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'Ding' Darling To Host Federal Junior Duck Stamp Judging

The public is invited to attend the judging of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp (JDS) Contest at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel in celebration of Earth Day on Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is an inaugural national contest for the refuge, which annually hosts the contest judging at the state level.

"This is beyond exciting," said Ranger Becky Larkins, the refuge education specialist who also runs the Florida JDS program. "It's only fitting that we get to host a judging, because the Junior Duck Stamp program actually started right here on Sanibel Island, and it was Jay 'Ding' Darling who started the Federal Duck Stamp Program that the junior program spun off from."

Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling initiated the Federal Duck Stamp Program in 1934 as head of the U.S. Biological Survey (precursor to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) to raise funds for purchasing refuge lands across the country. He also designed the first federal duck stamp.

The JDS is an extension of the Federal Duck Stamp program. Former Sanibel Elementary art schoolteacher Jaye Boswell began the junior program with her students in 1989. The first national Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest, sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, was held four years later in 1993.

Each state holds its own JDS contest for students from kindergarten to high school seniors. Larkins held this year's state JDS judging on March 29 at the refuge with 2,766 entries. Best of Show winner Megan Zou from Miami will advance to the federal contest.

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A tundra swan portrait by Megan Zou of Miami took Florida's best of show



The unofficial greeter of the gift shop at CROW, Katie, a certified therapy dog

Therapy Dog Greets Guests At CROW

by Jeff Lysiak

One of the places on Sanibel where islanders might expect to see a wild critter rehabilitating from an injury may run into a more familiar

domesticated animal greeting them at the door. At the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife's Visitor Education Center, the friendly staff of the gift shop has recently been joined by Katie, an 11-year-old goldendoodle, a certified therapy dog.

Katie's owner, JayL Solomon of Fort Myers, has been working at CROW for the past few years. She began bringing Katie to work with her in part because of the canine's gentle demeanor and instant connection with others, both

human and fellow animals.

"She's just a riot with all the animals here at CROW... she really likes Shelby the gopher tortoise and Sneezzy the opossum. Lola (an American kestrel who also serves as an animal ambassador) flaps her wings too much... Katie doesn't like that," said Solomon. "She's extremely gentle with everyone, which is incredible with everything she's been through."

Solomon's journey with Katie began when she purchased the pooch online from a dog breeder in Missouri for \$1,000. When Solomon went to pick up the 4-year-old goldendoodle at the airport, she was horrified by what she saw.

"She was almost dead... she only weighed 40 pounds and was full of parasites," Solomon recalled. "She had been kept in a crate her entire life and she couldn't even walk. And when the vet looked at her, he advised me to put her down."

But Solomon, who for years trained show dogs in the St. Louis area - having raised a number of grand champion bearded collies and boxers - took it upon herself to nurse the timid canine at first, then taught her how to walk. Despite getting stronger every day, Katie still suffered from shyness.

Then, Solomon got an idea of how



Katie, an 11-year-old goldendoodle, sits attentively next to owner JayL Solomon at CROW's Visitor Education Center

photos by Jeff Lysiak

she might perk Katie up.

"I thought that she needed a puppy," continued on page 10

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- Diane Barr, PAWS volunteer*

PAWS Of Sanibel

Child Collects Birthday Gifts For PAWS

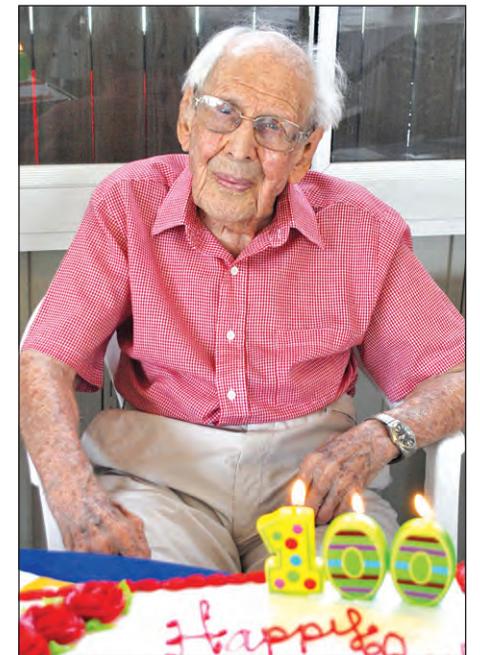
Every year on their birthday, the Miller children select a charity and request that friends attending their birthday party bring a donation to that charity in lieu of a birthday gift. This year, Matthew Galen Miller, who loves animals, turned six years old and requested donations for PAWS. Matthew collected various foods and treats for animals, and \$100.



Matthew Galen Miller

PAWS is honored to be the recipient of such a wonderful gift from a very generous six-year-old. Matthew is the son of Andrea Miller, director of the Sanibel Recreation Center. The PAWS volunteers thank Matthew for his thoughtful gift and wish him a very Happy Birthday.*

Happy Birthday



James Raymond Wells

James Raymond Wells, a resident of Sanibel, celebrated his 100th birthday on April 3 with a group of relatives and friends in Periwinkle Park. Ray and his wife, Ellen, lived in Mishawaka, Indiana and have spent 30 winters in Periwinkle Park. The couple has been married 69 years and now live full time on Sanibel.*

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'Ding' Darling Junior Duck Stamp

Best of Show winners from all the states, Washington, DC and several territories are also entered into the federal judging. For the past 20-plus years, that contest has taken place in the Washington, DC area.

"The winning artwork selected at 'Ding' Darling will grace the 2016-2017 Junior Duck Stamp," said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland, who is organizing the event with the help of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). "The five-dollar purchase price of the stamp goes directly to funding the environmental education opportunities and recognition for the children who participate in the program, as well as awards for the top winners."

The judging will take place in the Refuge Visitor & Education Center on April 22. Admission is free but seating will be limited and on a first-come basis. The 2016-2017 Federal JDS winner will be announced at noon.

"We have yet to place a first-place



Biology Ranger Jeremy Conrad and Jaye Boswell, known as mother of the Junior Duck Stamp Program, were among the five Florida JDS contest judges on March 29 winner from Florida," said Larkins. "We're hoping this is the year!"*

Looking Back:

Not Your Average Watchdog



This week's image is Ina Watson on Captiva Island restraining one of her "watchdog" alligators that she caught. Ina Watson had a camp site on Chadwick's South Seas Plantation (date and location unknown).

The History Gallery, developed by the Captiva Island Historical Society, features many photos like this. All ages are welcome to step aboard a wooden replica of the old mailboat, *Saniva*, 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 in Captiva, which is open during library hours. photo archives of the Captiva Island Historical Society



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The official start of hurricane season is just a few short months away, and F.I.S.H. OF SANCAP's Hurricane Committee is actively reaching out to the Sanibel and Captiva communities to identify those who may need information and assistance preparing for the hurricane season.

F.I.S.H. is offering a community-wide hurricane preparedness open house on FRIDAY, APRIL 22, from 12:00—3:00 p.m. at the F.I.S.H. Walk-In Center

Please join F.I.S.H. committee members to learn more about the F.I.S.H. hurricane packet and how to be included on their preparedness list.

Stop in anytime between Noon and 3:00 p.m. on Fri. Apr. 22nd



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Founder's Awards – 2016



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Russell — The Elder



John — Birthday Closest To Benjamin Miller

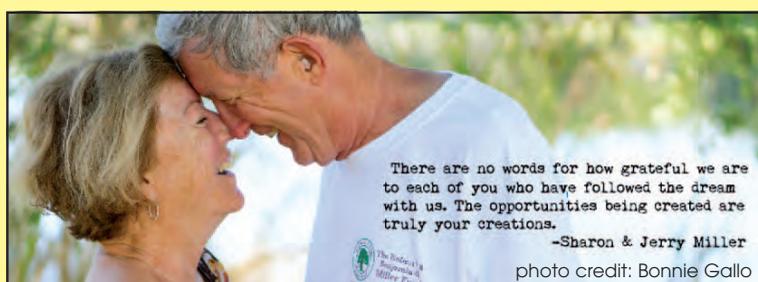


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Members of the Captiva Island Fire Control District's A Shift squad took part in a number of training exercises at South Seas Island Resorts' abandoned employee residential building on April 7, led by instructor Matt Rush of the Austin (Texas) Fire Department

Ongoing Training Keeps Captiva Firefighters Sharp

by Jeff Lysiak

Members of the Captiva Island Fire Control District underwent two days of workshops, lectures and hands-on training last week under the tutelage of Matt Rush, captain of the Austin (Texas) Fire Department.

According to Captiva Fire Chief Rich Dickerson, the ongoing training his staff routinely takes part in keeps them sharp and allows them to remain comfortable using their firefighting apparatus and life-saving equipment.

"This is back-to-basics firefighter training," said Dickerson, standing at South Seas Island Resorts' abandoned employee residential building, which island firefighters frequently use for drills and simulations. "In this exercise, they're working on getting water on a fire as quickly as possible."

- Last week's training included:
- An instructional video workshop and lecture by Rush on how to combat fires in two-, three- and four-story structures, and how to attack a fire using a small group of firefighters
 - Testing water pressure on Osprey Way
 - Employing a variety of hose lengths and diameters, various nozzles and connections to fire hydrants
 - Elevator rescue training



Firefighters Zack Van Dyke and Shawn Kilgore use a hose to douse a simulated fire as instructor Matt Rush, right, observes the drill photos by Jeff Lysiak



Matt Rush, left, reviews the training offered to Captiva firefighters Kelli Wilson and Paul Morris

"We get our fair share of elevator calls," added Dickerson. "People get stuck in them, so we want to be able to get them out of there as quickly and as safely as possible."

Rush is a master fire training instructor who travels across the country teaching the latest advances in fire-rescue techniques and equipment. Recently, he completed exercises for high-rise buildings in Pensacola, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale and is a guest instructor at the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) exhibition, held annually in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Being able to train in an acquired structure like this is so valuable... I know a lot of fire departments would kill to have an opportunity like this," said Rush. "Proper training is such an important part of our job."*



Captiva Fire Chief Rich Dickerson, standing at the top of the staircase, watches his crew complete training exercises last Thursday afternoon



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They also learned how the 12 points of the Scout Law apply to police jobs. The points of the Scout Law are: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Pack 1740 is grateful to the Sanibel Police Department for teaching them and showing them a fun time as they learned how to be good citizens.*



Cubmaster Brian Boyd, Max Doster, Tyler Evers, Raleigh Stevens, Charlie Stone, Scotty Tongyai, Griffin Colson, Ronan Maughan, Sam Kupsaw, Drew Barron, Karsten Schafer, Liam Tritaik, Kyler Kouril, Ryan Powers, Officer John Sherwood, Lieutenant Anthony Thompson, Officer John Jakubowski. Not pictured are Cub Scouts Connor Nickerson, Zackary Alonso, Drake Stroud and Nicholas Tison.

Haitian-American Club To Address Democrats

On Thursday, April 21, Beatrice Jacquet, co-president of the Haitian-American Democratic Club, will address concerns affecting this population of Lee County at the next meeting of the Democratic Club of the Islands. Joining her will be Dr. Arol Buntzman, president and founder of the Haitian-American Democratic Club. The talk will be held at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, located at 770 Dunlop Road.

