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## Army Corps Colonel To Speak At Business Lunch

Col. Andrew Kelly, commander and district engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, August 1 business luncheon of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be held at Pink Shell Beach Resort on Fort Myers Beach, starting at noon, in partnership with the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, sponsored by Captains For Clean Water and Rapid Response Team LLC.

Col. Kelly assumed command of the Army Corps in August 2018 after serving as the chief of staff for the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan in Kabul. Prior to that deployment, he attended the Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy in Washington, DC, earning a master



From left, John Lai and Col. Andrew Kelly with chamber government affairs committee members Callie Johnson, Mark Blust and Chris Davison

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of science degree in national resource strategy. While in the capital region, he completed assignments in the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) office

and on the army staff in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

Previous assignments include commanding the Walla Walla District,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; joint engineer trainer in the U.S. Joint Forces Command; operations and executive officer for the 92nd Engineer Battalion; and brigade combat team engineer in the third infantry division. As a captain, he commanded the 74th Multi-Role Bridge Company, served as a project engineer in the New York district, and was the executive officer to the North Atlantic Division commander.

Col. Kelly graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the corps of engineers in 1994. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and Defense Meritorious Service medals. He is also the recipient of the Army Engineer Association's Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal.

"We look forward to discourse from and with Col. Kelly regarding the evolution of the Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual, aka LOSOM," said John Lai, chamber president and chief

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The colorblind scope will be accessible to visitors in wheelchairs and the general public atop the disabled-accessible Wildlife Drive observation tower

photo provided

## Refuge To Unveil New Scope For Colorblind Guests

Among the 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System, the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel will be the first to expand its accessibility initiatives to include a spotting scope for colorblind visitors. The scope, specially engineered

by SeeCoast Manufacturing with EnChroma's patented lens technology for color blindness, will be unveiled at the Wildlife Drive observation tower on Wednesday, August 4. EnChroma eyeglasses will also be permanently available at the refuge for guests with color vision deficiency to borrow during visits.

August 4 marks the newly declared Great American Outdoors Day in honor of the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act in August 2020. Admission to the refuge's Wildlife Drive will be free to



This graphic shows a refuge scene as a colorblind person sees it (bottom) as opposed to a normal vision viewer (top)

photo by Cindy Ann Jones/conversion courtesy EnChroma

all that day. Refuge staff will unveil its new colorblind scope at 10 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

"It seems fitting to honor an act that provides funding for facilities and infrastructure at national wildlife refuges

and other federal public lands by broadening this refuge's accessibility to a new audience of visitors with color vision challenges," said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland. "The new scope

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Sanibel Island's Permitted Schedule for Irrigation							
Address Ends With	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
EVEN (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)		✓			✓		
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Lee County's Permitted Schedule for Captiva Island Irrigation							
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EVEN (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)				✓			✓
ODD (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)			✓			✓	

Irrigation Times are 12 AM to 9 AM and/or 5 PM to 12 AM. No irrigation is allowed any day between 9 AM to 5 PM.

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IWA Notice:  
Water Tank To Go  
Offline For Repairs

On Sunday, August 1, the Island Water Association (IWA) Periwinkle water storage tank will be temporarily removed from service to perform repairs. The work will take approximately one week to complete, with the tank expected to be back online Tuesday, August 10. The Periwinkle tank is critical infrastructure, storing two million gallons of potable water serving peak demands throughout Sanibel. The repair work has therefore been scheduled to coincide with Sanibel's seasonal rains, which reduce turf and landscape irrigation use and the level of water demands placed on IWA's systems.

However, nature does not always cooperate and member compliance with Sanibel's irrigation ordinance is critical. IWA is asking members to inspect their irrigation systems to ensure they are programmed in accordance with local watering ordinances. Both the City of Sanibel and Captiva Island are under two-day per week watering ordinances based on property address, as provided in the tables above. Additional details on permitted irrigation schedules for Sanibel and Captiva can be found at [www.mysanibel.com/City-Council/Recently-Adopted-Ordinances](http://www.mysanibel.com/City-Council/Recently-Adopted-Ordinances) and [www.leegov.com/utilities/customer-resource-center/water-restrictions](http://www.leegov.com/utilities/customer-resource-center/water-restrictions). With a little help from nature and members' adherence to local watering ordinances, IWA will be able to complete the repairs while maintaining normal water pressures and flows throughout the system.✧


Lead Biologist  
Promoted To  
Regional Position

Jeremy Conrad, lead biologist for the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, has been promoted to the position of regional coastal ecologist for the inventory and monitoring branch of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). While he will remain based at "Ding" Darling, his post will take him throughout the 12-state/territory USFWS Southeast Region. Conrad joined refuge staff in March 2010. Before that, he served as an invasive species biologist at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Boynton Beach and earlier spent four years at Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. During his 11 years at "Ding" Darling, Conrad became known for his important research on linking mangroves with sea level rise mitigation and also as a popular speaker on everything from sea turtles to marshland ecology. "It has been a great pleasure working



Jeremy Conrad

with all of the staff and volunteers at the refuge and the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society," said Conrad. "In my tenure at 'Ding,' we have weathered a few hurricanes, significant red tide events, HABs (harmful algal blooms), massive fish kills; executed prescribed fires; battled non-native invasive plants; endured a coyote invasion; found a black bear on island; seen record sea turtle nesting efforts; completed several restoration projects; built a marine lab; acquired new conservation property; and served our community by prioritizing and protecting Sanibel's natural resources through it all." During the transition, as the refuge reviews steps it will be taking to fill his position, Conrad said he will continue supporting the "Ding" Darling's biological program along with Refuge Manager Kevin Godsea and Deputy Refuge Manager Erin Myers. The refuge and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) are also co-funding biological technician Avery Renshaw to assist with the transition. "Jeremy has been a valuable member of our team for many years. He will be missed from our team, but it is also exciting to see Jeremy grow professionally and be recognized as an ecologist who can be of value to the entire region," said Godsea. "Luckily, he will continue to work out of the refuge office, so that we can continue to see and interact with him." To support the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).✧



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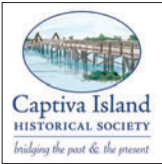


From left, Col. Karr, Carl Erler, Charles Alt, Reverend Kennedy and Mr. Leek  
photo courtesy Captiva Island Historical Society Archives

Captiva Island Historical Society

# Landmark: Chapel By The Sea

This week's image shows five men standing on the porch of Chapel by the Sea on Captiva. They built the porch in the winter from 1949 to 1950.



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

Visit the website at [www.captiva-island-historical-society.org/archives/research](http://www.captiva-island-historical-society.org/archives/research) to view many more images to bring you closer to Captiva.✧

The History Gallery, developed by

# 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 [batyamsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:batyamsanibel@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](http://www.captivachapel.com), [www.facebook.com/Captiva-Chapel-By-The-Sea](https://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](mailto:ChavuratShalom@gmail.com) to participate on Zoom.

**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](http://www.sanibelchurch.com). Sanibel Community Church is an evangelical, non-denominational 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](http://www.sanibelucc.org), 2050 Periwinkle Way, 472-0497.

**ST. ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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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](http://www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org), 2304 Periwinkle Way, 472-2173.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS**  
Meets 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month from December through April at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. A potluck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month. [ryi39@aol.com](mailto:ryi39@aol.com), 2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901.

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Campers built a raft out of all natural materials during Calusa Week

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## Sea School Campers Learn About The Calusa

From July 19 to 23, Sanibel Sea School held Calusa Week at its flagship campus on the east end of the island. Campers celebrated the Calusa tribe by honing their waterfolk skills, building their own rafts and shelters, weaving palm fronds and making tools out of natural materials.

The Calusa people lived in Southwest Florida until the mid-18th century and used the ocean as a primary resource. Evidence suggests that the Calusa did not practice

agriculture but instead lived off the ocean and made their living sailing, fishing and crafting tools out of mollusk shells.

Artifacts also suggest that the Calusa hollowed out cypress logs to make canoes – some even 15 feet long. To become immersed in how the Calusa used to traverse the waters around Sanibel, campers paddled canoes around San Carlos Bay and had a few canoe races.

“Calusa week is our most popular week of summer camp,” said Director Nicole Finnicum. “Campers just love learning the history of the Calusa in Southwest Florida and really enjoy paying homage to the tribe by retracing their steps through the activities.”

Campers also spent time crafting using

only materials from nature. They learned how to weave plates out of coconut palm fronds and built tools using sticks, rocks and twine that they made using fibers from cabbage palms. They also built a raft made from palm fronds and bamboo and was held afloat by coconuts.

On Wednesday night, campers continued their island explorations into

the evening for a nighttime snorkel. They snorkeled in the illuminated water under an almost full moon, finding shrimp, hermit crabs and sea hares.

Sanibel Sea School rotates through different marine-inspired themes each year, but because Calusa Week is so popular with campers and staff, this is the only theme that is repeated every year in July. ✨

## FWC Fishing Program Hits New Milestone

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) TrophyCatch program reached a new milestone recently, surpassing 100 approved Hall of Fame (HOF) catches weighing 13 pounds or more. These bass are the biggest of the big – true Florida giants. Florida largemouth bass grow larger than northern largemouth bass found in the rest of the country. Many state records outside Florida are bass that have stocked Florida largemouth bass genes.

“TrophyCatch is a vital program in which FWC biologists receive valuable data from anglers. This information will continue playing a crucial role in management decisions,” said FWC Commissioner Gary Lester. “Coming up on 10 seasons of TrophyCatch results continues to demonstrate that Florida is where it’s at when you’re talking



An angler with a Hall of Fame Florida largemouth bass

photo provided

year-round fishing for Florida’s lunker bass.”

To celebrate, Hall of Fame anglers were asked to participate in a survey to gather some unique information about pursuing and catching Florida’s largest bass. In addition to the survey results,

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## City Recertified As Storm Ready

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- become eligible for a discount under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.
- To be officially StormReady, a community must:
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  - Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public;
  - Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally;
  - Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars;
  - Develop a formal hazardous

weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

Many Sanibel citizens attended the city's annual hurricane seminar on June 17. For those who were unable to attend, the 96-minute seminar is available online. The seminar, presented by the Sanibel Police Department, can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR52lf-MjK0>.

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

## Openings At Sanibel School

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To learn more about enrollment and the waiver process, or to set up a tour of school, call registrar Donna Marks at 472-1617 or email [donnamm@leeschools.net](mailto:donnamm@leeschools.net).\*

## From page 5 Fishing

FWC biologists analyzed data from the nine seasons of HOF bass entries. The combined results are sure to capture the attention of bass anglers everywhere.

While HOF catches were submitted from 23 counties across Florida, anglers in pursuit of the next HOF entry may do well by scouting waterbodies in the north-central part of the state. Clay and Putnam counties led the way, accounting for about 30 percent of HOF catches. Anglers dedicated to being first on the water or last to leave might be a bit dismayed to learn that only 12 percent of HOF bass were caught at dawn or dusk. Rather, the majority were caught during midday or afternoon. For anglers debating which lure to tie on, it's difficult to argue with the tried-and-true plastic worm, which accounted for 41 percent of HOF bass and surpassed any other lure category on the survey. Perhaps the most celebrated statistic that TrophyCatch touted is that, through the Hall of Fame 100 promotion, 100 percent of these HOF bass were released alive.

The FWC encourages anglers to join TrophyCatch to become citizen scientists and assist in the management and the conservation of Florida's freshwater fisheries. For more information about the TrophyCatch program, email Laura Rambo Walthall at [laura.walthall@myfwc.com](mailto:laura.walthall@myfwc.com). To read more survey results and facts about HOF bass, visit [www.trophycatch.com](http://www.trophycatch.com).\*

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# Outdoor Dining Standards To Go To City Council

by Wendy McMullen

There may be more outdoor dining on Sanibel if the city council approves an amendment to the city's land development code. Planning staff presented a revised report recommending standards for amending the Sanibel Land Development Code to allow more outdoor dining on the island at Tuesday's planning commission meeting. City staff clarified that outdoor dining means portable seating and tables intended solely for the consumption of food and beverages on the standard menu of the restaurant. Bonus outdoor seats for dining can only be associated with a permitted restaurant or carry-out food store holding a current occupational license with seating for the on-premises consumption of food. Outdoor seating is considered bonus seating, which is not part of the commercial floor area and not counted in conjunction with calculation of required off-street parking spaces. The number of seats allowed inside the restaurant is contingent upon the number of the restaurant's parking spaces but this will be waived for outdoor dining. The maximum number of bonus outdoor seats permitted at a restaurant carry-out food store is 15 percent of the total permitted indoor seats or 16 seats, whichever is greater. The maximum number of bonus outdoor seats at a restaurant is 15 percent of the total permitted seats inside the restaurant, but it cannot exceed 32 seats and all seats must be immediately accessible to the permitted restaurant or carry-out food service operation. Bonus seating cannot be placed in customer waiting areas. It must also be adequately buffered from off-street parking and traveled ways with use of landscaping, screen wall or a fence. It must also not produce odors or noise that unreasonably disturbs neighboring properties. Outdoor entertainment shall not be permitted,

except as otherwise licensed by the city, and lighting must be consistent with Sanibel's outdoor lighting ordinance. The restaurant owner is encouraged to post a notice in a prominent location requesting that the patrons refrain from smoking within the defined area for outdoor dining. To qualify for bonus outdoor seats, the restaurant owner will have to apply for an initial development permit for the first two years. A subsequent development permit will have to be obtained to continue use of bonus outdoor seats after the first two years. This is necessary, according to planners, to ensure that prior use of bonus outdoor seats complies with all requirements for bonus outdoor dining. Restaurant owners may obtain a permit to relocate indoor seats to outdoor dining areas by filling out a short form application. However, bonus outdoor dining seats and tables cannot be moved indoors to increase the number of permitted indoor seats. Applications can be made to the city manager by a simple form, which must be accompanied by a survey of the subject property and a site plan delineating the location, dimensions, access and number of outdoor seats and tables, and show the location of landscaping to ensure appropriate screening from adjoining properties. Owners will also be asked for a description of how the design and functional operation of the outdoor dining area will complement the existing restaurant and, if it is in a commercial center, be compatible with that development.✱

## Planners Approve Dredging

by Wendy McMullen

Shoaling over the years has made it impossible for Kyle Szymanczyk, owner of a property at 1503 San Carlos Drive, to launch his boat at low tide, and difficult even at high tide. So planning commissioners approved dredging of 102 cubic yards of sand from the canal bottom under the dock at

Tuesday's meeting. Shoaling at the property which abuts a human-made canal has occurred over the years so that now, the only type of vessel that could be launched from the dock would be a kayak. The property owner currently has a 40-foot center console boat with cabin, 12-foot beam and 2.5-foot draft. The existing 12- by 13-foot boat lift is attached to the existing 100- by three-foot boat dock in a manner that allows marine vessels to berth parallel to the shoreline. Further along the dock, toward the southeast, the canal depth shallows significantly with depth contours ranging from three feet to near zero depth closer to the seawall. Dredging will provide five feet of water under the dock, which will be sufficient to dock the boat. It was ascertained that turbidity barriers would be used and that no sea grasses would be disturbed. The drained sand will be hauled to an off island location.✱

