many states did U.S. Route 66 pass through?
- 9. Food & Drink: Which vegetable has the highest water content?
- 10. **Medical**: What is a more common name for the condition called pharyngitis?

#### TRIVIA ANSWERS

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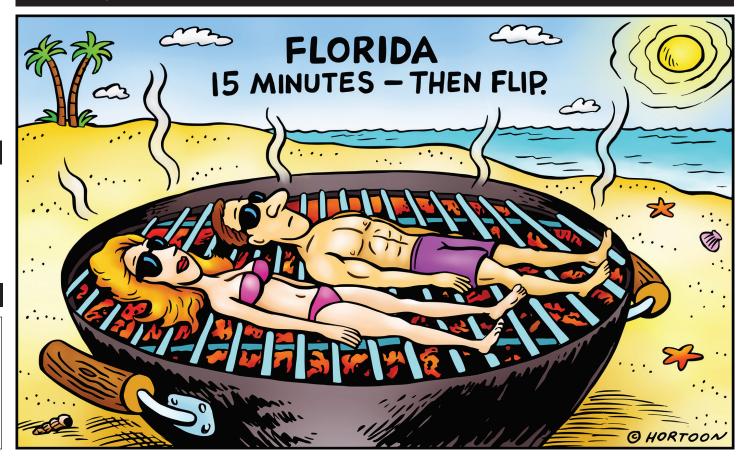
#### SCRAMBLERS ANSWER

- 1. Pierce 2. Pliant;
- 3. Beckon; 4. Saber

Today's Word

**PARENTS** 

### HORTOONS



### **PUZZLE ANSWERS**



	KING CRUSSWURD											
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## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	2009	8,840	\$5,699,000	\$5,350,000	173
Chateaux Sur Mer Unrec	Sanibel	1983	2,983	\$3,395,000	\$3,395,000	587
Anacapri	Miromar Lakes	2007	5,158	\$2,675,000	\$2,500,000	0
Yacht Club	Cape Coral	2021	2,806	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	0
Island Shores	Fort Myers Beach	2020	3,995	\$1,995,000	\$1,995,000	54
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Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1990	5,058	\$1,890,000	\$1,860,000	46
Town And River	Fort Myers	2020	3,641	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	432
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2002	4,124	\$1,787,000	\$1,825,000	44
Metes And Bounds	Sanibel	2005	3,660	\$1,799,000	\$1,725,000	32



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