The Haitian-American Democratic Club was formed to provide a unified voice for this potentially huge voting block. In eight months, the club has grown to over 100 active members with plans to significantly impact the school board primary in August, and the general election in November. A

voter registration drive will begin at the family picnic and fun day planned in mid-May. Campaigns are being formed to send questionnaires to all school board members to alert them to this "invisible" demographic. The officers claim that this group of 20,000 to 25,000 does not have a voice, and their Creole speaking students are not being served, even though this is the second largest group of non-English speaking students in Lee County. At present, there is not a single Creole speaking teacher in the county's English as a Second Language program.

The club is fast growing, unified and focused. The public is invited to attend this free meeting, sponsored by the Democratic Club of the Islands, which will be followed by a question and answer period as well as opportunities to support this Democratic Club's efforts.

For more information, call 313-5718 or email demclubislands@yahoo.com.*

American Legion Post 123

On Sunday, April 17, American Legion Post 123 will host a fish fry from 1 to 8 p.m. The following Sunday, April 24, BBQ ribs and chicken will be served all day.

Every Tuesday, tacos are served all day and, on Fridays, a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is on the menu. There are daily specials as well as half-pound burgers. Food is served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

The Ladies Auxiliary has cookbooks available for a donation of \$15.

If you have an American flag that needs to be retired, drop it off at your convenience. Flag Day is June 14.

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

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The Community House



Jim Griffith, president of Audubon, gives \$2,000 to Teresa Riska-Hall, SCA executive director

Audubon Donates \$2,000 To SCA Restoration

Jim Griffith, Audubon president, recently stopped by The Community House with a check for the restoration campaign. "We have been coming here for Audubon programs for over 40 years and really wanted to give back to this project," Griffith said.

The Community House needs \$700,000 to reach its goal.

"We really want to be able to open back up by the fall for all the service organizations, clubs and nonprofits who count on us being open," said Teresa Riska-Hall, SCA executive director.

Final Showings Of Films

"We have been blessed to have two films about the history of our islands released this summer, both to help benefit The Community House's restoration campaign... \$700,000 to go." The last showings of these films this season are on



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Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. for *Documentary of a Community...Birthplace of a City, Heartbeat of its People* by Rusty Farst and Monday, April 18 for *Before The Causeway* by Emmy winner David Carter. Tickets are still available. DVDs are available for \$10 each.

Release Pain, Fatigue And Stress

Tired from season? The Community House is hosting a session on Monday, April 18 at 10 a.m. with Dr. Susan Pataky, who will share natural, simple, gentle and easy techniques to help your body release pain, fatigue and stress.

Dr. Pataky has a doctorate in naturopathic medicine and remains dedicated to sharing simple, natural solutions to common issues so many people experience at some point in their lives. She is also a yoga therapist and a long-time member of International Association of Yoga Therapists, and has instructed various body and mind techniques on the islands since 2003.

Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing. The workshop is by donation and all proceeds benefit The Community House. Reservations required by Friday, April 15.

Colorful Sips



Little Blue Heron by Sissi Janku

Evening art and wine parties with local artist Sissi Janku are designed to encourage the artist within to complete a masterpiece. Member price is \$45, non-members, \$55. The next class will be held on Wednesday, April 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. No experience is necessary. All materials are provided. Bring your favorite wine and a snack for sharing.

Celebrating A Year Of Potlucks

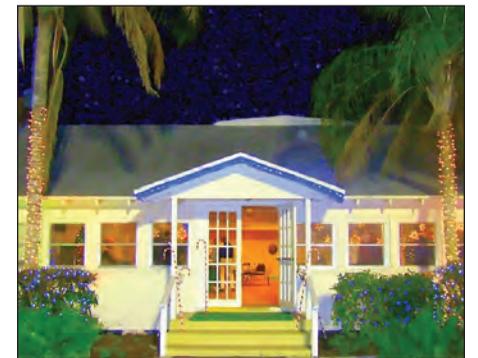
The April Community House Potluck on Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. will bring together all the recipes and fun that have brought residents and visitors back month after month. This will be the first viewing of the booklet that includes recipes from the chefs who prepared many popular

dishes, Cooking with the Islands' Stars creations, and King Arthur Flour pie and cake contest entries.

Photos from previous nights will be shown along with a few fun videos. The new kitchen and fruit trees will be featured for a sneak peek at what you will see when the The Community House reopens in late fall. This is a great opportunity to financially support this desperately needed renovation. The Culinary Education Center opportunities for volunteering will also be presented for your input.

All are welcome to share in good food and camaraderie. Bring an appetizer, vegetable, protein item, rolls or dessert to serve six. Feel free to use your imagination and bring a creative presentation that is fun as well as tasty. Bring your own beverages. Water and iced tea will be available. While you're there, become a member of the Kitchen Club and join the volunteers who make the Culinary Education Center a reality. RSVP by calling 472-2155.

Annual Meeting



The Sanibel Community Association's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 6 p.m. Learn the status of the association, and The Community House. Appetizers and beverages will be served after the report.

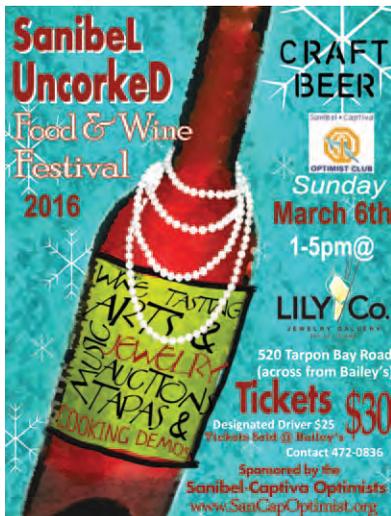
Call 472-2155 or stop by for reservations. Ballots will be mailed again this year.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to either the building or operating fund, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net. A donation of \$1,500 pays the electric bill for a month, \$750 pays the garbage bill for a month, \$100 pays the pest control bill for a month.

Shred Documents

Shred your unneeded documents and papers on Saturday, April 16 between 9 a.m. and noon at The Community House. Bring documents such as bank statements, credit card receipts, old checks and income tax returns. Fee is \$5 for one or two boxes per car. Donations are requested for more than two boxes. All proceeds go to The Community House operating fund.

The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information and reservations, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.*



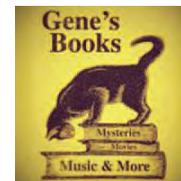
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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND EVENT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOOD AND WINE FEST. ANYONE WE FORGOT, A SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU TOO.

See you next year on Sunday, March 5, 2017!

Commission Approves Boat Lift Variance, Subcommittee Reports

by Jeff Lysiak

During a brief but information-packed planning commission session, commissioners unanimously approved the final reading of a variance request to allow a boat lift to be installed at a Pine Tree Drive residence as well as the annual reports for the four subcommittees they oversee.

By a 6 to 0 vote, with Vice Chair Chris Heidrick absent and excused, commissioners passed a resolution that will allow for the installation of a boat lift – in conjunction with the construction of a new (replacement) boat dock – to extend waterward greater than the maximum allowed 20 percent of the waterway width.

In addition, the variance for the property located at 5473 Pine Tree Drive will not require the location of the boat lift to be situated equidistant from the side lot lines.

The variance application had previously been heard and approved by the commission on March 8. During that meeting, senior planner Roy Gibson presented a staff report which noted that no objections to the application were voiced by the city's Department of Natural Resources. Under the proposed site plan, no adverse impacts to mangroves located at the site of the boat dock were anticipated.

One letter objecting to the variance request had been received by the city's planning department, however, staff confirmed that other alternatives had been explored and determined that other alternatives would provide more harm to the mangroves.

On Tuesday, no comments on the approval of the variance request were voiced by the public attending the session.

In other business, members of the commission divided into the four subcommittees – Capital Improvement Review Subcommittee (chaired by Chuck Kettelman), Below Market Rate House Review Subcommittee (chaired by Holly Smith), Land Development Code Review Subcommittee (chaired by Jason Maughan) and Permitting Process Review Subcommittee (chaired by Tom Krekel) – for purposes of approving each of their 2015 meeting minutes and annual reports.

All were approved with a unanimous vote.

Finally, planning director Jim Jordan presented the commission with a proposed schedule for each of the subcommittees for 2016. Members of each subcommittee were requested to check their personal calendars for any conflicts with their meeting dates. A final schedule for subcommittee meetings will following at next month's planning commission session, which has been set for Tuesday, May 10.

During public comment, island resident Ed Sieber reminded commissioners that Sanibel's resolution opposing offshore oil drilling a distance of 125 miles out into the Gulf of Mexico – approved back in 2010 – is set to expire next year. He also noted that he has reminded the city council of the pending expiration of the resolution.✱

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Therapy Dog At CROW

because she had never had an opportunity to keep any of her own," explained Solomon, who purchased a young goldendoodle from a reputable breeder in Texas. "As soon as I showed her that puppy, she just came to life."

Katie and Ripley – whom she adopted as her own – soon became inseparable. According to Solomon, Ripley was "a typical male slob" who would leave his toys all over the house. Like any good mother, Katie would pick up after her child, placing the toys in their proper place.

Unlike Katie, who was full grown by the time she met Ripley, the younger dog kept growing, tipping the scales at 95 pounds. When Solomon was diagnosed with breast cancer, she was unable to handle two dogs, let alone a dog of Ripley's size. So Katie's best pal was adopted by a friend of the family.

"Katie was fine with that because by that time she had come out of her shell," said Solomon, who then trained her four-legged friend to become a therapy dog. "She's terrific with people... she doesn't lick them or jump up on them. She just wants to meet you and have you give her a hug."

Giving Katie plenty of hugs doesn't seem to be a problem for Solomon's fellow co-workers at CROW.

"People come in her and say, 'Wow! How awesome is that? They have a dog here,'" said Kenny Howell, marketing manager for the wildlife clinic.

"Everyone in this community who lives and works here has a love for animals. And it's not like having a 'pet' here... in



JayL Solomon gives Katie a hearty hug for a job well done

fact, she's my favorite co-worker!"

"I just love Katie," added Pat McInerney, another member of the gift shop staff. "I'm a dog lover myself and I enjoy spending lots of time with her."

In addition to serving as the unofficial greeter at CROW's Visitor Education Center, Katie is about to begin another job. Working in cooperation with the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, she will serve as a therapy dog at the Lee County Courthouse.

"The judges will bring Katie into their chambers when they are hearing cases of child abuse," said Solomon, who takes a lot of pride in knowing that her dog may be able to heal the hearts of youngsters in need. "It's a terrific program that I know Katie will enjoy. She just loves being helpful."✱



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Lauren Macalka served ravioli out of a dog dish to Othmane Martinez and Kristian Schafer

Who Let The Dogs Out At Church?

The LOGOS kids at Sanibel Community Church had a howling good time at Dog Daze on April 6. The kids dressed like dogs, acted like dogs and even ate like dogs. Dinner was cheese ravioli served in dog dishes, Chex puppy chow mix, veggies and dog bone sugar cookies. Family gametime consisted of popping balloons with dog actions the kids imitated.