## Safety Features Added At Curve

by Wendy McMullen

Three accidents and one fatality on the so called S curve on Sanibel-Captiva Road near the American Legion prompted the discussion of adding raised pavement markings to the curve and illuminated markers in the center. Police Chief Bill Dalton said that the drivers involved in two of the three accidents may have been alcohol impaired. Councilmembers generally agreed that the raised pavement markings and illuminated center line were needed but there was some doubt about the 25 mph sign before the curve. "I do have a concern about a speed of 25 miles per hour there," said Vice Mayor Richard Johnson. "My concern is that the traffic moves awfully slowly on that road anyway and there's a fair amount of anxiety about people trying to get around slower moving traffic. I don't want to do anything to exacerbate that anxiety." "When there has been a discussion in

the past about the relative speed of the traffic on Sanibel-Captiva Road, I always make the point that simply traveling 10 or 15 miles an hour slower in the seven miles of that road only affects the grand total by about 90 seconds, which is very little in a 24-hour day," said Dalton. Director of Community Services Keith Williams pointed out that yellow signs are warning signs only and Chief Dalton mentioned that 25 mile per hour signs already existed on the curves. The addition of paddle signs, similar to those currently in place by Rabbit Road, is also to be considered in future meetings.✱

# Variance Granted For Dock

by Wendy McMullen

Sanibel planning commissioners approved a variance to allow a boat lift and dock closer than 15 feet from the side of the property lines at 1103 Golden Olive Court at its meeting on Tuesday. Planning commissioners were advised that the configuration of the lot would cause practical difficulties and deprive the owner of the same reasonable use enjoyed by neighbors in the area. The planning commission may approve variances if a literal enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship to a property owner because the particular shape, size, location or topography of the lot. One such issue was the width of the dock, which an engineer from Hans Wilson & Associates pointed out would have to be less than four feet wide, which he maintained would present safety problems, especially for people with handicaps. The dock as configured would allow for a boat up to 28 feet. It was ascertained that the applicant has taken all reasonable steps to avoid the need for a variance and that the variance would not affect the immediate neighbors or the neighborhood where virtually every canal-front property in Shell Harbor has a boat dock and boat lift. The three neighboring property owners had no objections to the project.✱

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# BIG ARTS Hosts Reception

BIG ARTS hosted a fine arts reception and artist talk on July 17 in the Dunham Family Gallery to celebrate its exhibit Fast Forward, which features alumni from Florida SouthWestern State College. Guests had an opportunity to meet and mingle with the artists as well as learn about their inspiration and artistic methods. The exhibit can be viewed in person or in the virtual gallery at [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org) through July 31. Stay tuned for details on the 2022 season.



Carolann and Lilly Swanson  
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Lea and Matthew Vozzella



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The artists, from left, Leila Mesdaghi, Dana Roes, Claire Malécot (via Zoom), Dalton Howard, Alejandro Gómez Hernandez and BA Wikoff



From left, Kagan Smith, Karl and Christine Hasselbach, Eric Derglund, Susan Christiano, Leila Mesdaghi and Masami Sugimori

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## 'Ding' Darling Amateur Photo Contest Open

July 15 marked the opening of the 29th annual "Ding" Darling Day Amateur Nature Photography Contest. Deadline for submission is September 15 and all entries must be submitted electronically.

The contest, sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), is held in conjunction with "Ding" Darling Day, October 10 ([www.dingdarlingday.com](http://www.dingdarlingday.com)).

For an entry form and other contest information, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/photo-contests](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/photo-contests). DDWS will announce winners and award prizes at "Ding" Darling Day.

Entries must be delivered by email to [ddamateurphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:ddamateurphotocontest@gmail.com) by September 15. To maintain its commitment to the environment, DDWS no longer accepts photo contest entries by mail. For assistance, call 472-1100 ext. 4 or email [shois@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:shois@dingdarlingsociety.org). Entrants can pay by sending a check made out to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (P.O. Box 565, Sanibel, FL 33957) with a memo "for photo contest" or online at [tinyurl.com/dingdonations](http://tinyurl.com/dingdonations) with a note in "gift comments" noting the donation as photo contest fees.

There is a \$25 per person entry fee that provides you with a membership to the society and is used to defray the cost of the contest.

Only amateur (all ages) photographers are eligible to enter (may not possess a professional photographer tax identification number for the sale of photographs).

Photos must be taken at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and within two years of entry date.

Each person may enter up to two photos but is eligible to win only one award. One \$25 fee covers two entries per person.

Each photo must be a JPEG file of at least 3000 by 2400 or 4 megabytes (MB). Panoramic photos are not allowed.

Photos that have won awards in previous "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society photo contests may not be resubmitted.



First place went to Ellen Trevor of Sanibel in 2020 for her great egret portrait titled *Carry Out Lunch* photo provided

Judging will be anonymous. Do not put your name or anything that will identify you on your photograph.

Judging criteria:

- 1) Technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure)
- 2) Originality/creativity
- 3) Interest
- 4) Ability to be reproduced for publication

Only limited image modifications are permitted. Minor manipulation should be used only to produce a more natural looking photograph. Cropping is allowed but adding any elements not existing in the original scene will not be accepted. Judges, at their discretion, will disqualify any photos that appear to be manipulated beyond these guidelines. All photo files will become the property of DDWS. Photos may be used by DDWS in any way with appropriate credit to the photographer.

First, second, and third place winners and honorable mentions will be formally announced during the "Ding" Darling Day on Sunday, October 10. Cash prizes will be awarded: first place \$300, second place \$225, third place \$175, honorable mentions \$25.

There will be three judges: A refuge staff member, professional photographer and member of the Sanibel community.✱

will help reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus in the water which will in turn improve water quality in the Gulf of Mexico, San Carlos Bay, Pine Island Sound and the Sanibel River.

So far, state and federal governments have contributed \$4.13 million to the \$20 million project.✱

## View Hurricane Seminar Online

The City of Sanibel annual hurricane seminar, presented by the Sanibel Police Department, can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR52lf-MjK0>.

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

## Update On Wastewater Treatment Facility

by Wendy McMullen

The schedule for improvements to the Donax Wastewater Reclamation Facility is almost complete and should be in service by early next year, councilmembers were informed at the July 22 city council meeting.

The facility is the city's main wastewater treatment plant and the purpose of the improvements begun in 2016 is to meet the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's criteria for water reclaimed from the sewer system for public access reuse. The improvements

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Plant Smart

Frostweed

by Gerri Reaves

Frostweed (*Verbesina virginica*) is a short-lived native perennial of the aster family. Also called white crownbeard, it grows in open woods, shady forest edges and hammocks throughout the southeastern U.S. and part of the Midwest.

The showy flowers could be said to look “frosty,” but it’s the winged stems that give the plant its common name.

Fleshy wings, or flanges, run lengthwise on the hairy stems. During freezing weather, the stems exude water that freezes into curious shapes.

As the plant continues to draw moisture from the soil, the vapors also freeze and form cotton-candy-like formations.

The plant’s other cool common names include iceplant and iceweed.

In fact, the little ice sculptures themselves inspire many names, among them ice ribbons, ice flowers, ice fringes, ice fingers, ice filaments, ice leaves, frost beards and frost castles.

Frostweed grows four to seven feet high.

The dark green leaves of six to eight inches long are usually alternate.

Coarse in texture, they vary in shape, from lance-like to elliptical or ovate, and have pointed tips.

The edges are usually coarsely toothed and can have a ruffled



Native frostweed produces showy flowers that attract native butterflies and bees  
photos by Gerri Reaves

appearance. Larger leaves are lobed.

The stalked flowerheads of three to six inches across form a corymb, meaning that all the flowers are in one horizontal plane.

As is characteristic of many asters, it has both ray and disk flowers.

The oval ray florets are white, the tubular disk florets white and green.

The latter can appear blackish at the center because of the black anthers.



Wings, or flanges, run along the stems  
Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *A Gardener’s Guide to Florida’s Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, *Wildflowers of Florida Field Guide* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, <http://floranorthamerica.org>, [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org), and [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org).  
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### New Scope

and EnChroma glasses will help colorblind people experience our natural, colorful beauty and wildlife as a normal-vision person would, plus the scope is wheelchair-accessible. It’s a very exciting step for people with vision and mobility limitations.”

One in 12 men (eight percent) and one in 200 women (0.5 percent) are color-vision challenged; 13 million in the United States alone are born with the genetic deficiency. That means that out of the refuge’s nearly one million visitors annually, statistically, an estimated 42,500 are color blind.

While people with normal color vision see more than a million hues and shades of color, those with color vision deficiency only see an estimated 10 percent of color variations. As a result, their color spectrum is more limited, and their world view is duller and muted, while certain colors are difficult to differentiate from each other.

“Ding” Darling is at the forefront of public lands and cities that are bringing this new technology to change the outdoor experience for colorblind people. The refuge’s new scope is the first such public viewing scope in Florida and on any federal lands. Fewer than 20 other such scopes are available currently to the public throughout the nation.

In addition to the scope unveiling, the refuge will offer free admission to Wildlife Drive that day from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Wildlife on Wheels (WoW) mobile outreach classroom will be open for free touring at the observation tower.

Also in that time frame, refuge 2021 artist in residence Rachel Pierce will be doing a pop-up plein-air painting demonstration along the drive that illustrates 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 will have color-blind people on hand at the unveiling to try the scope and EnChroma glasses for the first time and share their reactions,” said Westland, who led the project to bring the scope and glasses to the refuge. “This follows on the heels of numerous accommodations – such as the observation tower’s accessible ramp, the lift at the visitor and education center, and wheelchair accessibility on Tarpon Bay Explorers tram tours – to make visitor services at the refuge available to the greater public. EnChroma’s donation of corrective eyeglasses will allow colorblind children and adults eventually to check them out for use on Wildlife Drive.”

For more information about Great American Outdoor Days, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety/articles/events](http://www.dingdarlingsociety/articles/events).

To support the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarling.society.org](http://www.dingdarling.society.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org)✧





Gigi, the Virginia opossum

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## Benefit For CROW Features Animal Ambassador

Members of the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will be at the Topsy Turtle Restaurant and Back Bar on Tuesday, August 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. for a family friendly night of dining in support of native and migratory wildlife.

The evening, themed Topsy 'Possum

night, will feature CROW's Animal Ambassador Gigi, the Virginia opossum. Gigi will be on hand to meet patrons while CROW's education staff shares facts and information about North America's only marsupial species. Topsy Turtle will donate 50 percent of food and beverage sales that evening to help wildlife recovering in CROW's hospital.

The "wild" nights at Topsy Turtle, located at 1223 Periwinkle Way, will continue to take place on the first Tuesday of each month. A different animal ambassador will be in attendance

for each event.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, CROW relies on donations from the community, funds raised through events, admission to its visitor education center and foundational grants to treat thousands of animals that are admitted to its hospital

each year.

The CROW Visitor Education Center is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The center is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).

## Community House Events

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 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



The Community House photo by Logan Hart

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 for purchase or to ship. Choose four out of 13 critters to assemble. Cost is \$20 per kit; shipping is \$8 additional.

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.

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# Match The Hatch



by Capt.  
Matt Mitchell

Over the past several months in the heat of the summer as always, our shiners disappear then slowly reappear as small hatch bait. At first, these millions

of fry baits are even too small to catch without Christmas-treeing a quarter-inch mesh cast net. Over the past few weeks, they have now reached a large enough size that they are finally fishable again. What this bait has lacked in size, it has made up for in sheer numbers with rafts of it found all through the bay. Filling your live well with this bait comes easy with a little chumming and a few casts of a small cast net.

Once your line is baited up, it's simply a matter of live chumming all your favorite places to catch fish. From the mangroves to the flats and even the passes, this fry bait gets everything fired up. With our water temperature hanging right at 87 degrees, it seems the fish are just looking for a small bait and not that big stuff. It's as easy as throwing a hooked shiner to the pops to catch a amazing variety of fish as we watch fish fire off on these baits when chummed.

Out on the flats around all the shoals, I've had great success chumming up trout, mackerel, small sharks and lots

of keeper-sized mangrove snapper. Chumming a half dozen or so baits every five minutes has the fish exploding on the surface. Downsizing my gear to 2,500 series reels spooled with 10-pound braid has made not only casting these small baits possible, but it also gives the clients some great battles on a mixed bag of fish. Also, downsize the leader to 20-pound test and tie on a 1/0 light wire hook and your in business.

While cleaning the dead baits out of the live well this week, we had wolf packs of big mangrove snapper swarming the free lunch on several spots out on the flats. To catch these fish, we would open the spool of the reel and feed the baits back at the same speed as the chum was moving. When the line started to peel off the spool, we closed the bail and wound tight to hook up. Limits of these tasty fish have come without much effort.

Mangrove fishing for snook has also been a great option on these smaller baits. The same process of live chumming a shoreline has quickly let you know if you have feeding fish there. Look for shorelines with moving tide, and when you see the fish blow up, move to that area. These same shorelines have also had jacks, a few redfish and more mangrove snapper.

As we often hear when it comes to fishing, "match the hatch" or basically fish with what is naturally there. This is proving to be the case. When nothing else will get it done in the hot water, these small baits do. With so much smaller baits just about everywhere, it's proving to be what all the fish are dialed



Big trout out on the flats have been around the fry bait too

photo provided

in on right now.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James

City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email [captmattmitchell@aol.com](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).✱

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CROW Case Of The Week:  
Chicken Turtle



by Bob Petcher  
The chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia*) is similar to the peninsula cooter, the red-bellied slider or the yellow-bellied slider. However, it is more of an uncommon freshwater turtle

found in the southeast of the United States.  
Many sources say that “chicken” in its name is a reference to the taste of its meat. Apparently, many years ago, they were known as a delicacy and commonly sold in southern markets.  
Chicken turtles have long, striped necks... so long that they have been known to extend their necks out to roughly 80 percent of the size of their shell. Due to this maneuver, chicken turtles have been affectionately called “American snake necks.”  
These omnivores eat fish, crayfish, insects and frogs as well as leafy greens. Their webbed feet allow them to be efficient swimmers. When they are not in water, these semi-aquatic reptiles will search for burrows for shelter.  
At CROW, an adult female chicken turtle was admitted from Sanibel after being found with trauma consistent with



Patient #21-3918 spends some time in a tub after undergoing surgery  
photo by Brittney Auchmuty

a vehicle strike. Upon initial examination, the turtle presented with a shell fracture and a fully healed amputated front limb. Veterinarians successfully performed surgery a day after intake to repair the shell fracture.  
“The top part of the shell, known as the carapace, was cracked from the back margin extending up towards the middle. It was contaminated with dirt and needed to be debrided and cleaned thoroughly prior to fixing or reducing the fracture back into its normal alignment,” said Dr. Robin Bast, CROW staff veterinarian.  
“Two small holes were placed on the edge of the shell, and sterile wire was passed through the holes and tightened to keep the pieces of the shell together. The surgery itself took less than 20 minutes. Including anesthesia recovery time, it took a little over an hour.”  
Reportedly, this is the turtle’s first visit to CROW. The patient’s amputated front limb was not a prior repair job that was performed at the Sanibel clinic.  
“No, the amputation was from some prior traumatic incident that occurred in the wild,” said Dr. Bast. “The skin

and soft tissue had healed around the remaining stump, and there were no signs of infection at that site. Since part of the leg remains, the turtle can still use it to ambulate and to dig as needed for nesting purposes.”  
After surgery, the turtle was placed in shallow water and, as her condition improved, she was then moved to a deeper tub. She will continue to receive supportive care and will remain under close monitoring for any changes.  
“Upon initial recovery from anesthesia, we gradually reintroduce water to protect the turtle’s airway. Once it was fully awake, it was able to be placed in a deeper tub,” said Dr. Bast. “The turtle was able to swim well in the deeper tub.”  
The chicken turtle will spend some time adjusting and healing before it is released back into the wild.  
“The turtle is currently receiving pain medication and antibiotics as the fracture heals over the next several weeks,” said Dr. Bast. “Healing is going as expected; with reptiles, everything takes longer. We anticipate this turtle will be able to be released in four to six weeks, once the fracture has healed.”  
CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



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## Shell Of The Week

## The Shiny Auger



by José H. Leal,  
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**H**astula  
augers  
have bullet-  
shaped shells with  
a pointed apex.