This intergenerational family program is held on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. For more information about LOGOS, call 472-2684. ✨



LOGOS preschooler Jace Foster had a great time being a puppy for the evening



During the Sniff Like A Dog game, Andy Sullivan, Ava Selby, Rivkah Livermon (dressed like a dalmatian), Sophia Paulus, MeKenna Davis and Korynn Livermon tried to pick up the scent

10,000 Questions Back By Popular Demand At SCC

Pastor Daryl Donovan, senior pastor of Sanibel Community Church, will be at the Carpenter's Café and Bookstore at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 11 to field all kinds of questions – about politics, social issues, theology and the Bible.

The Carpenter's Café opens at 5:30 p.m., with May 4 as Chili Night with Pas-

tor Daryl's famous homemade chili and all the trimmings. The following week, on May 11, is Lasagna Night.

Currently, there is a box in the bookstore for you to pre-submit questions, or you may just "bring-'em-on" the night of the gathering. A question and-answer session will wrap up around 7:30 p.m. Come join the fun and time of learning.

The Carpenter's Café and Bookstore is located on the north side of the Sanibel Community Church campus at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information, visit www.sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684. ✨

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JAMES ANTHONY XAVIER HALL

James Anthony Xavier Hall passed away peacefully on April 2, 2016 under the care of Hope Hospice after a 14-month illness. He was born on August 7, 1933 in Haverhill, Massachusetts to a loving family of modest means. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Julia Marie (O'Shea) Hall, and sister Mary Albina (Hall) O'Hare.

Jim's life was a true "Horatio Alger" story. He was a commuter student

at Boston College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1955. He was a manufacturer's sales representative for two large companies before starting Fabricators and Materials Corporation in Bronx, New York. He was at heart a salesman and a great one at that. Jim raised his family in Westfield, New Jersey before later moving to Sanibel Island.

He will be missed by his wife, Susan, and daughter, Kathryn E. Hall and husband William J. Mullally, M.D., of Medfield, Massachusetts as well as his son, James D. Hall and wife Karen J. Hall of Sanibel Island, along with seven grandchildren: Julia, Sara, and Peter Mancuso and J.D., Conner, Madison, and Will Hall, as well as his nephews, niece and many friends.

Jim always wanted his children to have what he was unable to have growing up. He was exceedingly generous to his family and was very proud of the accomplishments of his children, especially as related to their families.

A private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Hope Hospice at Development Office, Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.*

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Meets on the first Sunday of each month from December through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way at 5 p.m. A pot luck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month. email ryi39@aol.com or 433-4901.*

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Christ In The Passover Seder

On Friday, April 22, Passover begins at sundown. For the Jews, it is a commemoration of God's redemptive hand, as the plague of death passed over and God's people were miraculously spared. For Christians, Passover means that and more. The New Testament refers to Jesus Christ as the Passover. At 6 p.m., the fellowship at Sanibel Community Church will share a Passover meal in the Fellowship Hall followed by a presentation, entitled Christ in the Passover by Jews for Jesus. Families are welcome.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person for the meal and a



Messianic Seder plate

love offering will be received for Jews for Jesus. Reservations are required by April 20 by contacting Janet Vespia at Janet@sanibelchurch.com. or by calling 472-2684.

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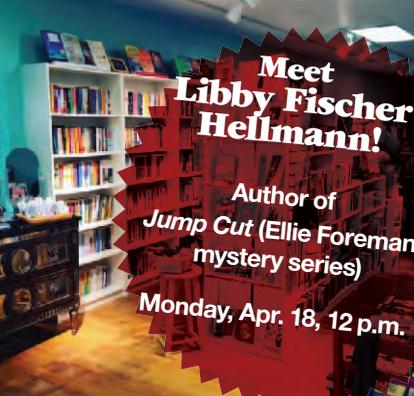
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The answer, of course, is Iceland. Anyone who wants to learn more about this fascinating country and see stunning images of the northern lights, the Blue Lagoon and much more is invited to a slide presentation by Jean Chandler on Monday, April 18 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The hour-long program will be held in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational Church of Christ, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. There is no admission charge, and



This dramatic terrain may look barren, but it's the site of the oldest extant parliament in the world

the presentation is open to the public.

A snowbird from Cambridge, Massachusetts, Chandler feels fortunate to have traveled widely throughout the world. She agrees with a quotation attributed to Saint Augustine of Hippo: "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." She also enjoys making slideshows of her trips and sharing them with others. Although

she usually travels with Overseas Adventure Travel or Roads Scholar, she made the trip to Iceland on her own with four friends in November of 2015.

For more information about the April 18 presentation, call the church office at 472-0497. ✨

Free Movie Night At Community Church

Sanibel Community Church invites residents and visitors to the next Free Movie Night on Sunday, April 17 at 5 p.m. From the award-winning creators of *Fireproof* and *Courageous* comes *War Room*, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of life.

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Church Potluck Set For April 21

The Sanibel Congregational Church of Christ is reviving an old and popular tradition of potluck suppers. The second of this season's suppers will be held on Thursday, April 21. Those who attend are asked to bring an appetizer or salad to share. The main dish will be provided.

Appetizers along with wine and other beverages will be served in Heron Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.; dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There's a charge of \$5 per person at the door.

Anyone who would like to attend is asked to sign up on the form in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, April 10 or 17, or they may contact the church office at 472-0497.

The church is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For more information, visit www.sanibelucc.org. ✨

Kindergarten Orientation

The Sanibel School will be holding its kindergarten orientation on Tuesday, April 19 for children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016 and who plan to attend school in the fall. Children are invited to visit the school from 9 to 10 a.m. that day.

That same evening, parents only are encouraged to visit the school for their orientation and submit registration forms. The registrar, Donna Marks, will be available at 6 p.m. to take registration forms and make copies of documentation for you.

If you have any questions or if you need a registration packet, call Donna Marks at 472-1617 any weekday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. ✨

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The featured book for Wednesday, May 11 at 2:30 p.m. is *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. “Don’t let *Go Set a Watchman* change the way you think about Atticus Finch... the hard truth is that a man such as Atticus, born barely a decade after Reconstruction to a family of Southern gentry, would have had a complicated and tortuous history with race.” – *LA Times*

Sunset Social on the Causeway & Learn to play Bocce

– Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 p.m. Spend an evening relaxing and watching the sunset with friends. Meet on the causeway at 5:30 p.m. a friendly game of bocce. Bring a side dish to share and your beach chair. Call the center for directions to the viewing area. (weather permitting).

Chihuly Glass Studio Private Tour, Morean Arts Center Tour & Hot Shop Demonstration in St. Petersburg

– Tuesday, May 3. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Trip includes round trip transportation and lunch at the Banyan Café. There will be a private tour of the Chihuly Museum Collection, soup and sandwich at the Banyan Café, and a private guided tour of the Morean Arts Center followed by a glass-blowing demonstration at the Morean Glass Studio & Hot Shop. Limited spaces available. Advanced registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, April 29.

Games

Cost for all games is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

Bridge – Monday and Wednesday, register by 12:30 p.m. Game begins at 1 p.m.

Mahjongg – Thursday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

Hand & Foot – Thursday at 1 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday Kayaking

– April 19, 26 and May 10 (weather permitting) at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

Fitness Classes

Classes are available and all ages are welcome. Island Seniors, Inc. members pay \$4 per class or visitors \$7 per class. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership card to attend.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday,

Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. This class keeps your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords and your body weight will be used. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought for the day. Athletic footwear required. Silvia Villanueva is the instructor.

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

Gentle Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell



Every once in a while, our Friday morning speaker has to cancel out. But someone in the club always steps up and can talk extemporaneously on what is going on in their work-a-day world. That someone this past Friday was Trent Peake, Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce member services manager, who immediately referenced some of the chamber's impressive statistics: 160,000 visitors a year stop at the chamber's visitor center seeking information about where to stay, where to eat, what to do, and where to shop on the islands. Their website alone receives 1.3 million hits per year, exploring information about the islands – accommodations, types of activities, entertainment and event happenings. Questions explored can range from the feasibility of accommodations for destination weddings, family reunions, outdoor activities, cultural and historical venues, or just a chance to relax and unwind. Finding answers to these questions is easy because the website presents chamber member information geared toward these island activities.

Promoting local business is surely represented in all communications with island visitors or potential visitors but another



Trent Peake

avenue of communication is with chamber members themselves exploring ideas regarding how to improve visitor experiences and concerns. Some of those ideas are brought out during monthly chamber luncheons and after hour events; this is the time member socialize and ideas can incubate.

"2015 was the best ever season on record for most all businesses on the islands," said Peake. Expectations for a great 2016 season were high and projections were estimated for the possibility of a 10 percent increase over last year. Sanibel Causeway counts were down about 2.5 percent for January and up around 3 percent for February. But pro-

jections are only that; at this point in the year, that high percentage increase hasn't materialized but summer season may pull the actual figures up somewhat.

A number of factors this year attributed to the lower number of visitors than projected to the islands: a warmer winter season up north, early season rains here locally, water quality concerns, traffic log-jams, and even fears of the Zika virus. But that being said, the islands are looking fantastic, new retail and restaurant businesses are opening and accommodation entities are updating, providing amenities now expected by travelers.

Traffic concerns are being addressed and the new traffic cams are alerting visitors to the traffic conditions on the island before crossing the causeway. A question came up regarding the new traffic studies by the Lee County Department of Transportation regarding the feasibility of 18 traffic roundabouts throughout the county – one being located on Sanibel at the entrance to the islands at Periwinkle Way and Lindgren Boulevard. According to Rotarian Ty Symroski, who is following Lee County's action on this topic, the roundabout studies have not been finalized and are ongoing in the areas of safety issues, traffic flow, and pedestrian and bike usage. The studies also include line drawings and animation projections of how these roundabouts would work in the various locations under consideration. A budget of \$510,000 has been approved for the Sanibel roundabout but the study has not been completed. Many Rotarians voiced their opinion on this topic and possibly we will be inviting someone

from the Lee County Department of Transportation to come to the island and discuss the practicality of a roundabout on Sanibel. Standby on this one; you might want to attend that Rotary Club meeting.

Discussion then followed on bike traffic and the proposed Civic and Cultural Core. Businesses on the island are affected by all of these ideas and it is an exciting time to see the positive energy projected towards improving our visitors' experiences and retaining the focus of the islands on the environmental beauty that surrounds us every day.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meets at 7 a.m., Fridays at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Guests are always welcomed.**

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If you are not all that familiar with FISH of SanCap, please stop by our Walk-In Center at 2430 Periwinkle Way for a tour so you can meet the staff and see, firsthand, how the agency works to better the community. Additionally, if you would like to stay in the loop with what's going on at FISH, sign up for our newsletter at www.fishofsancap.org.

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Keira (9) and Emily (6) Foster from Seminole, Florida found a horse conch on Sanibel while staying at Caribe Beach Resort. ✨

Shell Found



Rhonda Payne

Rhonda Payne, who lives in Oxford, Pennsylvania, found a junonia while shelling near the Sanibel Lighthouse on April 2. "The beach was very crowded and people were running up to me in shock," said Payne. "My family lives in Cape Coral, so I was there for a visit. Sanibel Island is the love of my life and I have been going there for a long time. Saturday was the best shelling day I have ever had." ✨



Members of the Island Seniors visited Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm last week

Island Seniors Tour Heritage Farm

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Last week, Island Seniors Florida Day Trips took the group to the Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm in North Fort Myers. They had a private tour of the 100-acre sustainable farm, raising 100 percent grass-fed cows and heritage breed pastured pigs and poultry. During the tour, the seniors were served a fresh from the gardens and farm lunch. Later, all shopped at the provisions store, selecting from organically-raised and pastured meats, organically-grown heirloom vegetables and herbs, breads, pates and other farm-grown goodies.



Island Seniors having lunch at the farm

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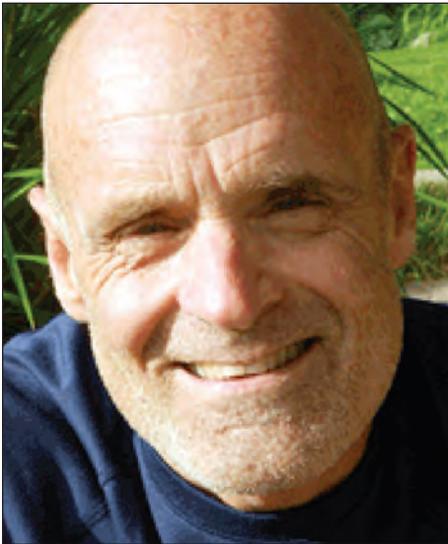
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Dr. Davis' motivation for his talk came from the idea of what would our lives be like without the Gulf of Mexico... just after the BP oil leakage. Dr. Davis said, "The BP oil spill has come to define how Americans see the gulf and their relationship with it, and in some ways has stolen its true identity. Yet the BP oil spill is not the worst environmental assault the gulf has suffered."

Drawing from his about-to-be published book, *Gulf of Mexico: Making of an American Sea*, Dr. Davis will talk about the geological formation of the gulf and its effect on people from pre-Spanish natives to current shoreside residents.

A professor of environmental history and sustainability studies at the University of Florida, Dr. Davis spent his childhood on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and the Panhandle region. An author and editor of several books on Florida, he has received the golf medal in the non-fiction category from the Florida Book Awards.

By his own admission, Dr. Davis is more excited about speaking to the intellectually curious than communicating within the world of academia. Inquiring and interested minds are one of the hallmarks of our island communities.

This is an educational opportunity to hear a man whose passion is telling the stories of Florida's environments and the people who reside within... especially for us, the intriguing coastal water out upon which we gaze.

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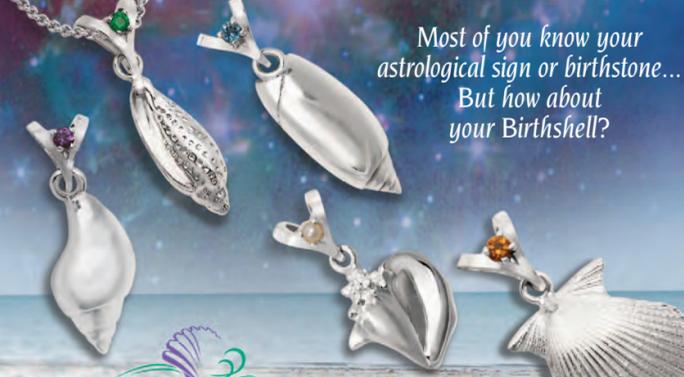
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CROW Conducts Annual Meeting

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) held its 2016 Membership Meeting at CROW's Visitor Education Center on March 23. Those in attendance included members of the board, staff, volunteers and memberships.

The agenda consisted of the introduction of new and returning board members, a review of 2015 achievements and focus for 2016. CROW announced the appointment of a new board president, two new board members and a full slate of board members for 2016.

The new CROW board members are Ginnie Pritchett-McSpadden and John B. Talmage.

Pritchett-McSpadden is a Southwest Florida native and founder of the Southwest Florida Eagle Cam. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida and is currently a senior account supervisor for Norris Sports Group, a Naples-based sports and social media marketing company. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities, golfing and spending time with her family.

Talmage is a Sanibel resident and co-owner of Sweet Melissa's Café and Island Pizza Company. He has a master of arts degree from Tulane University, a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University and serves on



From left: Rob Lisenbee, vice president; Paul Ben-Susan, vice president; David Nichols, DVM, president; Ginnie Pritchett-McSpadden, board member; Edith Pendleton, secretary; and Jeff Haungs, treasurer

several different boards within the local community. In his spare time, he and his wife, Melissa, are involved with their children's extracurricular activities.

CROW would like to recognize the immense contribution of outgoing board president Melissa Congress. She served as president from 2013 to 2015 and guided the organization through many changes. She will continue to serve as the chairwoman for CROW's annual Taste of the Islands food festival.

The slate of board members for 2016 include the following:

Board Of Directors

President David Nichols, DVM; Vice President Rob Lisenbee; Vice President Paul Ben-Susan; Secretary Edith Pendleton; and Treasurer Jeff Haungs.

Board Members

Diane Bean, DVM; Jeff Burns; Jason Eisele, DVM, DACVS, CCRP; Steve Harris, Esq.; Jason Maughan, Esq.; Jeff Powers; Ginnie Pritchett-McSpadden; Gail Seldess; John B. Talmage; and Jeff Weigel.

Dr. Linda Estep, executive director and Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director, acknowledged improvements at CROW. In 2015, 3,646 patients were

admitted to CROW; 61 percent birds, 31 percent mammals and 7 percent reptiles. Improvements in hospital equipment have resulted in top-notch care for all patients. CROW released more than 1,200 patients for a total release rate of 33 percent for patients admitted in 2015. At CROW's Visitor Education Center, there was a 34 percent increase in visitor admissions.✪

Guided Walk

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Thursday, April 21 at 5 p.m. Meet on the beach in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it deadends.

Bunche Beach is a great spot for viewing both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

The event is free with parking fee of \$2 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). There are restrooms at the first parking lot. Guide provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

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Traveler's Tree

by Gerri Reaves

Traveler's tree's (*Ravenala madagascariensis*) gigantic fan-shaped crown creates a distinctly tropical look in the landscape.

You might know this native of Madagascar by another name, traveler's palm, but in fact it is not a palm.

The tree gets its name from the rainwater that collects in the base in the leaf sheaths – an oasis for thirsty travelers. Each tightly overlapping base holds about a quart of water.

Young specimens have an underground trunk. Mature trees develop a short above-ground palm-like trunk that is about a foot in diameter with numerous leaf-scars rings.

Thirty to 35 evergreen leaves of up to 10 feet long make-up the large Chinese-folding-fan formation with the leaves on the same plane.

The wide, smooth, flat leaves resemble those of the tree's relatives, banana, ginger and bird-of-paradise. Because the leaves are usually a bit tattered or shredded by the weather, they have a feathery look.

The inflorescences of small creamy white flowers measure up to foot long and are cupped in boat-shaped bracts. In its native habitat, the tree is pollinated by lemurs.

The brown woody fruit capsule contains blue seeds, which along with the



Traveler's tree, a native of Madagascar, is named for the water stored in its base, a welcome commodity for thirsty travelers

photos by Gerri Reaves

oily blue arils (appendages attached to the seed) are edible.

Traveler's tree has a moderate growth rate and can reach up to 50 feet tall. Its height and large breadth make it a striking specimen for a big landscape.



The boat-shaped bracts contain the inflorescences

Avoid planting it too near a wall.

A young tree makes an attractive container or patio plant.

It prefers rich well-drained soil and full sun but will tolerate some shade. Cercospora leaf-spot can be a problem for this species.

Sources: *500 Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, *Florida Gardener's Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia

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Martha Merizon and Julia Schaer

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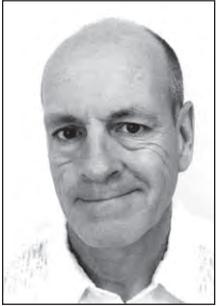
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Kemp's Ridley
Sea Turtle

by Bob Petcher

The Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) is a somewhat rare species of sea turtle to the Southwest Florida area, which is generally more populated

with loggerheads and green turtles. In fact, it is considered the world's most endangered sea turtle by *National Geographic* magazine. While Kemp's ridleys are found primarily in the Gulf of Mexico, this particular sea turtle can be seen as far north as Nova Scotia.

Kemp's ridleys may live to be approximately 50 years old. They are considered the smallest marine turtle in the world.

Not big into deep diving, the adult Kemp's prefers shallow waters to reach the bottom to feed on fish, jellyfish, mollusks and occasionally seaweed and sargassum. But their favorite food is crab. Interestingly, each indicator species of the sea turtle has a specific function in the ecology of the oceans. The function of the Kemp's ridley is to keep the crab population balanced. Compare that

function with greens, known as the "farmers" of the ocean because they eat turtle grasses, and that trimming helps water flow.

With sea turtle nesting season right around the corner, take heed of the reptiles swimming in open waters. The season that supports the prehistoric annual ritual of nesting upon our beachfronts for all sea turtles is from May 1 to October 31.

Last week, a Venture Out Charters captain spotted a Kemp's ridley sea turtle swimming in circles and unable to dive in the Cape Harbour region. Charter boat officials first thought the turtle was entangled in fishing line but soon realized, on closer inspection, it was not trapped but somehow injured.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission was contacted for assistance. FWC put CROW and the Lee County Sheriff's Office in contact with each other to arrange the rescue. Lee County Sheriff's Office transported the injured sea turtle to a Sanibel boat ramp where CROW staff received it for the drive to the rehabilitation clinic.

CROW officials stated the adult turtle arrived with mild dehydration and was given fluids. First diagnosis determined the patient had *brevetoxicosis*, known as red tide poisoning. It was placed in the facility's turtle tank where it could swim and build muscle for strength.

Currently, the patient is receiving food and fluids daily. At first, it was fed squid. Eventually, crabs were re-introduced into its diet.



Patient #16-986 was found to have red tide poisoning

CROW officials said it can take 90 days for red tide poisoning to clear the sea turtle's lungs and body. That being said, the release date is pending and will be based on the speed of its progress.

"Harmful algal blooms are known to cause morbidity and mortality in fish, marine mammals, sea birds and sea turtles. The effects of these algal blooms on marine organisms are due to the various toxins produced by the different algal species," said Dr. Heather Barron, CROW's hospital director. "The Kemp's ridley sea turtle at CROW was very debilitated and exhibiting clinical signs consistent with *brevetoxicosis* including disorientation, inability to dive in the water, depression and a very low heart rate. Diagnostic tests revealed some

severe electrolyte abnormalities and high brevetoxin levels. An intravenous catheter was placed and fluid therapy and supportive care started. The turtle is responding well to treatment and is now able to swim normally. Toxin levels in the blood will be monitored and the patient released when clinically normal and the toxin levels are low or gone."

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For reservations, contact Rachel Rainbolt at rrainbolt@crowclinic.org or 472-3644 ext. 229 to register. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed weekends. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Friday, April 15 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW Staff.

After a patient stabilizes in the hospital, CROW's rehabilitation staff provides them with a combination of balanced diet, husbandry and physical therapy. This supportive care is necessary to ensure success during the final step in the rehabilitation process.

Friday, April 15, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

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 program has two parts: an introductory presentation covering medical and rehabilitation methods and then a guided tour through treatment areas of the hospital, concluding on rehabilitation grounds. Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. This program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity available following the tour with an animal ambassador

Saturday, April 16 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Baby Care at CROW, presented by a CROW volunteer.