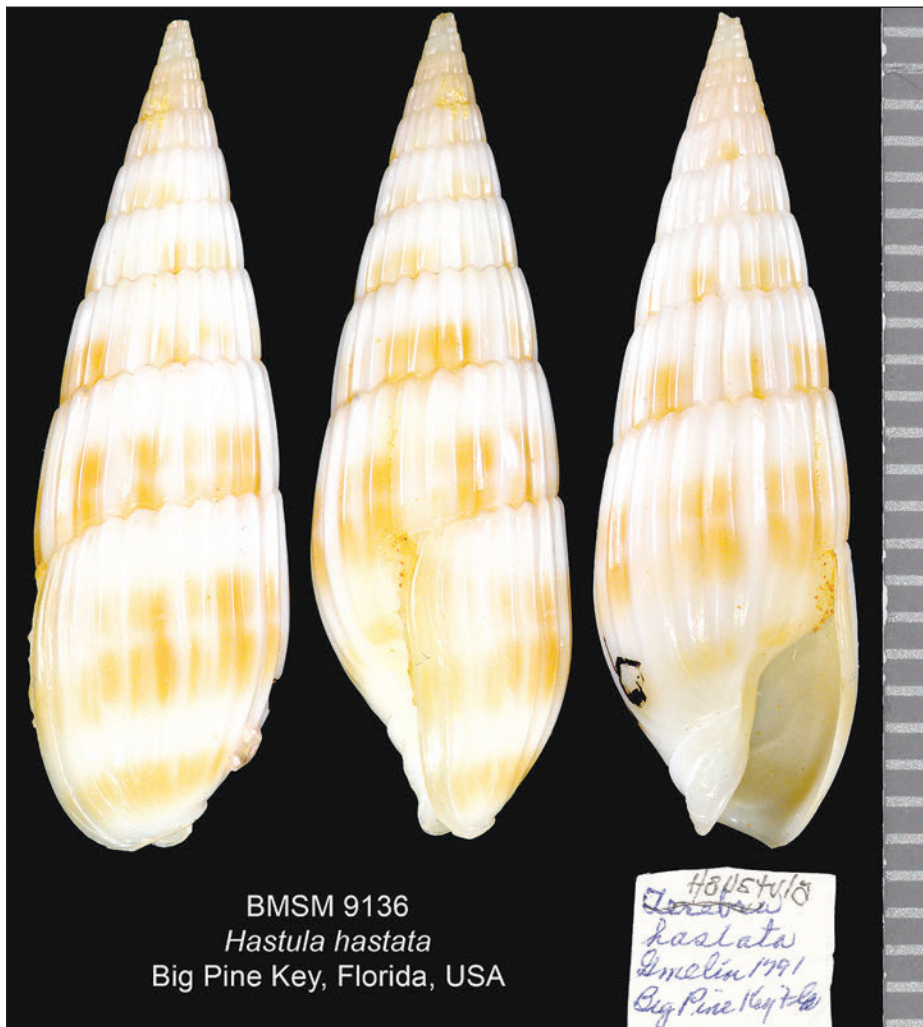
The Shiny Auger,

*Hastula hastata* (Gmelin, 1791), has a glossy shell surface associated with a sculpture of relatively faint axial ("vertical") ribs. Augers are found in the sand close to the water edge, in medium- to coarse-sand habitats, where they feed on marine worms. Read more about mollusks and their shells at [www.shell-museum.org/shell-guide](http://www.shell-museum.org/shell-guide) and [www.shell-museum.org/blog](http://www.shell-museum.org/blog).

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

Your gift helps ensure that our staff and animals remain healthy. To make a secure donation, visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 395-2233.✱



Shiny Auger, *Hastula hastata*, from Big Pine Key, Florida Keys

photo by James F. Kelly

## American Legion Post 123

**A**merican Legion Post 123 is having a fish and shrimp fry from noon to 8 p.m. this Sunday, August 1.

Barbecued chicken and ribs are on the menu for Sunday, August 8. 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. Locals and visitors are welcome to join in. Call ahead to play or stop by to hear the local entertainment.

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.✱



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Geoff Roepstorff and Mike Kirkland manning the check-in station photos provided

# Bank CEO Takes Part In Python Challenge

Edison National Bank CEO Geoff Roepstorff is a committed environmentalist. When not at his office at the bank, he can often be found hunting invasive pythons deep in the Everglades. Recently, Roepstorff assisted South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Project Manager Mike Kirkland at the check-in station for fellow python hunters participating in the 2021 Python Challenge.

The 2021 Python Challenge was held from July 9 to 18. Its goal is to remove invasive Burmese pythons from Florida's ecosystem. During the challenge, the Burmese pythons must be removed from participating areas and destroyed to be considered as valid entries in the competition. Participants registered in two categories; novice and professional. Competitors can earn prizes ranging up to the \$10,000 grand prize.

"It's great to see my fellow hunters participating in this competition, but there's a serious purpose that brings me to the Python Challenge," said Roepstorff. "As a lifelong Floridian, I want to help my state government to exercise stewardship over the Everglades and the native species in that habitat. This python elimination program is essential for protecting the native wildlife we cherish."

Gov. Ron DeSantis endorsed the program and encouraged those who want



Geoff Roepstorff holding a python he caught on July 17 in Southern Glades to take an active role in conservation to register.

"As part of my focus on restoring the Everglades, I've charged FWC (Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission) with dedicating more resources and taking innovative approaches to removing invasive Burmese pythons, which can grow to 20 feet in length, weigh up to 200 pounds and cause major damage to the ecosystem," Gov. DeSantis said in a news conference at the start of the challenge.

The FWC is expected to announce the winners in August. To learn more, visit [www.flpythonchallenge.org](http://www.flpythonchallenge.org).

# Mosquito Control On Sanibel

The Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) provides mosquito control for Sanibel. 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, contact 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.





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## CROW Calendar Of Events

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

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 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](mailto:reservations@crowclinic.org). Payment is required to complete reservation.

**Daily Presentation Schedule**  
**Friday, July 30, 11 a.m.,** Why Animals Come to CROW (Daily Presentation) – Do you wonder how and why animals become patients at CROW? Whether animals are sick, injured or orphaned, CROW aims to lead in their recovery. From fishing line entanglement to abducted babies, this presentation will address the most likely reasons patients

are admitted to the hospital.

**Monday, August 2, 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.

**Tuesday, August 3, 11 a.m.,** Turtles, Terrapins and Tortoises (Daily Presentation) – Is it a turtle, a terrapin, or a tortoise? They are all members of the Chelonian reptile family but convey distinct differences. This presentation discusses the distinctions between the three. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

**Wednesday, August 4, 11 a.m.,** Why Animals Come to CROW (Daily Presentation) – Do you wonder how and why animals become patients at CROW? Whether animals are sick, injured or orphaned, CROW aims to lead in their recovery. From fishing line entanglement to abducted babies, this presentation will address the most likely reasons patients are admitted to the hospital.

**Thursday, August 5, 11 a.m.,** All About Birds (Daily Presentation) – There are more than 9,000 species of birds around the world. From wading birds to raptors to songbirds, each are unique. This presentation discusses the

differences between birds and what makes them an important part of the animal kingdom. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.✱

## Record-Breaking Airport Traffic

During June, a record-breaking 839,377 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers. This was an increase of 253 percent compared to June 2020 and more than 43 percent above June 2019. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 49 percent compared to last year.

The traffic leader in June was Southwest Airlines with 200,194 total passengers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta (182,143), American (135,758), United (116,942) and Spirit (69,091).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 7,374 aircraft operations, an increase of 91 percent compared to June 2020. Page Field saw 11,134 operations, a 2.2 percent decrease compared to June 2020.

Southwest Florida International Airport served nearly six million passengers in 2020 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com) or [www.facebook.com/flyrsw](https://www.facebook.com/flyrsw).✱

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# 'Ding' Darling Day Is Moving To Lakes Park

To further its mission to reach and connect with underserved urban communities, the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is migrating its 33rd annual "Ding" Darling Day celebration to Lakes Park in Fort Myers on Sunday, October 10.

The refuge and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) have been keeping in sync with the Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership, a national refuge system-wide initiative to encourage community connection.

The Wildlife on Wheels (WoW) project was the first big step that refuge educators took toward spreading the word about conservation beyond refuge borders. Since December 2020, the mobile classroom has reached 5,620 students at local schools, 60 students at spring break camp at the Fort Myers YMCA, and 625 visitors while parked at the refuge. It continued its outreach this summer at three weeklong WoW day camps, where more than 300 children visited the classroom to learn about wildlife, habitat and the refuge.

WoW will be at the center of the free "Ding" Darling Day at Lakes Park. Besides tours of the classroom, the refuge and DDWS have planned a full day of activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Outdoor programs include



Wildlife on Wheels (WoW) tours, guided hikes and other family activities will introduce the greater community to the refuge on "Ding" Darling Day photo provided

games, nature crafts, guided walks and educational interactions with other local conservation organizations.

"We look forward to reinventing 'Ding' Darling Day to make that connection actually out in the community," said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland, who chairs the event's committee. "We're still ironing out details, but expect fun and enrichment for the entire family. Watch [dingdarlingdays.com](http://dingdarlingdays.com) for details as they unfold."

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service,

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and Tarpon BayExplorers co-sponsor "Ding" Darling Day with support from the local community and businesses.

DDWS seeks sponsors for the event, which will be publicized throughout the Southwest Florida area. Contact April Boehnen at [april@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:april@dingdarlingsociety.org) or 472-1100 ext. 4 for more information.

Sponsors to date include: Great Egret: Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille; Great Blue Heron: John

R. Wood Properties, Island Sun, Mitchell's SandCastles; Snowy Egret: Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation, Jensen's Twin Palm Cottages & Marina Resort, Sanibel Moorings Resort, Southern Snoballs, and Tarpon Bay Explorers.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 472-1100 ext. 4 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

## Amberjack And Triggerfish Seasons Reopen

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack and gray triggerfish will reopen in gulf state and federal waters on Sunday, August 1.

Greater amberjack is scheduled to remain open through October 31 in gulf state and federal waters. Gray triggerfish is scheduled to remain open through December 31 in gulf state and federal waters but an early quota closure is possible for either species.

If you plan to fish for amberjack or gray triggerfish anywhere in Florida state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler. Visit [www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/state-reef-fish-survey](http://www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/state-reef-fish-survey) to learn more.\*

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# What's Shaking At The Shack?



by Allison  
Havill Todd

Retirement isn't for everyone as Chuck and Lisa Whitman discovered upon realizing their lifelong dream of living on Sanibel Island. The couple, founders of The

Shack of Sanibel – Fresh Frozen Custard, had previously spent 25 years living in Fort Myers, with the vision of eventually making the island their home, when life threw them a curveball. Lisa was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in 2001, and they made the decision to move back to Ohio for the specialized treatment that was required.

This go-getter couple didn't sit on the sidelines; instead they started their own frozen custard business in Granville, Ohio in 2003. They weren't "newbies" to this type of business, however. Lisa's family had owned and operated several Dairy Queen locations while she was growing up, in which she was involved since the age of 12. Chuck's family had been in the distribution business selling products and equipment not only to Dairy Queens across the country but to other frozen dessert enterprises as well.

Having miraculously healed from her



Chuck and Lisa Whitman

brain cancer, the Whitmans were finally able to move to Sanibel in 2017, where they settled into a comfortable lifestyle raising their three children. But it wasn't long before boredom set in, and they decided to fulfill their long-lived desire of starting their own frozen custard business on the island. The Shack of Sanibel was a plan that took three years to come to fruition, finally opening this past May.

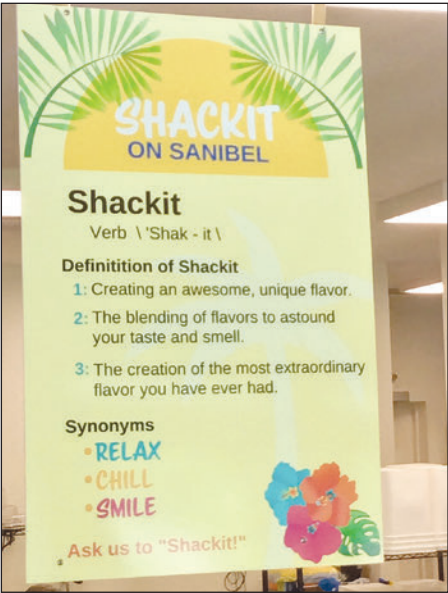
The Whitmans are passionate about sharing what makes their frozen dessert so different and unique. Chuck explained that, "It's all about the process and the products we use. Because our equipment uses less air in the creation of the custard,

the final result is fresh, frozen custard that is creamier and richer with fewer calories, fat, sodium and sugar – which are commonly used as fillers to create more flavor in mass-produced frozen dairy desserts." Lisa emphasized that "every single day, we start with fresh product; we never use leftovers from a previous day."

Having visited The Shack on a previous occasion, I was greeted by a friendly staff member who was offering free sample tastings of the flavor of the day for the customers standing in line. Their handwritten calendar notes the flavors of the day for the month and includes choices such as White Chocolate Raspberry Truffle, Pineapple Upside Down Cake and Snickerdoodle Cookie. The Whitmans explained that there are 360 flavor recipes from which patrons can choose, and customers are encouraged to invent their own unique custom frozen custard as noted on the creative "Shackit" sign displayed at the order counter.

For those who want to grab a delicious frozen treat to go, The Shack of Sanibel – Fresh Frozen Custard offers pint-sized containers of dozens of different delicious

photos provided



## Customers are invited to Shackit

flavors along with their signature Sand Dollars (homemade cookie sandwiches with a layer of frozen custard inside) in their takeout cooler.

Since the short time of its opening, this family operated business has received rave reviews for its high quality product and incredible customer service. Lisa emphasized that they go above and beyond to accommodate their customers' wishes and provide them with a great experience. Their future plans include adding more tables, music and outdoor games, along with other family friendly activities. For those wishing to "relax, chill, smile," stop by The Shack of Sanibel and "Shackit" in true island style!

The Shack of Sanibel – Fresh Frozen Custard is located at 1219 Periwinkle Way.

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 @thedoggie mom and facebook.com/thedoggie mom.\*

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Fish Caught



Jacob Velge photo provided

Jacob Velge, 16, of Tampa, Florida caught a blacktip shark in front of Junonia of Sanibel condominiums. Velge has been coming to Sanibel for 16 years to visit his grandparents, Steve and Cindy Rigby, from Plant City.✪

Shell Found



Peter Kiley and Mari Ingesson photo by Willow Peterson

Peter Kiley and Mari Ingesson of North Scituate, Rhode Island found a queen's helmet at Blind Pass Beach. Ingesson said, "We were very surprised to find a queen's helmet." Kiley and Ingesson were staying in Fort Myers.✪

Fish Caught



John Schmidt photo provided

John Schmidt of Sanibel caught a snook off the beach on July 22. He was using a Shimano 8000 rod rigged with 50-pound monofilament leader, 20-pound braided line and 4/0 circle hook, with a ladyfish as bait. Schmidt said, "The fish was safely released without harm immediately after the picture was taken."✪

City Hiring After School Youth Counselors

The City of Sanibel is hiring recreation aide/youth counselor staff for the Sanibel Recreation Center Youth Program. Shifts are Monday through Friday from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Sanibel and Cape Coral tolls paid. Training will be provided for CPR/AED/first aid and lifeguard certifications. Recreation aides who obtain lifeguard certification receive a pay increase to \$15 per hour. You must be age 17 or older, a current high school senior, high school graduate or have a GED. Six months of experience as a youth counselor in recreational programming is preferred but not required. Submit your application online at [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sanibel](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sanibel). For more information, contact Char Durand, recreation services supervisor, at [charlotte.durand@mysanibel.com](mailto:charlotte.durand@mysanibel.com) or call 472-0345. Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✪

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 1 egg, lightly beaten  
 2 cups panko (Japanese breadcrumbs)  
 Nonstick cooking spray Olive oil for drizzling  
 Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste  
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly spray a cookie sheet with the nonstick cooking spray. In a mixing bowl add the avocado slices and lime juice, season lightly with salt and pepper. Carefully toss avocados to coat. Remove seasoned avocado slices from bowl and coat them completely with the flour. Dip each flour coated avocado slice into



Panko Crusted Avocado Fingers

the beaten egg to coat. Coat each egg dipped avocado slice with panko. Place each evenly coated avocado slice on

the cookie sheet. Lightly drizzle olive oil onto the coated avocado slices. Place avocado slices into the preheated oven

and bake for about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with your favorite dipping sauce.\*

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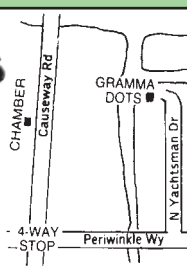
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## The Oat



by Chef Jarred Harris

Oats are a type of grass, grown and harvested for their edible seeds. Oats are one of the most important grain crops in the world. Oats originated in North Africa and Asia, where oats still grow wild today. Oats were one of the first cereals cultivated by ancient Chinese farmers around 12,000 BC and used as a food supplement. These ancient farmers began to farm wheat and barley, about 10,000 BC and considered oats a nuisance weed, better suited for animal feed.

Ancient Greeks were the first to turn oats into a porridge and use them for medicinal purposes as well as food. Porridge was used to treat infections and stomach disorders. The Ancient Romans considered oats to be diseased wheat and better suited for animals, not for human consumption.

Oats were introduced to North

America with other grains by Scottish settlers in 1602 and had a variety of uses including roof thatching, animal feed and the production of beer, ale and whiskey.

Oats were officially recognized as a health food around the mid 1980s and became popular for medicinal purposes. Oats have been used to protect against certain cancers, to stabilize blood sugar in diabetics, soothe skin conditions and to treat heart disease by lowering cholesterol. Oats act like tiny sponges, soaking up cholesterol and carrying it out of the bloodstream.

Oats are high in protein and rich in soluble fiber, folic acid, calcium, zinc, iron, manganese, vitamins B1 and E.

Here is a simple recipe to try:

**Oatmeal Cookies****Ingredients**

1 ¼ cups rolled oats  
¼ cup gluten free flour  
2 ½ tbsp. ground flaxseed  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
½ tsp. ground nutmeg  
⅛ tsp. ground cloves  
¼ tsp. salt  
3 tbsp. coconut oil  
¼ cup unsalted, natural peanut butter  
½ cup coconut sugar  
¼ cup maple syrup  
1 tsp. vanilla  
**Method**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together all the dry ingredients.

In a separate bowl, whisk together all the wet ingredients.

Pour the wet mixture over the dry

mixture. Using a rubber spatula, stir and fold until well mixed.

Using a scoop, drop the cookie dough balls onto the prepared baking sheet – spaced evenly apart. Using a fork, flatten cookies about halfway. Cookies will spread during baking.

Bake for 10-15 minutes and remove from the oven and place on a cooling rack.

## Poetry Corner



by Clay C. Ewell

**FOREVER**

First moments, then hours then days, then months and years.  
They each follow behind us, carrying with them the thoughts  
And dreams, the promises kept and those forsaken, wishes  
fulfilled  
While others are lost, all woven into the fabric of a life shared.

We visit with this dream-like companion and it comforts and  
haunts us  
And invites us to gaze more deeply into the mirror of our eyes  
Seeking to know that one essential thing upon which all else

resides

That which accepts the roots that cling to the earth, as the storm rages.

And we see in that reflected image another and another beyond, receding into the  
past and we know the truth that the heart so willingly reveals when we can see.  
The truth of a shared destiny through the ages and the hope and faith carried within  
its womb, that anticipates unfolding tomorrows in the glimmering moment of today

*Clay C. Ewell resides on Captiva with his wife and four-legged family. Self-employed as a consultant in the construction industry for 35 years, he flirts with retirement while enjoying time with Rita and pursuing his interests in reading, writing and cycling. Your comments and contributions to this feature are welcome at [press@islandsunnews.com](mailto:press@islandsunnews.com).*

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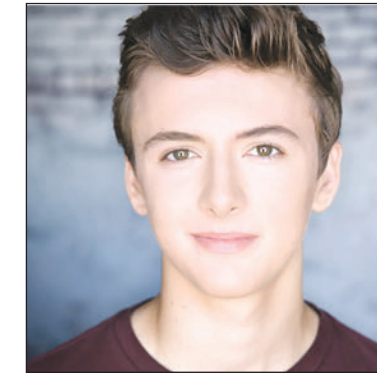
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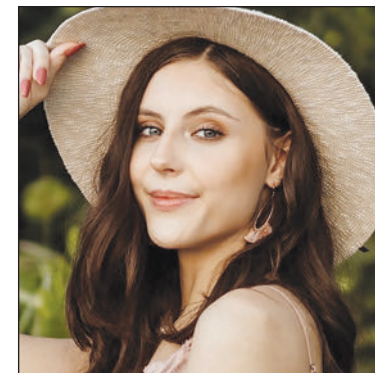
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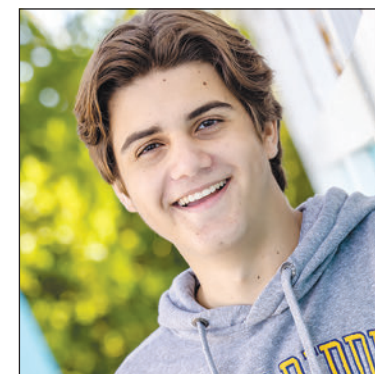
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Book Review

The Last Thing He Told Me



by Di Saggau  
**T**he Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave, is a gripping mystery about a woman who is sure she's found the love of her life, until he disappears. Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note

to his wife Hannah, his wife of one year. It simply says: "Protect her." Hannah knows he is referring to his 16-year-old daughter Bailey who lost her mother tragically as a child. The problem is, Bailey wants nothing to do with her new stepmother. Hannah's calls to Owen go unanswered. In the meantime, the FBI arrests Owen's boss, and a U.S. Marshal and federal agents arrive at her home asking questions. Hannah realizes that Owen isn't who he said he was. In fact, she discovers that Owen Michaels never existed. She doesn't even know her husband's real name. The relationship between Hannah and Bailey, and watching their relationship evolve from awkward rapport into a genuine bond, is what keeps us interested.  
We learn that Owen Michaels was about to be arrested for securities fraud when he vanished. But there is so much

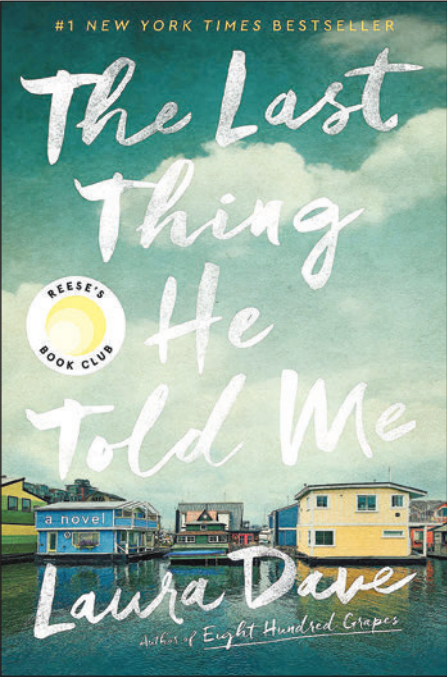


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more to the story. As Hannah and Bailey start putting together Owen's past life, they start building a new future between them. The Last Thing He Told Me is a suspenseful mystery with a shocking finale. The pacing and plot twists are unique. Author Riley Sager summed things up well by saying, "With dizzying suspense and gorgeous prose, The Last Thing He Told Me tackles tough questions about trust, marriage and what it means to be a family. A page-turner of the highest order."☆☆

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP  
**D**ear Readers, We are continuing the topic of School Readiness with some information on both fine and gross motor skills. These motor skills, while not discussed nearly as much as academic ones, are also important to the academic success and happiness for a kindergarten student.

When discussing fine motor skills we know that by ages 4 to 5, most children can cut across a piece of paper with child-sized scissors, draw or copy vertical lines and a complete circle, and use a fork/spoon correctly. Fine motor skills, which are used in holding and using writing and eating utensils properly, may develop a bit later in some children.  
The following are the fine motor skills that are generally expected from a school ready child:  
Child is able to copy simple shapes and designs;  
Able to cut with scissors;  
Child has hand preference established;  
Child is able to dress self with little assistance;  
Child is able to feed self with a fork and spoon; and  
Child displays an appropriate pencil grasp or is capable of learning.  
There are stages of development for a correct pencil grasp. First, we see toddlers using a fist grasp when they first attempt to write with a crayon. If you look carefully at them, you will see that they are actually moving from the shoulder to move the crayon across the paper. The next stage is a palmar grasp where you see the pencil lies across the palm of the hand, and your child's elbow is held out to the side a bit. Children then move to a five-fingered grasp to hold a writing

utensil and then finally, typically, at age 5 to 6, they will be able to utilize a standard three-fingered or tripod grasp. Their body movement at this point goes from the shoulders and arms to the wrist and finally the fingers, which at ages 5 to 6, are strong enough to hold the writing utensil correctly and without tiring easily.  
You may see your child switching between pencil grasps. As the shoulder and arm muscles become stronger and steadier, your child should switch less and less.  
Good control of the pencil for handwriting will only come as the finger muscles become more skilled. Some children will need more activity to develop their shoulder, core and finger muscles.  
Some activities to help develop the shoulder muscles include climbing, pulling up and pushing movements. A jungle gym or climbing structure is a great place for kids to exercise their muscles.  
To develop the fine motor and finger strength to grasp and write correctly, work with play dough by rolling it, pinching it, pounding it to make a variety of shaped items and all the while giving the hands and fingers a great workout. Other activities to help develop hand and finger strength are using a hole punch and stapler, cooking projects, especially with batter or dough, playing with construction tools (hammer, saw, etc. at child's developmental level), playing with pop beads, clothespins, large tongs, stress balls and squeaky toys, buttoning and snapping.  
Even though these activities look like play, they will benefit your child immensely. Play is actually how children work and learn and is the best way for them to develop.  
Shelley Gregg 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.☆☆

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# Shell Point Named Certified Wildlife Habitat

Shell Point Retirement Community has been designated by the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. By employing sustainable practices and offering wildlife opportunities for natural sources of food, water for drinking and bathing, cover from weather and predators, and places to raise young, Shell Point satisfied the essential elements required to earn the wildlife habitat distinction.

“Residents and staff alike appreciate the great beauty that surrounds Shell Point,” said Adam Hinds, vice president of operations at Shell Point. “Achieving this designation reflects our commitment to honoring the wildlife who also call Shell Point home.”

Located on the Caloosahatchee, Shell Point is surrounded by mangroves, trees and lakes that attract numerous wildlife, including a variety of birds, otters, turtles, dolphin, manatee and fish.

“The natural setting of Shell Point’s 700-acre campus is a welcoming habitat for a robust wildlife population,” said Steve Morton, Shell Point’s director of landscape operations. “We were named a Certified Wildlife Habitat because of our conscientious planning and sustainable approach to landscaping, with plenty of native plants and planted



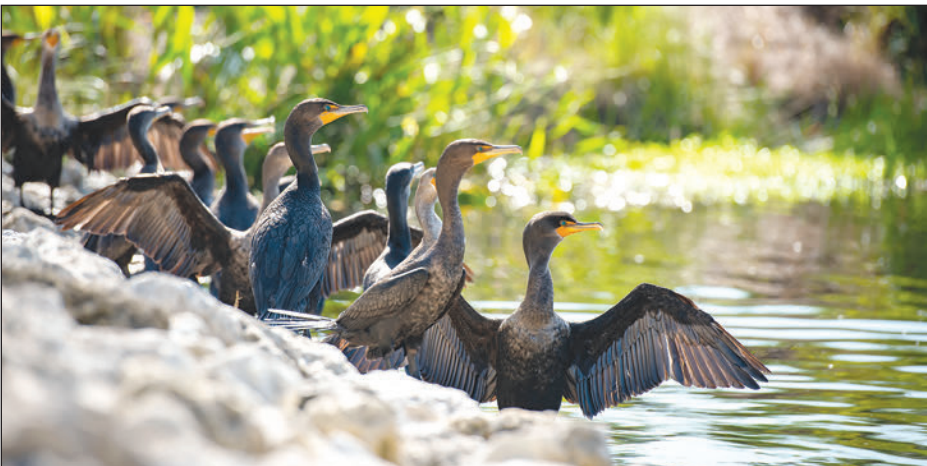
The Certified Wildlife Habitat sign near the wetlands photos provided

littorals along our water areas.”