Wildlife parents are devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them. Juveniles found "abandoned" might actually be in a natural stage of development. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided

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

Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student.

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

Monday, April 18 11 a.m and 2 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student.

Monday, April 18, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge, advance registration required – Speaker Series: Shark Encounters in Southwest Florida with guest speaker Katie Moses, park services specialist for Lovers Key State Park on Fort Myers Beach.

Ranger Moses talks about the sensational world of sharks. Discover the incredible senses sharks use to hunt and survive, why sharks are essential to the oceans, hear a breakdown of some popular myths, learn some easy tips to keep safe and how you can help preserve these amazing animals.

Tuesday, April 19 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student.

Tuesday, April 19, 2 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

Wednesday, April 20 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101, presented by CROW a volunteer. Live animal encounter following the presentation.

Wednesday, April 20, 2 to 3:30 p.m., \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

This program is open to all, but it is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity available following the tour with an animal ambassador.

Thursday, April 21, 11 a.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises, presented by a CROW volunteer.

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

Thursday, April 21, 2 p.m., adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101, presented by a CROW volunteer. Live animal encounter following the presentation.*



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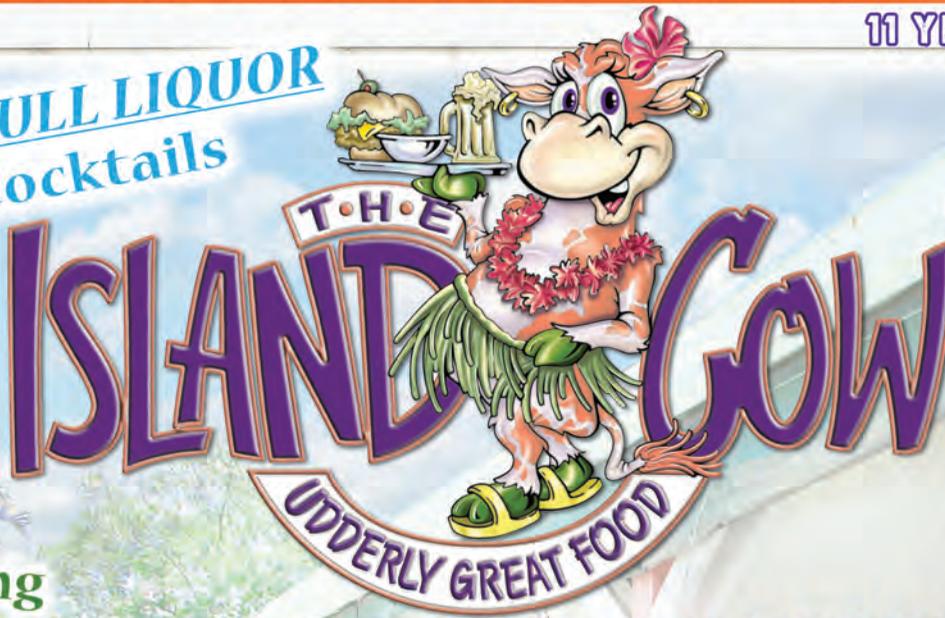
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Cattle Egrets Captured In Flight And Close Up



A cattle egret in its breeding plumage lands on a mangrove

photos by Al Hoffacker



Closeup image of a cattle egret

Wildlife photographer Al Hoffacker captured several images of a cattle egret recently at the delta of Fisheating Creek near Lake Okeechobee. "The challenge of freezing a bird in flight, along with one that is this beautiful, is one of the most satisfying aspects of wildlife photography," said Hoffacker.

A closeup image of another cattle egret was taken at the end on the main trail of the Caloosahatchee Creek Preserve (East), which is part of the Lee County 20/20 Land Stewardship Program.✱

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Celebrate Earth Day at SCCF — April 22



Dr. Jack E. Davis looks at how nature shapes societies in his talk *Florida and the Gulf of Mexico: History, Wisdom and Hope*. Dr. Davis is a professor of environmental history and sustainability studies at the University of Florida. Topics of his non-fiction books include Marjory Stoneman Douglas, civil rights, feminism and the environmental history of Florida.

After the talk, join SCCF for some EarthDay birthday cake. *Friday, April 22 at 1 p.m. \$5 adults.*

Coyote and Bear Tales — April 20

Coyotes and a Florida black bear have been documented on the island; the black bear was relocated to northern Florida. Come and learn about the behaviors of these two new species. Coyotes have now moved into every county in Florida. Both human and bear populations are growing in Florida. Eighty percent of a bear's diet comes from insects and fruits.

Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.



Tank Talk — April 19

Learn about the Nature Center's educational ambassadors living in tanks, including an endangered Indigo snake, Diamondback Terrapins, and critters in the touch tank. *Tuesday, April 19 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults*

Turtle Tracks — April 21

Learn about the life cycles and habits of the sea turtles and shorebirds that nest on our beaches, SCCF's monitoring activities, and what we are doing to protect them.

Thursday, April 21 at 10 a.m. \$5 adults.



Wildflower & Pollinator Walk at the Bailey Homestead

Join Dee for a "Wildflower and Pollinator Walk" at SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center's new pollinator garden at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. *Tuesday, April 19 at 11 a.m. Free but advance reservations required. Call 472-2329.*

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April Weather Proves Challenging



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Fishing, much like hunting, is about patterns and figuring out what that pattern is to be successful. Water temperature, tide and wind are the main factors in where and when

fish are in certain areas. With our weather all over the place the last few weeks, staying on fish or even partly working out the pattern has been a real challenge. Constantly changing strong winds from a different direction almost daily, along with fluctuating water temperatures from cold fronts, has made each day on the water a new puzzle to crack.

I do like the challenge of figuring it out and did to some extent during most trips this week. Every charter involved fish-

ing lots of different places to finally find where and when the fish were feeding. Usually after locating good numbers of fish, I return for a few days on the same tide and wind set-up and catch them consistently. With wind directions being so random, this was not the case at all. One day I would catch lots of snook on a certain shoreline or oyster bar, then the next day the wind would be totally different and the fish were long gone. One thing that did prove consistent for the last few weeks was it was going to take work to get clients on action and nothing was going to come easily.

Snook have been my main target species for the last few weeks and most trips have consisted of catching a dozen or more fish. The last few years we have been spoiled, catching 50-plus fish a trip in April as the fish were already stacked up in the passes. April can be a big transition month with snook if we have had a cold winter. This year, they are just still spread out, still being found all through the back country and out into middle sound as they have not made their way to the passes in any large numbers yet.

Oyster bar fishing will be a good choice to catch a snook for the next few weeks as they use them as stopping off



Ross Juelfs from Nebraska with a bonus tripletail caught this week while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

places, almost like a rest area, as they cross the sound. Most oyster bars require a middle to higher phase of the tide to fish. On low water, they are just too shallow to even reach except on super shallow draft boats. Bouncing bar to bar this week I found some of the better snook action of the week. The hardest part was finding an oyster bar that was fishable on the daily changing wind direction.

Open water flats fishing for trout, mackerel, jacks and ladyfish was still the fastest paced action around when you could find a flat that was somewhat sheltered from the winds. Look for clear water in depths of three to five feet on either side of the sound. Rig up with a live shrimp on a popping cork and this

can be as easy as it gets. Most of these trout on the flats are on the small side of the slot so bring lots of shrimp. On the low outgoing tide while fishing some of larger sheltered bays in "Ding" Darling, we experienced some of the best trout fishing I have seen in months. Live shiners fired these fish up, with some of them even going over the 20-inch max. While traveling between spots, I also ran into a few bonus tripletail scattered throughout the bay on random crab buoys. Our largest was right around 20 inches.

Having plenty of shiners to fish with at times this week brought every species out to eat, but at other times, even having the perfect baits would not get the

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Send Us Your Fish Tales

The *Island Sun* would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the *Island Sun*, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, or email to press@islandnews.com; or call 395-1213.

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The Captiva Island Yacht Club (CIYC) Junior Sailing Camp will utilize Optimist Prams, Sunfish and Lasers – international class sailboats – in its upcoming sailing camps for kids 8 to 15 of all experience levels this coming summer. Membership in the yacht club is not necessary for participation.

Session 1 is from Monday, June 13 to Friday, June 24. Session 2 is from Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 22.

“CIYC will use the U.S. Sailing Association’s curriculum at our Junior Sailing Camp. In a few short weeks, campers can graduate from learning on Optimist Prams to sailing Olympic racing class Lasers,” said lead instructor Marshall Long. Camp will be held at the CIYC, next to “Tween Waters Inn on Captiva Drive.

Beginning sailors will learn to rig and sail their own Optimist Prams, single-handed sailing dinghies approved by the International Sailing Federation for Youngsters. The original Pram was designed in 1947 by Clark Mills of Clearwater, Florida, a member of the Optimist Clubs of America. Mills designed a small, stable, responsive boat that could – back then – be constructed for \$50. This low cost opened opportunities in the sport to many children.

At the recent London Olympics, 80 percent of competing skippers learned to sail on Optimist Prams.

Once campers master the basics of sailing, they can graduate to Lasers. These competitive racing boats – sturdy, simple to rig and sail single-handed – are very fast. The 13 foot-Lasers became an Olympic class in 1996 and are raced all over the world.

This is a great opportunity for young people to learn how to harness the power of the wind and experience the joy of controlling a sailboat. It’s a sport they can carry on throughout their lives.

For more information or enrollment forms, contact Lauren Davies at 472-9627 or Accounting@CaptivaYC.net. Enrollment is limited.*



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Shell Of The Week

Apple Murex



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

I can't believe that I have been writing this weekly column for more than two years, and hadn't

yet talked about the apple murex. A fixture along the shores of Southwest Florida, *Phyllonotus pomum* (Gmelin, 1791), cannot be confused with any other local species: despite its usually frilly surface, the brown and white shell is solid, adorned with varices deployed at regular intervals. The image on the right, taken at the shell museum's own live tank, depicts a female apple murex laying her corn kernel-like egg capsules. (The female was collected and is maintained by the shell museum's marine biologist Rebecca Mensch.) Female apple murexes may lay large masses of egg capsules together, at the same time, a phenomenon known as communal spawning. Learn more about local mollusks at <http://shellmuseum.org/shells/southwest-florida-shells>.

Shell Museum Events

Daily Island Inn Morning Beach Walks (Advance booking required):



The apple murex, *Phyllonotus pomum*

Photos José H. Leal

Photo Amy Tripp

photo on right (by Amy Tripp) shows a female laying eggs photo on left by José H. Leal

Join our marine biologist for a beach walk near Island Inn on Sanibel. Walks depart daily from the Island Inn lobby at 9 a.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Parking at the Island Inn is free for beach walk participants. Space is limited so book online at shellmuseum.org/events or call 395-2233 to make a reservation. All beach walk guests receive half-off shell museum admission. (Current Island Inn guests, please book through the inn).

Mollusk movies and scavenger hunts continuously throughout each day.

Tank Talks continuously throughout each day: Gain great insights into the fascinating world of local mollusks.

Monday at 1:30 p.m.: Carolyn's Collection – A fun and engaging look at quality shells of a private collector. Check shellmuseum.org to note any schedule changes.

Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.: Shell BINGO

Wednesday at 1:30: Mollusk Matinees – A series of nature-related lectures presented by local experts. Check shellmuseum.org for weekly topics.

Thursday at 1:30 p.m.: Cool Shells – See some great shell treasures not on exhibit.

Friday at 1:30 p.m.: Arts and Crafts – Create marine-themed art and take it home with you.

Saturday at 1:30 p.m.: Sanibel Shells – Discover the look, feel and subtle differences of local shells.

Sunday at 1:30 p.m.: Shell BINGO.

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Forum On Mollusks In Peril



Arther E. Bogan, PhD, FLS

The public is invited to join leading scientists at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel for an international forum, entitled Mollusks In Peril. The program will be an exploration by the world's top scientists of the threats facing mollusks – animals that are sea-shell makers as well as octopus, nudibranchs, squid, nautilus, etc. and terrestrial snails.

"These animals, like canaries in the coal mines can help tell us about the health of our world," said Dorrie Hipschman, the museum's executive director. "Our museum is proud to host this prestigious event and proud that the museum's unique collection helps researchers compare the historical record with the health of these amazing animals today."

Understanding how ocean warming and acidification affect mollusks is of critical importance if we are to safeguard these ecologically and economically important species and the human communities they support, Hipschman explained. In addition to



Photo José H. Leal

The coral snail (*Babelomurex gemmatum*) will become extinct if coral reefs die as they rely on them for food. Also, those animals which rely on the coral snail will also be endangered.

being a unique source of bio-materials and inspiration, mollusks comprise a critical and irreplaceable part of the world's food web including human food sources. They are becoming extinct faster than we can name them.

The featured speaker at the forum will be Arther E. Bogan, research curator of aquatic invertebrates at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, North Carolina. Bogan is a malacologist specializing in freshwater mussel taxonomy, distribution, conservation and evolution. He will discuss the world's highly imperiled freshwater mollusks.

Early registration is \$100 (through April 30) and covers the cost for continental breakfasts, lunches and breaks. For an additional \$25, participants and guests can join the kickoff sunset cruise on Sunday, May 22.

To register and for a complete list of presenters and topics, visit www.shellmuseum.org/learn/mollusks-in-peril or call 395-2233.*

City Of Sanibel Vegetation Committee

Guided Vegetation Tours At City Hall

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering guided native vegetation and landscaping tours of Sanibel City Hall grounds, planted exclusively with native plants. The next tour of is on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 10 a.m.

Walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer. See how you can plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation committee members will provide information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer, and no supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to city hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. For more information, contact the City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.

Attendees are encouraged to enjoy the island's good nature and bicycle to these events.

The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, www.mysanibel.com, offers information and photos of native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the city's vegetation committee. The vegetation committee also offers free native plant tours of the grounds at city hall at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of the month from November to April. For more information, contact the Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.*



Great white egret, *Ardea alba*

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Capt. Matt

bite going. Shiners have gotten easier to catch in the middle sound finally, making the bait part of going fishing much easier than it has been for the last few months. As we get closer to May, hopefully the weather and our fishing will get a whole lot more consistent. April is often a challenging month for anglers and can either be really good or really tough. So far this month, the unpredictable weather has been a major factor.

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

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Want the opportunity to win prizes while helping to document and remove non-native freshwater fish from Florida's waters? Consider participating in the second statewide Non-Native Fish Catch, Click & Report Contest, coordinated by the Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and partners. The 2016 contest began at 6 a.m. on April 1 and runs until midnight on Saturday, April 30.

Participating is easy: anglers simply take a photo, enter detailed catch location or GPS coordinates, and report nonnative freshwater fish catches to IveGot1.org during the contest sample period. Catches can also be reported by downloading the IveGot1 app, by calling 888-IVE-GOT1 (888-483-4681), or by posting photos and catch data to your Instagram account.

"Florida is home to at least 34 species of reproducing exotic fish and new species continue to be found, which can impact native fish communities," said FWC biologist Kelly Gestring. "By removing and reporting non-native fish, anglers help manage populations of exotic species and help conserve our state's precious natural resources."

The contest is part of a continuing effort to raise awareness of non-native



Peacock bass

fish species and encourage anglers to target non-native fish for consumption by the FWC and partners, including the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Florida Invasive Species Partnership, University of Georgia and Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. Partners plan to hold the event annually with the help of



Mayan cichlid



Bullseye snakehead images provided by Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission anglers acting as citizen scientists.

The Non-Native Fish Catch, Click & Report Contest is open to all licensed or legally exempt anglers in Florida. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded. Entries can be submitted throughout the contest period and final submissions must be made by midnight on April 30.

For more information on the contest rules, regulations and prizes, go to FloridaInvasives.org/CatchClickReport. To register and start submitting reports visit IveGot1.org or download the free

reporting app for your smartphone by searching for IveGot1 in the app store. You can also report your catch by posting your photos and catch data to your Instagram account; be sure to tag #ivegot1. You may also enter by calling the Exotic Species Hotline at 888-IVE-GOT1 (888-483-4681) and informing the operator that you are participating in the contest.

More information on non-native freshwater fish and other exotic species can be found at My.FWC.com/nonnatives.



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Mollusk Matinee

José H. Leal, science director and curator of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, will present his Mollusk Matinee titled Biomimetics and Mollusks on Wednesday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.

In his talk, Dr. Leal will discuss the many uses of mollusks in Biomimetics. Biomimetics (or Bioinspiration) is a relatively new branch of science devoted to explore how living organisms can provide models and the stimulus in the design of a multitude of materials used in a broad range of human endeavors. More than ever, nature inspires new strategies for stronger, tougher, lighter, smarter, and more sustainable materials and products.

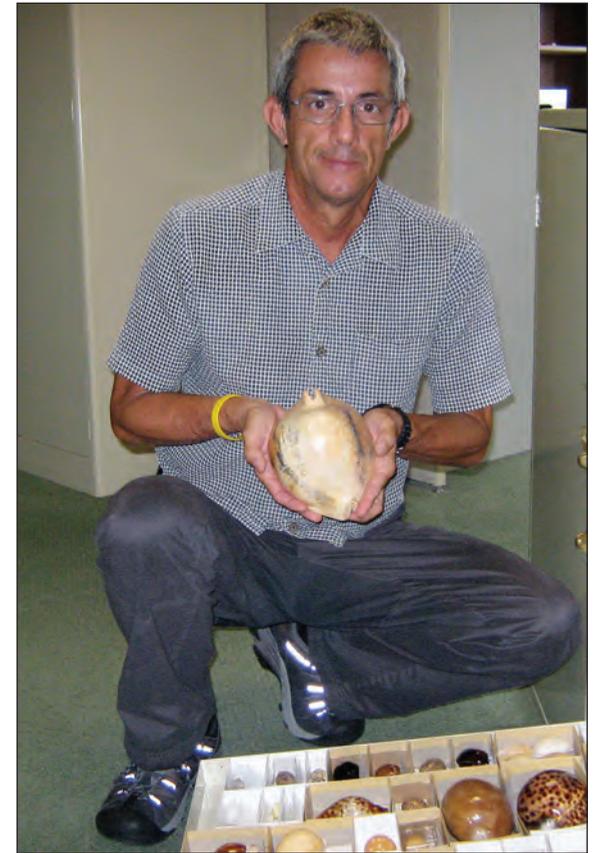
The director of the shell museum between February 1996 and August 2013, Dr. Leal received his Ph.D. in marine biology and fisheries from the University of Miami. His love for shells and sea life goes back to his childhood years in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was a visiting professor at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, and postdoctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Dr. Leal holds honorary faculty positions at the University of Miami and Florida Gulf Coast University, where is an affiliate member of the Coastal Watershed Institute. He is also a past president of the American Malacological Society, current president of Conchologists of America, a past board member of the Florida Association of Museums, an accreditation peer reviewer for the American Alliance of Museums, and editor of shell-science journal *The Nautilus*.



Bioinspired glass

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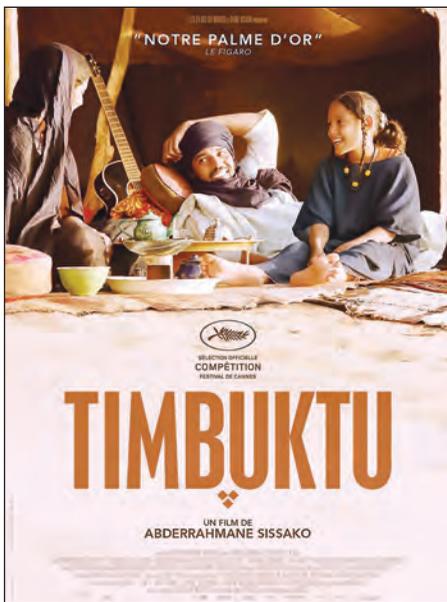
by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for April 18, is *Timbuktu*, from an African director

about a family and a city shattered by bigotry and violence. "We are the guardians of all deeds since we arrived in this territory," is stated by one of the self-described jihadists who, with his colleagues and some powerful weaponry, are presuming to rule a small village and its surrounding grazing land and waters.

The movie is set in the legendary city of Timbuktu, whose richly diverse traditions are being trampled by fanatical jihadis, often from outside the country. After a tense scene in which a group of zealots are shooting gazelles with AK-47s, the movie quietly shifts to village life. The suppression and control of women is shown as a key part of this new order. The zealots aim to stamp out harmless pleasures like music and football. Interestingly, the music in the film is as beautiful as its imagery.

Outside the village, a cattleman, Kidane, lives with his wife and 12-year-



old daughter. Kidane angrily confronts a fisherman who has killed his cow. The worst happens and its aftermath is depicted in an incredible long take shot from a considerable distance. A jaw dropping piece of filmmaking. The director creates an interrelated series of characters and tableaux, giving us scenes from the life of a traumatized nation. There are some brilliant visual moments including the panoramic visions of the river in which Kidane and the fisherman stagger apart.

The amazing thing about all the conflict that tears this place and its people apart is how calm everyone is about

it. Nobody raises his or her voices: nobody raises a hand in impulsive anger. The jihadists feel they are conducting themselves properly. One who wants a young woman in marriage expects no argument; the girl is his right. The fact that he asks for her politely, in his mind, only underscores his alleged right. It doesn't matter if he is refused. He calmly states, "I'll come again in a bad way."