A sign commemorating Shell Point’s status as a Certified Wildlife Habitat was placed near the wetlands area across from Tribby Arts Center, Shell Point’s new state-of-the-art visual and performing arts facility designed to nurture the creative spirit and the engaged minds of the community’s residents. Additional lifestyle amenities include a championship 18-hole golf course with clubhouse, free boat docks with deep-water access to the Gulf of Mexico, and miles of scenic walking and biking trails. For more information, visit [www.shellpoint.org](http://www.shellpoint.org).✧



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From left, Sam Ankerson, Dr. José H. Leal and Rebecca Mensch photo provided

# Shell Museum Staff Attends Convention

Several staff members from the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum participated in the 2021 Conchologists of America (COA) Convention in Melbourne, Florida recently. COA, a leading international organization dedicated to the scientific

study of shells, has long had a close connection with the shell museum, and with the islands, holding its 2019 convention on Captiva and counting many local residents as members and volunteer leaders. Rebecca Mensch, senior marine biologist, gave a talk that recapped the last several years of renovations at the museum. Her presentation began with a brief history of the facility and animal programs in 2018, followed by an overview of the reconstruction of the

facility and installation of new marine life exhibits in 2019 and 2020. The talk culminated with an overview of the new Beyond Shells: Living Gallery exhibit and current practices of animal care for the mollusk inhabitants in aquariums. Dr. José H. Leal, science director & curator, also attended. Leal is the immediate past president of the COA board of directors and longtime member of the organization's leadership. "COA organizers are to be congratulated on an impressive educational gathering," said Leal. "It was important and encouraging for so many members of our field to meet again in person."

Sam Ankerson, executive director, was also in attendance. "My first time experiencing COA provided a wealth of knowledge and an introduction to a wide range of academics, amateur experts and commercial dealers from throughout the U.S. This is an event where the most current issues of the field are brought to light and discussed, and fitting for the museum's scientists to play key roles," Ankerson said. Next year's convention will held in Galveston, Texas. For more information on the museum, visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org) or call 395-2233.\*


# Attorney Signs On As Silver Sponsor Of FISH 10K Race

The Law Office of Janet Strickland, PA has committed to a silver sponsorship of the 10K Race 4 FISH. Strickland has been active in the Sanibel community since opening her law office in August 2010. "Sanibel has some of the best organizations, making it a terrific place to live and work," said Strickland. "I support FISH because of all the wonderful services they provide to the people who work or live on Sanibel and Captiva." Strickland is an active member of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and has served on the BIG ARTS board of directors since 2014. "We are delighted to have Janet as a race sponsor," said Nicole McHale, race committee co-chair. "She is a vital part of our community who is dedicated



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to the success of island residents and workers." The 10K race attracts hundreds of runners nationally and internationally, and is in its 13th year. The in-person date is set for Saturday, October 23 at The Community House. A virtual option is also offered where runners can participate any time from their date of registration through October 23. To register, visit <https://www.ftmyerstrackclub.com>. For more information on FISH programs and services, contact Alicia Tighe Orgera, executive director, at 472-4775 or visit [www.fishofsancap.org](http://www.fishofsancap.org). For more information on the 10K race or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Nicole McHale at [noel2me@icloud.com](mailto:noel2me@icloud.com) or Diane Cortese at [dianerc10@gmail.com](mailto:dianerc10@gmail.com).\*




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The chamber business lunch is a monthly networking opportunity held at member locations. Sanibel-Captiva chamber members will receive meeting invitations by email. Cost for luncheon is \$30 for chamber members only. Advance registration is required; walk-ins are not accepted. Register by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 6 at [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org) or by calling 472-8255. Payment is due at time of registration.\*



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## Games, Games And More Games At Sanibel Library

Sanibel Public Library is now loaning video games like Minecraft, Forza Horizon 4, and Spider-Man for Xbox or PlayStation. Anyone with a Sanibel Public Library card can borrow games for one week at a time, with the potential for up to two renewals, if another person does not place a hold on the game. More than 25 games are offered to take home. Teens can also come into the library to play on the Xbox Series S.

Patrons can borrow all kinds of things like cooking kits, birdwatching kits or mobile WiFi hotspots. Loaning video games is the latest pilot project funded in part by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation. The library is now also loaning new Lego kits for cardholders ages 12 and older. Build skyscrapers of New York City, London Tower Bridge, Brandenburg Gate or Tokyo Skytree with Legos.

Sanibel Public Library Summer Reading programming is offered online with Take and Make activities available to pick up at the library. Families are asked to finish logging summer reading hours by Saturday, August 7. More than 300 children, ages baby to teen, have signed up this summer, logging over 109,562 minutes of reading. There's still time to sign up, but the choice of books (for your home library) is limited.

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

Sanibel-Captiva Art League members have 25 original works on display in the Home Sweet Home exhibit, which runs through September.

Jane Werner's extensive collection of dolls from around the world is on display from now through the end of August. Look for the dolls in the display case near the glass elevator.

The library is seeking stories, photos and videos of people and places of



Ethan Lian with his reading certificate

Sanibel and Captiva for the archive. The digital archives are now online. With over 2,000 items, this 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](http://www.sanlib.org).

The library is also looking for 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. For contact-free pickup, materials can be placed on hold and picked up on weekdays from noon to 3 p.m.

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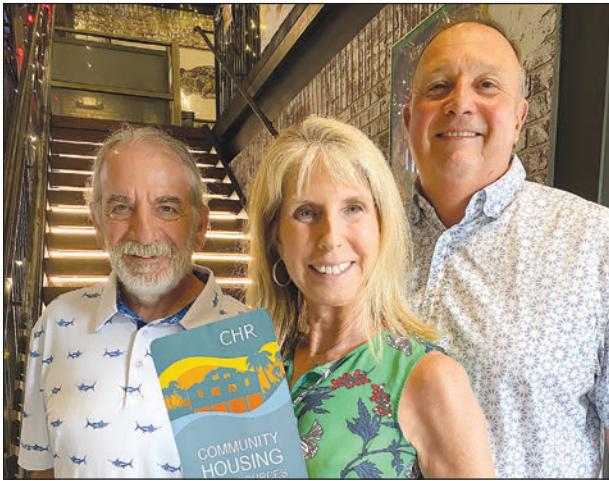


# Highlights From CHR Give Back Wednesday At MudBugs Cajun Kitchen



Carmella Dandino of MudBugs

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From left, Dan Wexler and Arlene Dillon with Chris Kelly



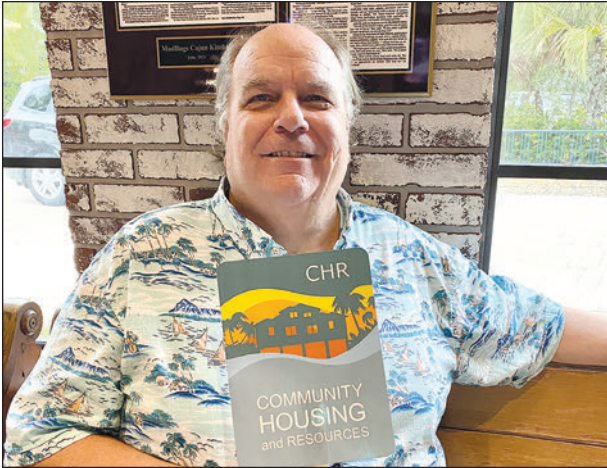
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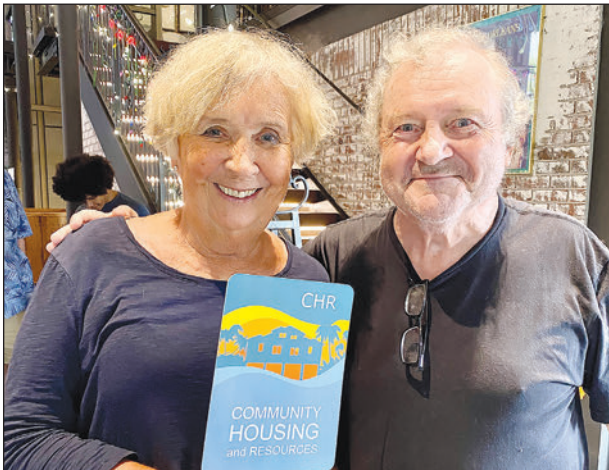
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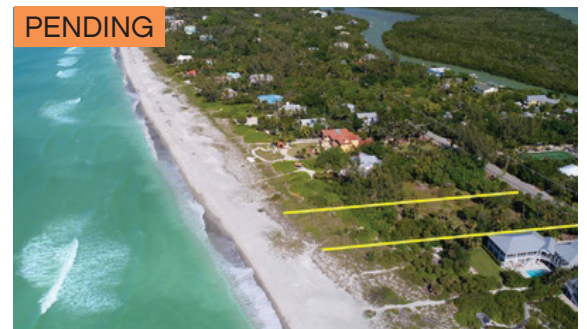


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# Rotary Happenings

submitted by Cindy Carter

When a health crisis affects a family, it affects more than just the health of an individual. It has a huge financial impact on the family as well.



Kevin Dolan, CEO of the Cancer Alliance of Naples (CAN), shared with Rotary the history of the organization and how its “Neighbors helping Neighbors” philosophy helps those in our immediate area. Clients in need who are actively receiving treatment are referred by various oncology centers, hospitals and cancer navigators. CAN conducts a thorough financial background check and when approved, individuals receive financial assistance in the form of rent/mortgage payments, car payments, food or gas cards, utility payments and transportation assistance by one of CAN’s five staff members. Approximately 30 families are assisted at any one time within Collier County.

KIDS CARE is a high school group formed by CAN to help students gain community service hours while assisting other children affected by cancer. The group teaches leadership skills and hosts fundraisers for scholarships chosen by their own board of directors, awarded to children affected by cancer. Over



Kevin Dolan photo provided

\$175,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

Dolan asked the Rotary club to share the CAN message throughout Lee County so they will be able to assist as many families as possible who have been financially impacted by cancer.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club is holding meetings on Zoom and in person at The Community House. Doors open at 7 a.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. Email [william.harkey@gmail.com](mailto:william.harkey@gmail.com) by the Tuesday before the meeting if you would like to attend in person. For more information, visit [www.sanibelrotary.org](http://www.sanibelrotary.org).

# Bill Signed To Honor Longtime Poll Worker

Laura Wooten’s Law, named for longtime Sanibel resident Yvonne Hill’s mother, Laura Wooten, was signed in to law by New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy on July 23.

The legislation (S854) requires civic instruction at the middle school level. Under the bill, each New Jersey board of education is required to provide a course of study about the values and principles underlying the American system of constitutional democracy, the function and limitations of government, and the role of a citizen in a democratic society.

The bill known as Laura Wooten’s Law is in honor of the longest continuously serving poll worker in American history. Wooten worked the election polls in New Jersey for 79 years, never missing a year since 1939.

“My mother would be so honored to know that a bill was passed recognizing her legacy of civic responsibility,” said Hill. “She always felt that the youth should be involved in exercising the hard-fought



Laura Wooten photo provided

right to vote and help make change.” Her famous words were, “Don’t say you can’t make a difference. How can you make a difference if you don’t vote?”

Wooten passed away in 2019 at the age of 98. To carry on her legacy, Hill works the polls on Sanibel wearing a picture of her mother.\*

## Superior Interiors

# Planning For A Multigenerational Home Change

by Katie Frederick



It wasn’t that long ago that it was not unusual for grandma and grandpa to live in the lower flat, and one of their adult children to live in the upper flat with his/her young family.

Three generations in one building. Or consider that farm family with the patriarch/matriarch living in one home and second and third generations living in other homes on the same property.

The lifestyle is returning today in the form of multigenerational homes, also known as multi-gen or next-gen homes. Do an Internet search on any of those terms and you will find a wealth of ideas related to the concept. With many 25- to 35-year-olds not moving out and increasing numbers of boomers over age 65, that leaves the 40- to 60-year-olds providing for multiple generations under one roof.

It is estimated that 64 million Americans live in multigenerational homes for reasons of practicality, affordability, quality time with family.

It is practical because when needed, there are additional caregivers either for the older or the younger. It can provide an alternative to assisted living for aging parents. It can provide an alternative to daycare or after-school care for children. It’s affordable because it allows the sharing of expenses and maintenance. If you’re

building, it can be less costly to build one structure than two, or to purchase one lot instead of two.

Fostering better family ties, building more memories for children and having a greater commitment to caregiving are just some of the relational benefits gained in a multigenerational home.

While some may wonder about privacy or separate entrances, there are an ample variety of floor plans that give a wide range of choices. Some are as simple as having a parents’ suite. More elaborate plans are multi-level or even two houses on one lot.

A good way to start the planning would be to gather everyone around the table, or on a Zoom call, and talk about what’s most important for your family. Listening to every family member and respecting everyone’s needs and preferences for multigenerational living will guarantee harmony in your new home.

Another step is to consult with a knowledgeable design professional when you are still discussing layouts. The interior design community has developed special expertise for those seeking accommodations for aging in place. There are a multitude of design factors to be considered: the size of doorways; bathroom accessibility; the height of outlets; windows; shelving; and other items; the use of motorization on window treatments; and some seating.

Whether you are planning new construction or adapting a current structure, doing ample research and working with a design professional can help you have more confidence. You’ll want your new spaces to be long-lasting, functional for changing lifestyles and ages, and so enjoyable that your home is a constant reminder of the good choices you made.

Katie Frederick is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at [katie@coindceden.com](mailto:katie@coindceden.com).\*

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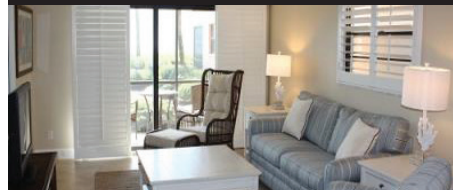
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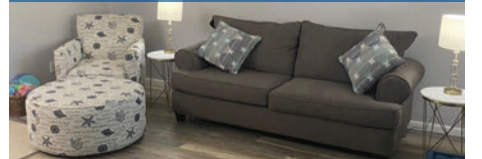
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# When Mom Suffers From Dementia



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

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) more than seven million American adults suffer from dementia. That figure may double in the next 10 years. While modern medicine keeps us alive longer, it has not yet discovered a cure for the deterioration of our mental faculties.

Many retirees who reside in Florida are not near family members, who may live in the Northeast or Midwest. They are therefore more vulnerable to scam artists and others who prey on the elderly.

About two or three times a month, my office receives a call from an adult child of one of our clients, expressing concern about a parent's cognitive decline. The child will typically request a copy of a durable power of attorney, or of the client's revocable trust to examine what must happen so that they can assist their mother or father with legal and financial affairs.

My office typically helps with that process. In today's column, I'm going to outline some ideas you may want to consider when combatting legal and financial issues that arise when one suffers from mental decline.

First, it is imperative that my client execute a release from confidentiality so I, and members of my staff, may interact and share information with loved ones. This might include a spouse, adult children, or others. Without such a release, the Florida Bar Rules of Professional Conduct prohibit my law firm from sharing confidential information, which includes most, if not all, of a client's file.

Some clients are reluctant to waive confidentiality to a limited group, even their children. In that case, I advise them to provide copies of important documents like the durable power of attorney, healthcare surrogate and living will to their loved ones. Otherwise, they wouldn't know that the documents even exist or what powers and direction they convey.

Second, it is also important to share financial information. Where are the accounts? Whose name is on them? If the account is in the name of a trust, where is the trust document? Who is the successor trustee if the client can no longer act?

Financial information is perhaps the most delicate for clients to share with their adult children. While some families are very open, others remain tight lipped. There could be valid reason for nondisclosure, but if there isn't, then perhaps once one

retires, he might consider sharing, at a minimum, who his financial advisor is and how to get in touch with him.

As E-Trade, Vanguard, Schwab, Fidelity and other low-cost platforms proliferate, many clients don't engage a personal financial advisor. These clients are perhaps the most vulnerable when cognitive ability declines. Yes, low-cost platforms are less expensive than a typical financial advisor, but at what cost? When a client loses the capability to manage his own portfolio, will inaction lead to major loss?

Finally, I'll leave you with a true story. Several years ago, a client's son came to visit me, concerned about his father, who was suffering from Alzheimer's. The client's wife died some time ago, she was the mother of their children, but the client had entered into a new relationship with a woman the children were suspicious of. She professed great love for the client. He wanted to transfer his home and several financial accounts to her.

The son told me he didn't want to appear to protect his inheritance, but instead, the son was worried that his father wasn't truly aware of the consequences of what he was doing, as he needed the money for his growing care needs.

We investigated the woman, and found out that she had eight prior marriages, all to men with Alzheimer's!

Even if our client were removed as his own trustee, since he wasn't yet adjudicated incompetent, he still had the power to transfer accounts, homes or even marry the woman, which would have resulted in her acquiring up to half of his assets at his death unless she signed a nuptial agreement.

The danger instituting an action – most likely a guardianship action – is that the individual has lucid moments during the hearing and the judge denies the order. The individual might then take vengeance against the family members who were just trying to protect him.

Here, it's very important to have a "preneed guardian" document in the file. This document names who the client wants to be his legal guardian if he is adjudicated incompetent. Otherwise, the person trying to take advantage may obtain those legal rights.

Planning for incompetency hopefully occurs well before the client is in any danger of becoming mentally impaired. Today's short column stresses the importance of getting your affairs in order, and having important conversations with your legal, tax and financial advisors, as well as your loved ones.

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## How's The Market? Ask Ann

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Buyers in today's market who want to buy a home or condo on Sanibel are dealing with conflicting thoughts on how to proceed. Buyer #1: "The selection of properties is very limited, so should I act quickly and possibly find myself in a bidding war to be successful? If I wait for a more "normal" market, will the market prices increase by another 10%?" Hard to predict the future isn't it? My advice would be to make an offer that you feel good about on the property that fits your needs. Personally, I don't see prices going down over the next year. Let's look at Buyer #2: They are deciding to "pause," because they don't like the idea of having to bid on a property and be disappointed if they don't succeed. I completely understand this emotion. If enough buyers "pause," this may have an effect on how prices increase in the future. Remind me to revisit these competing strategies in 18 months from now to determine who is right. I'd like your opinion. Let me know.

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RE/MAX of the Islands recently held its first in-person sales meeting since 2019. At the meeting, broker/owner of the company, Art Corace, distributed the 2020 RE/MAX International awards to the following sales associates for their achievements:

Steve Fisher received recognition for his 30th anniversary with the company; Sheila Hammons received recognition for her 10th anniversary with the company; Deb Stone was inducted into the RE/MAX International Hall of Fame; and Chuck Andrews was honored as Chairman's Club Team Leader.

Kimberley Andrews was recognized as a Platinum Club Team Member; Julie Potts as 100% Club Team Member; Steve Fisher as a 100% Club Team Leader; Maxine Fisher as a 100% Team Member; Chuck Bergstrom as a 100% Club Member; John Hunt as a 100% Club Member; Chip Wolfe as a 100% Club Member; Les Pendelton as an Executive Club Member; and Sue Plein as an Executive Club Member.

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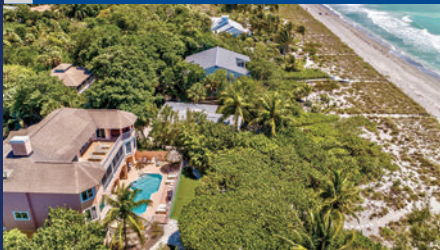


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Frankly Speaking



by Howard Prager  
First a quick  
goodbye. Not  
surprisingly,  
Nelson Cruz was  
traded last week by  
the Twins for two  
starting pitchers on  
Tampa Bay's Triple  
A team. Otherwise,  
I suspect as you  
read this you'll hear

of far more trades as the deadline rapidly approaches this week.  
Now for Giannis Antetokounmpo, a true superstar at 26 years old and rags to riches story with information from Wikipedia and other sources. Born in Greece to Nigerian parents who had a hard time finding work. Giannis and his brothers helped by selling good on the street. He didn't even pick up a basketball until he was a teenager. He played in a semi-pro league in Greece in 2011 and 2012, and was drafted in 2013 as the 15th by the Milwaukee Bucks. The following year, he was a rising star at the NBA All-Star Game and continued to improve his skills. In 2016-17, he became the first player in NBA history to finish a regular season in the top 20 in all five statistics of total points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks. He received the Most Improved Player award in 2017. Antetokounmpo has received five All-Star selections and won back-to-back NBA

Most Valuable Player awards in 2019 and 2020, joining Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and LeBron James as the only players in NBA history to win two MVPs before turning 26. Along with his MVP, he was named the NBA Defensive Player of the Year in 2020, becoming only the third player after Michael Jordan and Hakeem Olajuwon to win both awards in the same season. But the Bucks couldn't break through in the playoffs. He received support from 2021 Dream Team members Jew Holiday and Khris Middleton. In winning the Finals, the Bucks had many other superb role players and came back twice during the playoffs from an 0-2 deficit to win those series, including the NBA Finals. Antetokounmpo has a kid-like nature much like Shaq. The day after winning the Finals, Antetokounmpo ordered chicken nuggets and, in honor of his scoring 50 points, he asked for 50 nuggets, specifically saying not 49 or 51, exactly 50. He's very approachable to fans and supportive of Milwaukee. Let's hope we see plenty more from him.  
Now to a more "regular" athlete, my daughter Hillary, who competed in her second Ironman in Ohio this past weekend. Believe me, there's nothing regular about how triathletes train, prepare and compete. She got to Columbus two days early to mentally prepare, going on an all-liquid protein and carb diet the day before, and then starting the day when we left at 4:30 a.m., so she could make sure everything was set for her transitions. Getting to this point takes lots of preparation, training and mental

attitude to keep up for six hours or more. She started strong with a good 1.2-mile swim and excellent 56-mile cycle, on track to take 40 minutes off her previous time, seemingly crushing her personal record. But it was not to be for her and many others. The blazing sun and scorching temperatures popped up just as soon as she and thousands of others completed the cycle and started the run. According to Hillary, even some of the most fit athletes ended up walking uphill during the run and then scampering down. As she said to me, "I've trained way beyond the miles needed, but nothing prepared me for a brutal sun that sapped the energy out of every athlete." An interesting perspective many of us don't take into account in the training many athletes do.  
Which is what we've seen in the Olympics with temperatures in Japan for beach volleyball reaching 113 degrees in the sand. That's ridiculously hot. No matter how well-trained and prepared you are, you don't practice in a sauna. And the games are on. Despite no fans, it has been fun to watch.  
Let me tie in the last two stories for our good news story of the day. Geneva, Illinois native Kevin McDowell finished sixth in the men's triathlon, marking the best finish by an American since the event was added to the Olympics in 2000. The 29-year-old, who was one of three American men to qualify for the race, is a seven-time World Triathlon Cup medalist and the 2017 USA Triathlon Elite national champion. This all started when Kevin was age 9 and decided he wanted to be

a tri-athlete. His parents said no, wanting him to try traditional sports. He had to convince his parents when he was 10 that this was his passion and did. He won youth category championships until 2011, when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. "My whole world was upside down where I was actually - instead of focusing on trying to win the world title - I was fighting for my life to beat cancer," McDowell told NBC Chicago prior to Monday's race.  
McDowell spent six months in chemotherapy and was eventually declared cancer-free. But he told NBC Chicago that it was years before he felt ready to compete again at a high level. "My family was like 'give it one more go for 2019, then you can walk away if it's not going to work out', and boy am I glad they said that." McDowell told Team USA on Monday that it was Kemper - the man whose performance he bested - who inspired him after his cancer diagnosis. "Hunter was definitely an inspiration to me through all of this," McDowell said. "He's one who took me under his wing when I had some really tough years returning after cancer."  
Yahoo Sports said it best. McDowell may not have medaled on Monday. But he'll come home from Tokyo with a big win regardless.  
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@islandnews.com](mailto:press@islandnews.com).✧

Motorcycle Ride To Benefit ACT



The ride will conclude with a Biker's Brunch at Keylime Bistro photo provided

Motorcyclists across the state are invited to join the 28-mile trip around Lee County to raise funds for Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) in honor of David Barbur. Barbur was a former Sunrise Rotary Club member and ACT board member who led a remarkable life of service in the Fort Myers community.  
The ACT Motorcycle Ride will be held on Sunday, August 15 to raise funds to help ACT continue its mission of

providing services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and their children, and survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. The ride is \$30 per person and \$20 per passenger.  
This year's event sponsors include Goldberg Noone Abraham, Stu's Motorcycles and Keylime Bistro.  
"ACT is so appreciative to work with Goldberg Noone Abraham, Stu's Motorcycles and Keylime Bistro to raise so much needed funds for our agency," said Jennifer L. Benton, chief executive officer with ACT. "We hope to raise at least \$5,000. The motorcycle ride will begin with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. and "kickstands up" at 9:30 a.m. at Stu's Motorcycles, located at 14607 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers. It will end at Keylime Bistro, located at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva.  
For more information, visit [www.actabuse.com/event/annual-david-barbur-bikers-brunch](http://www.actabuse.com/event/annual-david-barbur-bikers-brunch) or contact Benton at 939-2553.✧

Lee Clerk To Hold Career Fair

The Lee County Clerk of Court is hosting a three-hour, in-person career fair on Thursday, August 5 beginning at 3 p.m. in the east administration building.  
There are 20 positions to be filled with career opportunities in several areas of the organization, including

courts, information technology, tourist tax, minutes and communications. Participants will have the ability to speak with hiring managers and learn about the office's benefits.  
"If you want a rewarding career with an organization that helps you grow and advance, the Lee Clerk of Courts is where you want to work," said Lee County Clerk of the Court Linda Doggett. "Our career fair will provide you with valuable insight into our team culture as well as our extensive benefits package."  
Participants are required to register at [www.leeclerk.org/careerfair](http://www.leeclerk.org/careerfair). The fair is free and open to anyone who would like

to learn more about the job opportunities. The clerk's office offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental, vision and life insurances. Paid time off, tuition reimbursement, and optional deferred compensation plans are offered. Employees also qualify for enrollment in the Florida Retirement System and for student loan forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.  
The Lee County Administration East Building is located at 2201 Second Street in Fort Myers. For a list of career opportunities and benefits, visit [www.leeclerk.org/careers](http://www.leeclerk.org/careers).✧

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. On June 10, 1962, Major League Baseball teams set a modern-era record for total runs scored in a single day with how many?
- 2. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who won the NBA's first two Defensive Player of the Year honors while playing for the Milwaukee Bucks in 1982-83 and 1983-84.
- 3. As of the 2020-21 season, who are the three quarterbacks to beat all 32 NFL teams during their careers?
- 4. Who won the Warren Spahn Award for Major League Baseball's best left-handed pitcher three straight seasons from 2007-09? (Hint: He played for the Cleveland Indians, Milwaukee Brewers and New York Yankees during that span.)
- 5. What national soccer team won consecutive UEFA European Championship tournaments in 2008 and 2012?
- 6. What was the name of the NBA's official minor league basketball organization when it was founded in 2001?
- 7. What does sportswriter and commentator Stephen A. Smith's middle initial stand for?

ANSWERS

1. 222. 2. Sidney Moncrief. 3. Drew Brees, Brett Favre and Peyton Manning. 4. CC Sabathia. 5. Spain. 6. National Basketball Development League (NBDL). 7. Anthony.



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## 12. HAPPY DAZE - CAPTIVA

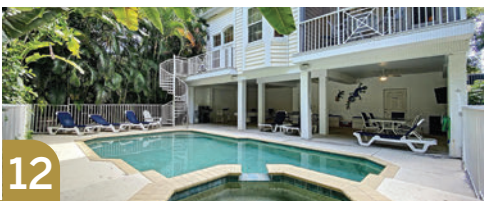
- 4 BR + den/4 BA home situated among the tropical vegetation just a short walk to the Captiva Village
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## Health First

# COVID-19: Where We Are Today



by Julie Rosenberg, MD

This week's article focuses on the COVID-19 situation, as the United States has had a dramatic resurgence of cases in recent weeks.

Florida has the highest rate of rise of COVID-19 cases among all 50 states. On July 1, 2,432 cases of COVID-19 were reported in Florida; this number rose to 24,017 on July 20.

Below are eight science-based facts about where we are today with COVID-19.

1) As of July 2021, there have been over 34 million cases of COVID-19 reported in the U.S. and more than 600,000 deaths.

2) Despite wide availability and easy access to vaccination in the U.S., only 49 percent of eligible individuals (about 162 million people) 12 years of age and older have been vaccinated for COVID-19. Two-thirds of the counties in the U.S. have vaccinated less than 40 percent of their residents. This is well below the target vaccination rate

of 70 percent and has allowed for the emergence of variants of COVID-19.

3) There are four notable variants in the United States: Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta. Among these, the Delta variant, first identified in India in December 2020, has spread to at least 80 countries and is of greatest concern. The Delta variant has a higher rate of transmission than other variants; it spreads easily and quickly and is highly contagious. In the U.S., the Delta variant presently accounts for 83 percent of sequenced COVID-19 cases.

4) With the emergence of the Delta variant, the U.S. has witnessed a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases among the unvaccinated. Hospitalizations and deaths are increasing specifically among this group.

5) Studies to date have shown that the vaccines approved under emergency use authorization in the United States (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson) are highly effective against COVID-19 and known variants. Even though the Delta variant is hyper transmissible, full vaccination appears to protect against it.

6) There have been over 3.7 billion vaccine doses given worldwide. The available vaccines are safe and effective.

7) Breakthrough cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated individuals have been reported. Such cases are generally associated with mild symptoms.

8) Unvaccinated Americans are highly vulnerable to COVID-19 (especially the Delta variant) as well as to serious symptoms or even death.

How can you protect yourself and your community from COVID-19?

The message is clear. Get vaccinated. Health experts recommend that all eligible individuals get vaccinated regardless of whether they have already had COVID-19.

If you are not yet fully vaccinated, or if you are vaccinated and immunocompromised or otherwise consider yourself "at risk," continue to take all precautions with COVID-19:

Wear a mask in indoor public places; Practice social distancing, staying at least six feet apart from others who are not in your household;

Wash your hands often with soap and water;

Monitor your health – be alert for fever, shortness of breath, cough or other symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested if you experience these symptoms or are exposed to someone with known COVID-19.

A recent survey by the American Medical Association showed that 96 percent of physicians have been vaccinated. I was vaccinated in February with the Moderna vaccine. I experienced

minor side effects following the second dose – low grade fever and fatigue lasting 24 hours.