Part of what makes *Timbuktu* such a striking film is the way the director insists on giving the jihadists full humanity even though he deplores their actions. This is just one of the many things that this film portrays exceptionally well. It runs 97 minutes. Gil Peters will lead the discussion.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion. Film Patrons: June Rosner and Russ Bilgore. Film Sponsors: Bank of the Islands, Stan and Visnja Gembicki, John R. Wood Properties, Penny Wilkinson, Hyde Tucker. Film Supporters: Sanibel Taxi, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 395-0900.*

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Shell Found



Jennifer Jones and Lily Conkling

A first time visitor to Sanibel, 10-year-old Lily Conkling of Wichita, Kansas got the thrill of a lifetime on April 9 as she found a junonia while shelling at Beach Access #1 on West Gulf Drive with island resident Jennifer Jones. It was the highlight of Conkling's trip as she had studied up and was on the hunt for the highly sought-after prize shell.*

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Austin Dunne

Austin Dunne, visiting from Buffalo, New York, caught-and-released a 25-inch snook while on a Sea Reed Charter. Austin and his family stayed at Shell Island Beach Club, located on Sanibel's east end.*

Shell Found



Jill Kable

Jill Kable, a teacher visiting from Appleton, Wisconsin, found an 11-inch horse conch while shelling on the beach just south of Sanibel Beach Club on March 29. According to Kable, she found the shell in thigh-high water after stepping on it.*



Carol Rosenberg with *Sanibel Lighthouse* and *Sanibel City Hall*



Gloria Krekel with *Times Square*



Marcy Calkins with *Palm Tree*



Jane Hudson with *Bay Watch*

Island Artists To Celebrate Florida

During the month of April, Sanibel Captiva Art League is sponsoring an exhibit at the Sanibel Public Library with a theme of celebrating Florida. Organized by Ann Bischoff and Rita McLain, members of the art league

were invited to submit two paintings with a tropical Florida theme. The show is a colorful and cheerful display of art in a variety of mediums. The show was

hung by Rita McLain, Jim Storer, Judith Clarke and Anita Force Marshall. Gloria Krekel supervised the pick-up of paintings from the March exhibit.

Sanibel Captiva Art League, formed in 1964, is an active organization with a committed group of artist volunteers.

Recently, 25 artists painted shopping bags from Bailey's General Store. A silent auction for these shopping bags generated \$1894.50, which was donated to FISH of SanCap.

More information about the San-Cap Art League and their activities is available online at www.sancapart.com.✽



Paint out at Blue Dolphin

Orchid Society Workshop

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society will feature a hands-on workshop at 1:30 p.m. at its Monday, April 18 meeting at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way. Each participant will learn how to mount an orchid on bark and will bring home their creation. There is no cost for the orchids or materials for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the meeting's fundamentals session at 1 p.m. to hear Bill Overton discuss *Catasetinae Culture: Growing in Sphagnum Moss*. Overton has been growing orchids for more than 40 years and is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. He will conduct the mounting workshop as well as this month's fundamentals session.

Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs further diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during show and tell. Orchid society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best hybrid and best species orchids. An orchid raffle will also be held.



Sanibel resident Gary Murza, vice president of the San-Cap Orchid Society, oversees the display of the group's show orchids at its March meeting

Annual society membership is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. Guests are \$5 plus \$15 if they participate in the mounting workshop.

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Celebrated Cast To Star In Gulfshore Opera's Charming Performance

Irish tenor Anthony Kearns returns to Southwest Florida for a full-scale comedic opera, Gaetano Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore* (*Elixir of Love*). Gulfshore Opera will present the performance at CPAC in Punta Gorda at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15 and at Artis-Naples at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

Gulfshore Opera has created a show that includes both celebrated and up and coming artists from around the world, the Gulfshore Opera Orchestra and Chorus, and a collaboration with Gulfshore Ballet located in Fort Myers. General Director Steffanie Pearce said, "It's a fun filled evening with English translations on a surtitle screen so you can laugh along." The Artis-Naples performance on April 21 will be a collaboration with the Naples Philharmonic orchestra.

Composer Donizetti's light-hearted comedy bubbles with effervescent arias and charm as the elixir causes as many problems as it solves. It is a story of Nemorino, a poor peasant in love with a beautiful landowner, Adina. Nemorino is tormented by her utter indifference. The *Elixir of Love* is one of Donizetti's most popular works.

Performed regularly throughout the world, this opera is full of comedy, romance, vocal fireworks and a happily ever after ending. Kearns will debut the lead role of Nemorino. "I'm delighted to be a part of this production. A challenging work, but with a stellar cast it



Cast of *Elixir of Love*

should make for a wonderful experience for all," said Kearns. "This opera is fast paced, full of energy and life that is sprinkled with moments of beauty too. A perfect example is in the heart stirring aria *Una furtiva lagrima*. It's at this point that Nemorino realizes that truly Adina loves him back."

South African bass-baritone Musa Ngqungwana will be playing the role of the charlatan medicine man. "I'm looking forward to revisiting the role of Dr. Dulcamara and having the chance to perform for the opera-loving community in Southwest Florida," said Ngqungwana.

In addition to being an opera singer, Ngqungwana is an inspirational speaker and author. In 2014, he self-published a memoir about his upbringing in South Africa during and following apartheid, focusing on his path to becoming a singer amidst a system of segregation and an impoverished background. Ngqungwana now has a flourishing singing career with engagements on some of the world's major opera stages. He will be giving several inspirational talks throughout the tri-county area while in town.

Rising star and lead soprano Danielle Talamantes will perform the role of Adina, the object of Nemorino's affections. "Donizetti knew how to write for the voice; both in sheer beauty of line as well as for the Commedia dell'arte type characters of Belcore and Dulcamara. My season this year has been filled with dramatic concert work and intense operas, so *Elixir* is going to feel wonderfully refreshing and playful," said Talamantes.

Ryan McAdams, an international rising star of the conducting scene, will be at the helm. He is quickly establishing himself as one of the most exciting and versatile conductors of his generation, equally prized as a symphonic, operatic and contemporary music conductor.

"As a child growing up in St. Louis, my mother sang in the ensemble of Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and that experience showed me what a major opera company could be for its community, how it gives audiences a sense of ownership and involvement in a production, and how it could showcase

local talent. For much of my career, I've sought out companies with a similar philosophy, and I'm honored to be working with a company that brings together both internationally-renowned and extraordinary local musicians, dancers and artists. I so look forward to leading this deeply silly, beautiful and heartfelt opera."

A former classmate of Ngqungwana's, Wes Mason, will play the role of Belcore. "It is such a pleasure to be heading to the Gulfshore Opera to join this magnificent cast in one of Donizetti's masterpieces, *Elixir of Love*. Belcore is one of my favorite roles and I haven't had an opportunity to play him since my time with Musa Ngqungwana at the Academy of Vocal Arts. I can't wait to see what magic we will create," Mason said.

Stage director David Grabarkewitz explained the charm of *Elixir of Love*, "We are combining Donizetti's beautiful, bubbling score with both a tremendous cast of professional singers and a lively group of dancers to enhance the music. I have always considered *Elixir* to be one of the great romantic comedies, and, although we are traditional in sets and costumes for this production, it is the delightful sparring of Kate Hepburn and Spencer Tracy in *Desk Set* or Rosalind Russell and Cary Grant in *His Girl Friday* that are easy examples of how fun a story this can be."

Artist sponsors are Anthony Kearns, and Don and Mary Jo Kittle.

With a mission to be inclusive and accessible, Gulfshore Opera offers a limited number of \$25 sponsored seats to those who otherwise would not be able to attend. Single tickets start at \$25 (sponsored tickets). Visit www.gulfshoreopera.org or call 239-529-3925.

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BIG ARTS Opens Two Gallery Shows



Back row from left, Bunny Ospa, Celeste Borah, Will Roger, Del Holt, Robin Cook, Maize Argodizza and Richard Stanton; front row, Lee Ellen Harder and Tara Dixon

Two outstanding new visual arts exhibits opened at the BIG ARTS galleries on March 30 and will continue until April 22. In the Phillips Gallery, "Journeys" displays both graphic works (paintings and other two-dimensional pieces) and sculpture that together explore the idea of travel, transformation and transition.

At the same time, the BIG ARTS Founders Gallery features an exceptional one-man show, "Fantastic Plastic" by artist/photographer Stephen Hayford, whose professional artist career includes commissioned work for major firms, including LucasFilms *Star Wars* promotions

"Both these exhibits are two of the most exciting we have had at BIG ARTS," said executive director Lee Ellen Harder. "We are, as always, deeply grateful to the all-volunteer, BIG ARTS Visual Arts Committee for their time, talent and care in producing such a remarkable exhibit."

Jade Dellinger, director of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Florida SouthWestern College, served as juror for the Journeys exhibit. He awarded first place to Del Holt's fascinating large watercolor. Holt says that he paints for the love of painting; sales or awards are secondary.

The second place winner, *Chair Travel* by Tara Dixon, is a complex, abstracted portrayal of an elaborate chair and cushioned footstool. Dixon says that *Chair Travel* is based on the concept that wherever you are, you can travel in your mind. Dixon describes herself as a huge admirer of renowned artist and former Captiva resident Robert Rauschenberg, and her entry was created using an image transfer technique developed by Rauschenberg.

Third place in the Journeys exhibit was awarded to Celeste Borah for her acrylic, *Edge of Night*. There were two honorable mentions, *Frozen Smoke*, a wood sculpture by Roger Will, and *Mackworth Island Shore*, a pen and ink piece by Maizie Argodizza. Merit awards were given to *Happy Dance*, pen and ink, by Deborah Butler; *The Eurozone*, Richard Stanton's acrylic; *Market Day in Canobio*, Cheryl Fausel, watermedia, and *Portrait of Nancy*, a mixed media work by Elise Sewall.

In the BIG ARTS Founders Gallery, the photographed dioramas in Stephen Hayford's *Fantastic Plastic* show range from a humorous scene of a woman in curlers watering her flowers to *Star Wars* images. He arranges his small figures with great attention to subtle gestures and compositional storytelling. Hayford starts his projects with commercial toy action figures, which he modifies and



The opening reception crowd enjoyed welcoming remarks and the awards ceremony

transforms into his own creations. He then builds elaborate, detailed models to tell a visual story and photographs the resulting dioramas.

Both exhibits run until April 22 and are open Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both exhibits are free to the public. All work shown in the BIG ARTS galleries is for sale, with exceptions based on third party copyrights or other considerations.

The 2015-2016 Visual Arts season for the Phillips Gallery is sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, and for the Founders Gallery by Deborah and John La Gorce.

For more information, visit www.bigarts.org or call 395-0900/9007.*

BIG ARTS Workshops And Seminars

Unleash your creativity, expand your horizons and meet terrific people at BIG ARTS this spring. Upcoming workshops and seminars include:

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PAINTING

Experimental Master Class: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 14 to May 5

Call 395-0900 or stop by the BIG ARTS Center, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, to enroll. For complete course descriptions and the full season's workshops and seminars schedule, visit www.bigarts.org/workshops or email info@bigarts.org.

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Ribbon Cutting For Pizzeria



The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce welcomed Beach Piez into the business family with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured with chamber past chairperson Fran Peters (left, front) is owner Chuck Bergstrom (cutting the ribbon) and manager Desiree Liggio (right, front). photo by Bob Petcher

Last week, the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Beach Piez, a pizzeria that provides lunch and dinner options for carry out or delivery.

"We are delighted to be serving our islands' residents and visitors New York-style pizza and subs fresh from the oven daily," said owner Chuck Bergstrom.

All-natural ingredients are used and pizza choices include Just The Cheese, Pepperoni Please, the White Pie, Meat Lovers and gluten free crust by the slice or a whole pie. Subs are also available.

Beach Piez delivers to job sites, businesses and even beach accesses on Sanibel and Captiva. It's located in Bailey's Shopping Center, 2441 Periwinkle Way, and open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays. Slices are available daily from noon to 4 p.m.✽

BIG ARTS Concert Band To Perform Friday

The BIG ARTS Concert Band will present a repeat performance of their recently sold-out Schein Hall Pops concert at Faith United Methodist Church, located at 15690 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers on Friday, April

15 at 7 p.m.