Despite the high vaccination rate among physicians, the low vaccination rate among the American public is highly concerning. The COVID-19 pandemic has been highly politicized. The benefits and risks of vaccination have been misrepresented in the media. Here are scientific truths: COVID-19 remains a major public health problem. Widespread implementation of vaccination is needed to protect public health worldwide, to end this pandemic and to prevent future COVID-19 outbreaks.

We are fortunate in the U.S. to have three safe and highly effective COVID vaccines available. Facts, logic and concern for our fellow Americans require us to all do our part and get vaccinated.

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## Clerk's Office Extends Hours For Passport Services

As the demand for international travel increases, Lee County Clerk of Court Linda Doggett's office will open Saturday, August 7 to help travelers apply for passports.

Customers can visit the clerk's recording department from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for assistance. The office is located at 2115 Second Street, 2nd floor, in downtown Fort Myers.

"As more international destinations open up and cruise ships begin to sail, travelers are starting to plan trips overseas," Doggett said. "To help those who haven't been able to get to our office during week days to apply for passports, we decided to open our doors on a Saturday."

Appointments are required and can be made at [www.leeclerk.org/appointment](http://www.leeclerk.org/appointment). Customers are asked to save time by downloading and completing their passport applications prior to coming into the office. Forms must be completed in black ink.

Two forms of payment are also required, including at least one check or money order. To learn more about passport fees or to download forms, visit

[www.leeclerk.org/passports](http://www.leeclerk.org/passports).

Applicants must bring their own passport photo, which can be taken at local pharmacies and other retailers.

Passports take up to 18 weeks to be processed by the U.S. Department of State. Those who need their passports sooner can purchase expedited processing and receive their passport within 12 weeks. There are currently nearly two million passport applications being processed by the U.S. Department of State.

During Passport Day, all other recording services will be offered. Customers will be able to record documents, such as deeds and mortgages, and apply for marriage licenses. A second Passport Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about passports or services, visit [www.leeclerk.org](http://www.leeclerk.org).✱

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dearRPharmacist

# Natural Remedies For Chronic Constipation



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

## Dear Readers:

Our gut takes a beating over a lifetime, and while it's not my favorite subject (because it reminds me of my brother's colon cancer), I feel that

the intestines are the place to focus if you ever want to truly regain your health. Today's article focuses on constipation because if you are not eliminating toxins properly, they will build up in your body and increase your risk for many diseases. Some people reading this today think that constipation means they cannot have a bowel movement, but that's not true. If you have small 'rocks and pebbles' coming out, that is also constipation and should be treated.

First and foremost, start drinking more because hydration will soften stools. Consider food intolerances because some foods will cause you to be constipated. For example, a diet high in dairy and rice for example is not good for you. Chronic unrelenting stress will cause some people to become constipated, and likewise it could trigger a bout of diarrhea, or alternating bouts of each. I know a person who suffered with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) for the last three years, and now that she's made a new life decision, she is completely cured. Amazing to me, and yet not really. We all know that unchecked stress leads to illness over time.

You may be wondering about medications you take, and if those can contribute to your problem. The answer is yes, and there are many drugs that cause or exacerbate a person's constipation, most commonly allergy medications, opiates and blood pressure pills. Here are some of the best things you can do to help yourself. Of course, ask your doctor if it's right for you:

Probiotics – These help replenish lost

flora in the gastrointestinal tract, and that is important to healing.

Ginger – This herb is calming to digestion and helps with nausea. It has an antimicrobial effect on pathogens in the gut. You can cook with this easily if you grate some fresh ginger into your recipes, or use a dash of the dried powder.

Fennel – This relaxes the muscles in the intestinal tract and may help relieve constipation and gassiness.

Lemon zest – Get an organic lemon and grate some fresh lemon peel into your recipes. A brand new study in the journal *Foods* found that supplementing meals with lemon peel reduced inflammation in the gut lining of the mice they studied.

Triphala – This herb is widely available in American health food stores and online. It's a combination of three different herbs (*Terminalia bellirica*, *Embellica officinalis* and *Terminalia Chebula*) so we call it "triphala." It has been used for various gastrointestinal (GI) ailments, including stomach pain, constipation and flatulence. Check with your doctor about triphala if you are taking medications for diabetes and hypertension because it may not be right for you.

In summary, when your gut is given some TLC from herbs and enzymes, your whole body responds. Your skin wounds heal faster, your acne clears up, your autoimmune antibodies go down, infections become less frequent, immunity goes up and, best of all, your regularity improves. If you're interested in a longer version of this article, I will email it to you just sign up for my free newsletter at [www.suzycohen.com](http://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](http://www.suzycohen.com).*✧

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## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** My grandmother is in hospice in another state, and my father told me I don't have to go see her but I feel guilty. What should I do?

**A:** If your grandmother is beyond taking a phone call from you, you might want to write her a note and see if another family member could read it to her. You could text it to a member of your family. It can be a loving remembrance of knowing her and the special times you did have together. Chances are likely your grandmother would not want you to be guilt-ridden, as that only hurts you.

Although you are geographically distant, you can always send her love and put a beautiful golden light around her. Remember, we are all energy beings, and this can help you feel an energetic closeness to her. Even if she is in and out of consciousness, she will know the message read to her is from you. It is my wish that this gives you comfort during this difficult time. You will be able to cherish the memories you have had with your grandmother for many years to come. It's important that you choose to focus on this

rather than guilt as it serves no purpose.

Constance Clancy, EdD, LMHC, LPC, NCC is a licensed mental health therapist, hypnotherapist, author and holistic stress management instructor. If you have a question, email Constance at [drconstanceclancy@gmail.com](mailto:drconstanceclancy@gmail.com) or visit [www.drconstanceclancy.com](http://www.drconstanceclancy.com).✧

## Blood Donations Urgently Needed

Lee Health is seeking blood donations to help replenish supply levels. Blood supplies are critically low.

As home to the region's only trauma center, it is vital that the health system's blood supply remains at healthy levels in order to quickly care for patients needing an urgent transfusion. Blood and blood products are not only used in the trauma center, but also to treat cancer patients, premature babies, anemia and a variety of other conditions.

Lee Health's blood centers are the sole supplier of all blood products for the entire health system. About 800 units of blood are needed per week, and the blood centers rely on life-saving donations from the community to maintain inventory levels.

All blood donated at Lee Health stays within the health system to care for patients in Southwest Florida.

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# Being Sent For A Surgery You Do Not Need



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

Spinal surgeries are typically recommended after a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) reading showed some type of degenerative disc disease. Some people have successful spinal surgeries and do well. Yet, many others have the surgery, but the pain remains. Many people thought, “what else could I do?” Yet, many patients were not presented with other options beyond surgery, painkillers, or “live with it.” Others, on the other hand, have had an MRI, but experience no back pain, yet surgery was recommended. Why does this cycle continue? Researchers, interestingly enough,

have been identifying this problem that everyone knows about, but little is being done. Too many people are getting unnecessary MRIs, and this is causing unnecessary surgeries. Overdiagnosis occurs when diagnostic imaging detects incidental findings that are common in the asymptomatic population and provides the patient with a diagnostic label that brings them no benefit or may even cause harm when they receive unnecessary surgeries.

A recent *British Medical Open Journal* article by the University of Sydney states: “Little is known about how to reduce unnecessary imaging for low back pain. Understanding clinician, patient and public beliefs about imaging are critical to developing strategies to reduce overuse.” Yet, patients and clinicians believe diagnostic imaging is an important test to locate the source of low back pain, thus providing evidence that the pain is real for the patient, and clinicians feel imaging protects them from risking a possible missed diagnosis that might lead to possible litigation. Radiologists are now even saying that we are doing too many inappropriate MRIs and that research underestimates the true extent of how many inappropriate MRIs are ordered for back pain.

In treating degenerative disc disease and spinal ligament damage, our 25-plus years of experience tells us that we can get answers with a consultation and physical examination in combination with musculoskeletal ultrasound

whereby damaged structures that do not show on MRI are revealed. We have written about this in prior articles, but here are some of the reasons that patients suffer from failed back surgery. First, surgery did not address the actual cause of the patient’s pain. The diagnosis was incorrect. The main cause of “missed” low back pain is injury to the sacroiliac (SI) joint. If your MRI showed degenerative disc disease and you had the discs operated on but the SI joint was not addressed, the pain will continue after surgery. Secondly, the surgery itself made the back more unstable because part of the bones in the spine were removed. Thirdly, a secondary problem may have been missed even though the primary problem was addressed... that is, you had two problems. Fourth, you sat too much after surgery. Sitting kills. Period. Finally, in rare situations, scar tissue

forms and pinches on a nerve. Bottom line here: An MRI is not the final truth. More than 50 percent of patients receive MRIs who do not need them. Positive findings on MRIs do not necessarily mean that you need surgery. A second or third opinion could be warranted, including for non-surgical options such as physical therapy, chiropractic, or regenerative options to repair degeneration in the spine such as prolotherapy. Work on proper posture and building core strength. Stop sitting so much and get up and walk or walk in your pool. 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](mailto:info@caringmedical.com).✱

## Beautifulife: Siesta



by Kay Casperson

I remember traveling to Mexico years ago and seeing the restaurants and stores all close for a while in the afternoons, generally after lunchtime, usually for a couple of hours. I also experienced this when in Italy after having a beautiful brunch, only to be rushed out so everyone could go enjoy their siesta.

A siesta is a short nap, generally taken in the early afternoon, just after lunch. This is a tradition, or a habit in some countries, particularly where there is warmer weather. Apparently, the combination of eating lunch and the higher temperatures can cause drowsiness, so a break was considered necessary. This was interesting to me at the time as I was younger and full of energy, and on vacation. So, the idea that things were just shutting down was a bit annoying at the time.

As I grew older, I realized there is actually something to this whole siesta thing. When I became a mom, I realized how important it was for my kids to nap and rest during the day. Even though it was a fight sometimes to get them to actually wind down for a nap, they were so much more relaxed, healthy and balanced because of it. I also learned very quickly how important it was for me to take a siesta simultaneously to feel rejuvenated for the rest of the day.

Another word for a siesta is a power nap, which is just a quick close of the eyes, maybe for 10 to 20 minutes. If you allow yourself more time than this, you may find yourself even more tired than before. Research has found that the benefits of taking a siesta are many, including elevating your mood and improving your productivity and creativity. Naps have also been linked

to helping manage stress and improving overall health in terms of blood pressure, digestion and cardiovascular. When I was younger, I remember struggling to nap because my mind was always racing in many directions. But I learned how to incorporate some easy ways to get into a quick relaxation mode to have a successful siesta. Following are things that have helped me. First, find a quiet place to escape to where you can put your feet up and relax. Then, set your alarm for between 10 and 30 minutes, so you don’t oversleep. You may even use an eye mask or earphones to enhance the experience. I learned to use the 4-7-8 breathing technique to get into a quick deep relaxation mode. Breathe in through the nose while counting to 4. Hold your breath for the count of 7. Then, exhale through the mouth for the count of 8. Your siesta days and times will vary depending on where you are in life, but I know for sure that when you take the time for an afternoon nap, you will realize just how beneficial it is. I believe that it is just another important way for you to enjoy your most balanced and beautiful life.

My affirmation for you today is: “I will make time whenever possible to enjoy an afternoon siesta to relax, rejuvenate and revitalize my spirit.” Kay Casperson is a beauty and lifestyle expert, founder and CEO of Beautifulife by Kay Casperson. She owns resort spas on Sanibel and Captiva islands and manufactures beauty and lifestyle products sold across the country. To stay inspired, visit [www.kaycasperson.com](http://www.kaycasperson.com) or follow on social media @kaycasperson.✱

## Soma Abuse

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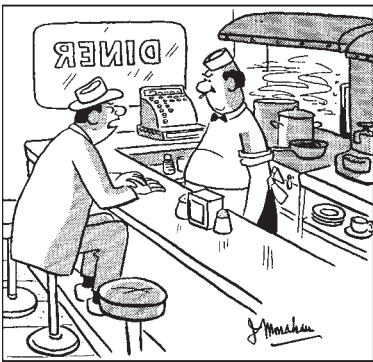


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PUZZLES

Answers on page 47



"Have you read any good  
\_\_\_\_\_ lately?"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Bridge

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Diamond

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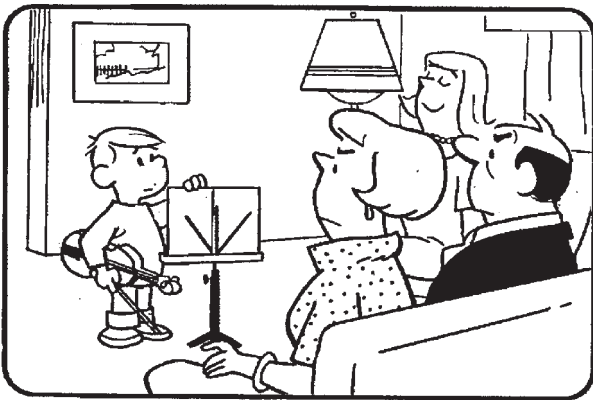
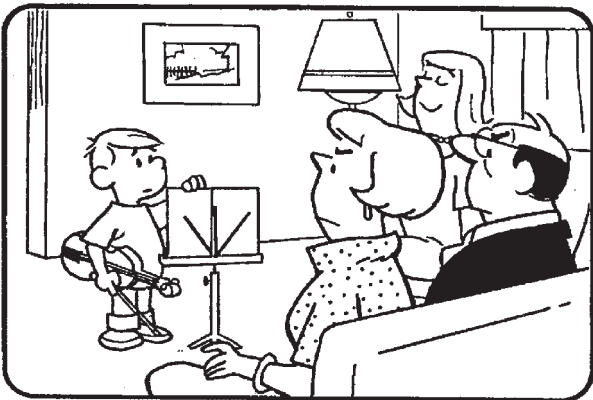
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TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Music stand is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Curtain is narrower. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is longer.

9					6		3	
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	6			1		8		
		2			4			1
	7		5			3		
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To Play  
Sudoku:

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



PUZZLES

Answers on page 47

Super Crossword

A TEN FROM  
A HEN

- ACROSS
- 1 Cookout rod

5 Long wedge-shaped inlet

8 Dermal drawing

14 Alfalfa's girl in "Our Gang"

19 Lacking a permanent shelter

21 Sponge up

22 Hawke of the screen

23 Get closer

24 Gated water channel

25 Blue-footed bird

26 Start of a riddle

29 Sippy cup part

30 "— yellow ribbon round ..."

31 "Little" actress Issa

32 Web page visitor's directory

36 With 53-Across, walks across

39 World power until '91

41 New title for a bride

43 Italian cardinal Borgia

44 Riddle, part 2

48 "— à son goût" ("Each to one's own taste")

51 Big-billed bird

52 Actress Novak

53 See 36-Across

54 Violin master Hilary

55 Big-billed bird

58 Increase

61 Belief set

62 Just slightly

64 Insects in forest trails

65 E. African country

67 Riddle, part 3

74 River in Switzerland

75 Real heels

76 More like heaven's gates?

77 In the company of

81 19th-century German industrialist Alfred

83 Roman 2,505

84 Sphere

85 Root used to make poi

86 Darjeeling, e.g.

87 Singer Ocasek of the Cars

89 Like the firstborn child

91 End of the riddle

97 Soprano Auger or actress Sorkin

98 Soccer's Hamm

99 West African land

100 Big name in baseball cards

104 Put on anew, as a play

106 "Lili" studio

108 Done, in France

110 Liquid in la Seine

111 Riddle's answer

116 Major port in Japan

119 Terrarium creature

120 Like firefighters and cyclists

121 Swanky watch

122 Like single-guy bands

123 Extensive essay

124 Megaphone noise

125 Mole zappers

126 Former JFK jet

127 Behaves

DOWN

1 Some afghans

2 #1 Billboard song, often

3 Hamper

4 Arctic diver

5 Say "Ouch!," say

6 Pelvic-base bone

7 Least ruddy

8 Piece of work

9 More skilled

10 Big wave

11 Hard-working people

12 Whale variety

13 Is compliant

14 Formal arguer

15 Redresses letter

17 R&D site

18 A single one

20 Mauna —

27 Exchanges for bills

28 "Attack, Rover!"

33 "Tara Road" novelist Binchy

34 Curved

35 — -Canada (oil giant)

37 Many a meal on a blanket

38 Beatles' bud Sutcliffe

40 Fleecy male

42 Noted Fifth Ave. store

45 Puzzlement

46 Started a play-for-pay career

47 Drunk, slangily

48 Cartoonist Addams, for short

49 Padlock part

50 "Alas"

56 Frat party dispenser

57 Place to stay the night

59 Off-road trucks, briefly

60 British verb suffix

61 Singer of the hit "Believe"

63 Neither hor. nor vert.

64 Take — (doze)

66 Go on a trip

68 Hosp. part

69 Tach abbr.

70 "My pleasure!"

71 Suffix with multimillion

72 Roger of "Cheers"

73 "Dam it all!"

77 In a conflict

78 Skiing gold medalist Phil

79 Tough tests

80 Student at a lecture, often

82 Chicago mayor Emanuel

83 Golden Arches java chain

86 Faint trace

88 Suffix of elements

90 Drunk, slangily

92 Cleaver

93 Musical tone qualities

94 "I dunno!"

95 Detrains, e.g.

96 Dawdles

101 Relating to digestion

102 Least ruddy

103 High-end leathers

105 Rave about

107 Cheek tooth

109 Speck in the sea

112 Sushi staple

113 Some male dolls

114 Doc bloc

115 Prefix with tarsal

116 Sphere

117 Fa-la link

118 — mode
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- King Crossword
- ACROSS

1 Circulate

5 Jolly laugh

9 Lustrous black

12 Zero, in tennis

13 Scent

14 — glance

15 Border on

16 Reply to "Shall we?"

17 Rug cleaner, briefly

18 Gestation location

19 Goat's plaint

20 Roman censor

21 Fib

23 Medit. nation

25 Cellist Pablo

28 Keep perusing

32 Muscat resident

33 Sky blue

34 Lively dances

36 "Be that as it may ..."

37 Sch. URL ender

38 Atty.'s title

39 Libretto

42 Plead

44 "Oops!"

48 Priestly garment

49 Competent

50 Tiny bit

51 2016

6 Olympics city

52 Composer Bartok

53 Figure skating leap

54 Gender

55 Mideast gulf

56 Helen's home

6 Classic theaters

7 Empty talk

8 Hosp. areas

9 Coffee

10 Coup d'—

11 Mexican entree

20 Hodgepodge

22 Homer classic

24 Penn and Connerly

25 Police officer

26 "I love," to Livy

27 Bando of baseball

29 "Gee, ya think?"

30 Spanish gold

31 Just out

35 Filled in

36 Sea off Greece

39 Old salts

40 Author Wiesel

41 PlayStation alternative

43 Vogue rival

45 60 minutes

46 "Beetle Bailey" dog

47 Vague

49 Lawyers' org.
- MAGIC MAZE ● MADE OF PLASTIC
- I I F S C A S X V S Q O L J H  
E C A X T V T L R P N L J G L  
P H F D B E Y X L V T R A P L  
O A S M K I K G E O D R B Z A  
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S L W O B O O O Y X L H Y W F  
V T S R P S H F B P U C O O I  
N L K J E S E P I P R E T A W
- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: A MEASURING STICK

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High: 87 Low: 78



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MONDAY  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 88 Low: 81



TUESDAY  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 87 Low: 78



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Thu	10:58 am	6:56 pm	None	None	Thu	10:03 am	6:58 pm	None	None	Thu	9:15 am	1:54 am	None	6:39 pm	Thu	1:08 pm	10:12 pm	None	None

# PETS OF THE WEEK

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# My Stars ★★★★★ FOR WEEK OF JULY 26, 2021

**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises for which you're not sure you're ready.

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for his or her actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a

valuable lesson for future use.

**Virgo** (August 23 to September 22) That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter his or her lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

**Libra** (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

**Scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

**Sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold

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# My Stars

because of a family member’s problems. Don’t hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

**Born This Week:** You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles – the harder, the better.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- On August 2, 1776, members of Congress affix their signatures to an enlarged copy of the Declaration of Independence. Fifty-six congressional delegates in total signed the document. John Dickinson of Pennsylvania and James Duane, Robert Livingston and John Jay of New York refused to sign.
- On August 3, 1861, the last entry of Charles Dickens’ serialized novel *Great Expectations* is published in his literary circular, *All the Year Round*. The novel tells the story of young Pip, a poor orphan who believes he will inherit a fortune.
- On August 6, 1890, at Auburn Prison in New York, the first execution by electrocution in history is carried out against murderer William Kemmler. When the current failed after 17 seconds, a second charge was required for two minutes before Kemmler was declared deceased.
- On August 5, 1914, the world’s first electric traffic signal is installed,

- in Cleveland, Ohio. It consisted of four pairs of red and green lights on corner posts. A gas traffic light, in 1860 in the U.K., exploded after being used for a month.
- On August 4, 1936, American Jesse Owens wins gold in the long jump at the Summer Olympics in Germany. It was the second of four gold medals Owens won in Berlin. Owens would win his third gold medal in the 200 meters the next day.
  - On August 8, 1942, six German saboteurs who secretly entered the United States on a mission to attack its infrastructure are executed for spying. On June 12, the German team had buried explosives on Long Island to use later. On July 18, a second team had successfully landed in Florida.
  - On August 7, 1987, Lynne Cox braves the freezing waters of the Bering Strait to make the first recorded swim from the U.S. to the Soviet Union. Her swim took 2 hours and 16 minutes.
- ## NOW HERE’S A TIP
- Keep a pretty basket by your front door for anything you need to take along when you leave. This can be store returns, backpacks, exercise gear for the gym, your sunglasses, whatever. When you leave the house, check the basket!
  - “Necklaces can be stored together without tangling if you thread each one through a straw. You can cut the straw to a shorter length for choker-length necklaces or bracelets. No knots!” – IA in Arizona
  - If you have a little bit of touchup paint left in your gallon can, transfer it to a mason jar. Write the exact color and brand on the lid, and it will be much easier to store.

- “Our basement was dark and a little claustrophobic. My husband painted it a lovely sunny yellow and that helped, but it needed something else. I took a photo of the spectacular view at our son’s house in Montana, and had the photo blown up. We mounted it on the wall with some dummy curtains! It’s perfect, and it reminds me of him.” – RW in New York
- Need to chill a bottle of wine quickly? Wet a kitchen towel, then wrap it around the wine. Twist the ends to secure, and put the whole thing in the freezer for 30 minutes.
- Great ways to remove stuck labels: nail polish remover (not for use on plastics), WD-40 oil, soaking in hot water, rubbing alcohol.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- In the 1880s, businessman LaMarcus Thompson was so upset over the temptations presented by saloons and brothels that he decided to clean up what he viewed as one of America’s most immoral places, New York’s Coney Island. To that end he built the country’s first roller coaster in a bid to give folks some good, clean fun well away from sleazier pursuits.
- Flamingos bend their legs at the ankle, not the knee. Their knees are closer to the body and covered by feathers.
- Those apples you buy at your local market aren’t all that fresh. They’re typically plucked between August and November, then covered in wax, hot-air dried, and sent to cold storage before landing in stores six to 12 months later.
- The world’s largest waterfall, in the Denmark Strait between Iceland and Greenland, is underwater.

- Dunce caps used to be a sign of intelligence! Thirteenth-century philosopher John Duns Scotus believed that a pointed cap helped spread knowledge from the tip to the brain, and his followers proudly wore them as badges of honor. A few hundred years later, when his ideas became less popular, the meaning of the Duns cap was turned on its, er, head, becoming a joke that led to its less flattering association.
- About a month after its dedication, the Statue of Liberty became a working lighthouse for 16 years.
- When Benjamin Franklin designed the first U.S. penny in 1787, it was emblazoned not with E Pluribus Unum, but “Mind Your Business.”
- The tongue of a blue whale can weigh as much as an elephant.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts: therefore, guard accordingly, and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.” – Marcus Aurelius

## TRIVIA TEST

1. **Television:** What were the first names of the *Golden Girls* characters on the 1980s sitcom?
2. **Movies:** What was the name of the dance song in the movie *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*?
3. **Geography:** What is the newest internationally recognized nation in the world?
4. **General Knowledge:** How big is an Olympic swimming pool?
5. **U.S. States:** What is the state animal of Nevada?

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Shore Fishing:



### Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish. Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it. The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly. Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

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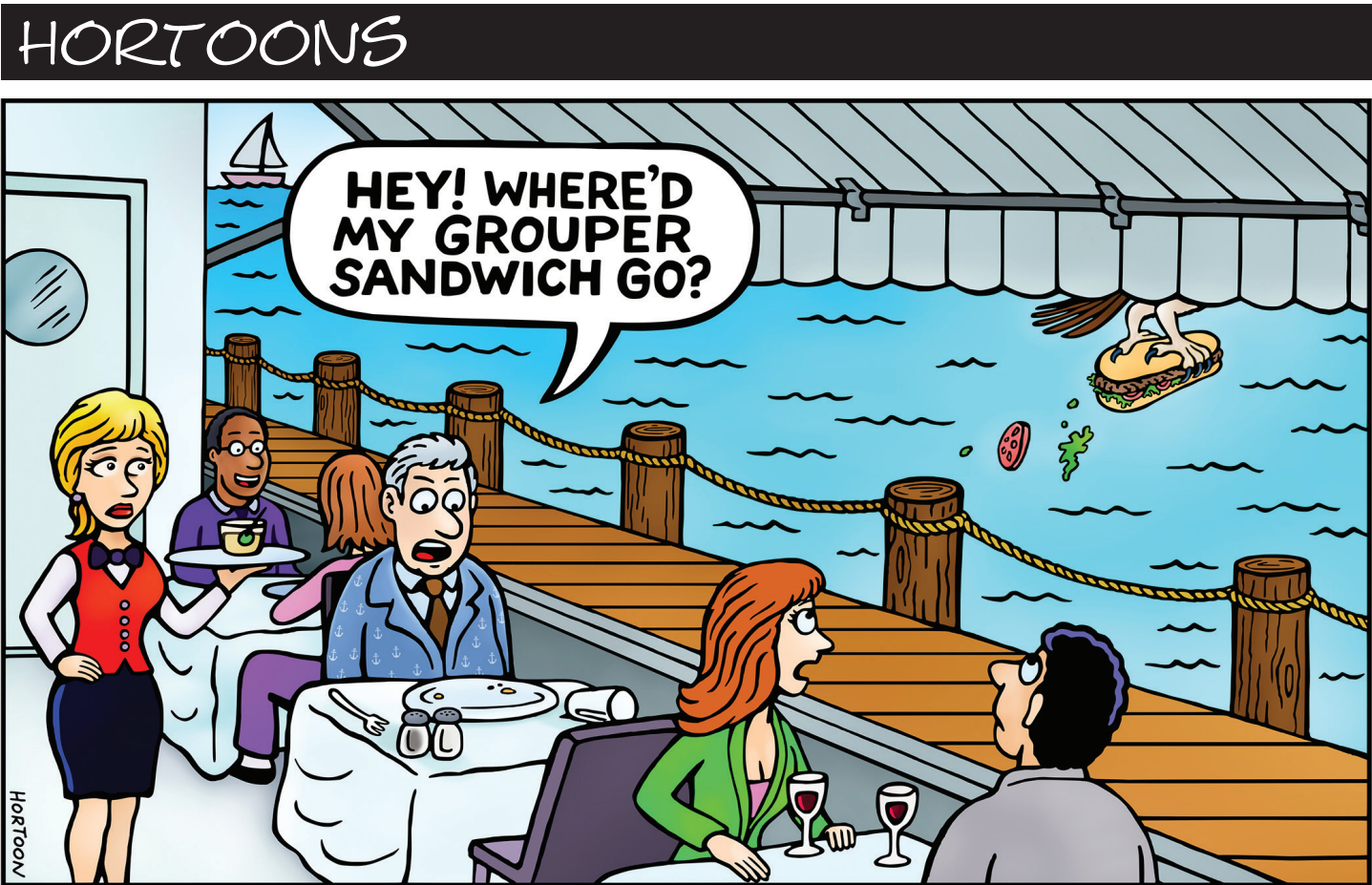
6. **Astronomy:** What color is the sunset on Mars?
7. **History:** When was the Emancipation Proclamation issued?
8. **Animal Kingdom:** What are the offspring of cicadas called?
9. **Ad Slogans:** Which auto is advertised as “the ultimate driving machine”?
10. **Literature:** What is the setting for the novel *Anne of Green Gables*?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Rose, Blanche, Dorothy and Sophia Island, Canada
2. Time Warp
3. South Sudan (2011)
4. Fifty meters long, 25 meters wide and at least 2 meters deep
5. Desert bighorn sheep
6. Blue 7. January 1, 1863
8. Nymphs
9. BMW
10. Prince Edward Island, Canada

SCRAMBLERS ANSWER

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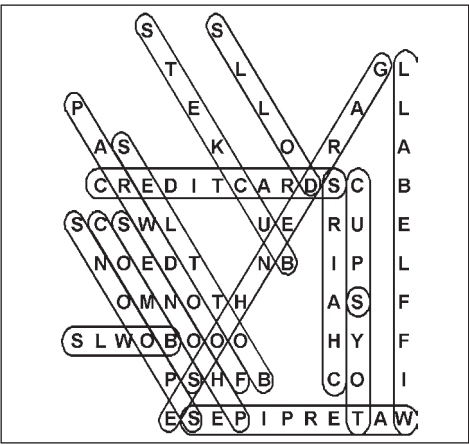
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Palmetto Point	Fort Myers	2008	5,028	\$2,200,000	\$2,025,000	37
Riverside	Fort Myers	2015	3,494	\$1,750,000	\$1,725,000	10
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2010	4,246	\$1,750,000	\$1,575,000	42
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	3,794	\$1,299,000	\$1,250,000	2
Ferry Landing	Sanibel	1983	2,615	\$1,230,000	\$1,231,000	3
The Dunes Sanibel Island	Sanibel	1988	1,783	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	0
Fort Myers	Fort Myers	2018	3,066	\$1,399,000	\$1,117,500	254
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1988	2,297	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000	6





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