The 50-piece band will feature music from the silver screen with selections from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Great Escape* and *The Magnificent Seven*.

Sanibel residents August Thoma and Erik Entwistle will be featured soloists, with Thoma playing the Duke Ellington classic *Harlem Nocturne* on alto sax, and Entwistle playing *Theme from The Apartment* on the grand piano.

Admission to the concert is free.✽

Poet's Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to tutsie@centurylink.net. Each week, individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

Winter Thoughts On Sanibel

by Tanya Hochschild

Remember this season, greeting a winter morning as though it were spring. Each leaf illuminated by Rauschenberg's "Venetian" light.

Each day a promise of conversation and cake, as we congregated and make our world on this island.

Sanibel so easily reachable Ogden Nash would call it peachable, 'tho there really is no need to rhyme when most of us take the time to admire a distinguished woodstork, listen to an osprey's cry, follow the pecking progress of ibis, glimpse low-flying screech owls, beach towels and umbrellas that tell us, our island's warmth extends to tourists, their dogs and bikes.

When sunlight runs to ground and evening slips in, little turtles hatch in moonlight, counted by ardent nature lovers, while most are still under covers or have wandered to the window with coffee.

We linger here, in happiness, so in years to come, when we tramp the hills and gullies of our minds, we will find this place, remember this season.✽

Moms Group Learns From Speech Expert

Moms ConnectinG, a gathering of moms with young kids, explored speech and language development with Alicia Clark, a speech-language pathologist on April 7. The dialogue centered on speech development in children from birth through 8 years old. Clark shared many milestones and even some concern areas for parents to be aware of.

This group of moms meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at Sanibel Community Church, located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Brunch and childcare are available and the group is open to all moms. For more information, contact Amy Selby via email at amyselby27@gmail.com.✽



Alicia Clark, a speech pathologist, talks at last week's Moms ConnectingG meeting



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A scene from *Funny Girl*

Ziegfeld's Brightest Star At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

“Hello Gorgeous” are the first words spoken by Elizabeth McMonagle, who is playing Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl* at Broadway Palm. Fanny was a huge star in the 1920s. The Broadway show was originally custom-built for Barbra Streisand, so it demands a leading lady with her own individual star quality, as well as comic chops and a voice to master the soaring songs. McMonagle has it all. As the brash, multitasking and unsinkable young Fanny, she owns the part and the show. Standout songs are *People, Don't Rain on My Parade* and *The Music That Makes Me Dance*.

Fanny is determined to get into show business even though she views herself as “a bagel on a plate full of onion rolls.” She is full of confidence and with her comic talents eventually winds up in the Ziegfeld Follies. She makes her mark when she upstages everyone in the faux-Ziegfeld bridal scene number. The glitzy costumes and tall feathery headdresses pour on the razzle-dazzle. The choreography is top-notch. I also loved the kitschy patriotic scene, with

guys and leggy chorus gals toting rifles while tapping in their sparkling red white and blue outfits.

Fanny falls for a charming bad boy, Nick Arnstein (Drew Stark). When he orders a meal speaking fluent French, she mimes his mannerisms and says “I would have ordered roast beef and potatoes.” He replies, “I did.”

Fanny and Nick finally marry, they have a daughter, and everything appears to be rosy. Unfortunately, as Nick says in the end, “It's too late to pick up the pieces.” The musical makes Arnstein a lot nicer and less scandalous than what really occurred between the two, but that's OK, this is a Broadway fairy tale. You couldn't wish for a better Fanny than the winning McMonagle.

Stand outs in addition to McMonagle and Stark include Diane Wilde as Fanny's mother, Christopher Russell as Fanny's hoofer pal Eddie, and Dale Given as Florenz Ziegfeld. Additionally, the rest of the cast turns in committed performances as they wheel around the gravity of the heroine of the story, Fanny Brice.

All that being said, *Funny Girl* is a well-executed production that shows a lot of talent and a lot of heart. It plays through May 14 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets are available at the box office, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by calling 278-4422.*

School To Present Disney Musical

The Evangelical Christian School award-winning Performing Arts Department is set to take family audiences on an underwater musical adventure with the Southwest Florida Premiere of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, with performances April 21 through 23 at 7 p.m. nightly and 2 p.m. during the Saturday matinee.

Journey “under-the-sea” to a magical underwater kingdom, with the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, who longs to leave her ocean home and

live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. Based on the Academy Award-winning 1989 Disney film and one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages.

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A group taking a tour of the Robert Rauschenberg estate on Captiva last Thursday morning, as part of BIG ARTS' Celebrating Rauschenberg four-day series of activities honoring the life and legacy of the legendary contemporary artist photo by Jeff Lysiak

Rare Estate Tour Celebrates Legacy Of Artist Robert Rauschenberg

by Jeff Lysiak

From April 4 to 7, BIG ARTS offered fans and followers of the late, great contemporary artist Robert Rauschenberg a series of activities – including a plein air workshop, Talking Points lecture and tour of his 20-acre estate on Captiva – to honor the life and legacy of the longtime island icon.

Last Thursday morning, a select group of 40 people were treated to an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Rauschenberg's home and studio facility, which includes nine buildings off Captiva Drive. In addition to his Beach House and Gulf House (as the artist himself called them), the estate features a massive working studio, printing facility, curator house, dance studio, guest house, historic Weeks House and Waldo Cottage as well as a newly-installed greenhouse.

Ann Brady, director of the Rauschenberg Residency, offered a brief history of the famed pop artist, who passed away in 2008. She also described how Rauschenberg discovered Captiva during a vacation along Florida's southwestern coastline.

According to Brady, at the time Rauschenberg first visited the island in the 1960s, he traveled across San Carlos Bay to Sanibel via ferryboat. Driving towards continued on page 12B

Highlights Of SCCF's 5th Annual Beer In The Bushes



Hundreds turned out for last Saturday's 5th annual Beer In The Bushes fundraiser on the grounds of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center. The event featured sampling beers from eight local microbreweries, food provided by an assortment of food trucks and music by Kermit Ruffins & the BBQ Swingers. photos by Jeff Lysiak



Momentum Brewhouse's Thomas Gambino, Lauren Rossi and Ross Voit



Linda Uhler, Jenny Evans and Kelly Sloan



From left, April, Ayla, Jaden and Alex Uram of Tenafly, New Jersey and Barbara and Roy Silvers of Sanibel



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Over 30 years ago, FISH was established by eight individuals, recognizing that there were residents who were finding it difficult to maintain their independence, visit doctors, do shopping and other tasks. FISH has grown to offer many programs, services and workshops, which would not be possible without the help of its board, committee and staff members – the leadership team. Leadership is not produced by a person; it is something people create together.

The FISH leadership team's goal is direction, alignment and commitment to its mission. As FISH and its leaders look to the future, there are opportunities as well as challenges associated with the changing demographics, economic dynamics and trends. FISH engages with an expansive set of stakeholders, all of whom are seeking different relationships and connections with the nonprofit. That includes its clients, employees, donors (individual, foundation, and corporate), local government entities, various boards/committees, volunteers and others. The FISH board is a team of volunteers with a diverse matrix of skills, experience and perspectives.*

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Rec Center Kids Experience Classic Car Show



During the final day of their spring break holiday, children from the Sanibel Recreation Center's Youth Camp got to see a number of vintage automobiles on display in the parking lot of The Sanibel School. Thanks to the San Cap Motor Club and Sanibel's Center 4 Life, six classic cars were put on display while youngsters learned details about each vehicle from their owners. photos by Jeff Lysick



San Cap Motor Club members, from left, Bill Pappas, Scot Congress, Heidi Wegryn Gross and Larry Ferris



Camper Josh Schwartz asks Heidi Wegryn Gross about her 1967 Chevrolet Corvette



Campers Stella Black, Tierra Tryon, Arianna Alvez and Josh Schwartz sit in the front seat of Heidi Wegryn Gross' vintage Corvette



Scot Congress describes what's under the hood of his 1970 Oldsmobile 442



Kids had fun climbing inside Larry Ferris' 1931 Ford Model-A



Several youngsters piled into Bill Pappas' replica of a classic Ford Thunderbird



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ABWA Little Black Dress Brunch

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Sanibel Captiva Charter Chapter will be hosting its 3rd annual Little Black Dress For Education fundraising event, Brunch at Tiffany & Fashion Show by B Unique Boutique, at the Sundial Beach Resort on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person. The gathering will include both live and silent auctions along with a raffle. Proceeds raised will benefit the ABWA Professional Development, Scholarship & Annual Grant Programs.

To make reservations or for more information, visit abwasanibelcaptiva.org/events or contact Marletta Short, fundraising chair, at 913-338-3349.*

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Ribbon Cutting At New Retail Store

The Sanibel Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting on March 30 for new member On Island, a shop created by two locals – Kate Sergeant and Dawn Hillman. The pair envisioned a shop which encompassed the feeling of being “on island.”

“It all began with our online locals guide (OnIslandSanCap),” Sergeant said. “We designed it to be a guide by locals for visitors with tips on how to enjoy the islands like a local. The idea grew from there.”

On Island will soon return to its roots with the launch of an online shop offering a selection of increasingly popular items from t-shirts and bags to cups and even the Tenya Turkish towels and robes. The shop carries shirts for all sizes, exclusive Sanibel-scented candles, Tervis tumblers, throw pillows and most of which bears Hillman’s delightful designs with words by Sergeant.

“Our customers have been the nicest people who are happy to share their ‘on island’ stories,” Sergeant and Hillman said. “They say, ‘You’ve really captured that feeling of being on island.’”

On Island, located at 630 Tarpon Bay Road, will celebrate its 100th day of business on May 18 by raffling off a brightly-colored bicycle designed by Hillman, who said it was perfect since biking is the Sanibel way. “(The bike) just makes me smile,” she said. Every \$25 purchase qualifies as a raffle entry.

“We are delighted to have On Island join our business community,” said chamber board of directors chair Mark Anderson. “Owners Kate and Dawn have worked hard to capture that special feeling of being ‘on island’ and we wish them the best.” ✨



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Young Professionals Association Builds Wagons In Support Of SanCap Cares



Top row from left, Paula Bentnick-Smith, Tom Voellmecke, Tyler Voellmecke, Brittney Burt, Justin Farmer, Laura Richardson, Sarah Lathrop, Brendan Albright and Amanda Cross. Bottom row from left, Caitlyn Voellmecke, Preston Voellmecke, Kasey Albright, April Voellmecke and Sue Peltzman.

Along with their monthly networking events, which have begun to feature local non-profit and community organizations, the Young Professionals Association of Sanibel and Captiva (YPASC) is now giving back to the community by undertaking hands-on service events. On March 24, the group assembled

with hammers, wrenches and screwdrivers to assist SanCap Cares prepare for their upcoming fundraising event, benefiting the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The YPASC assisted the event committee assemble over 50 wagons, including 48 small wagons for the centerpieces of the event, coordinating with the theme of Hitch Your Wagon To A Star. The SanCap Cares committee members were extremely gracious hosts and provided wine, beer, and a spread of appetizers for those volunteering.

"It is heartwarming to see their willingness to give back to this community" said SanCap Cares committee co-chair Paula Bentnick-Smith. "We look forward to many years of working together with the next generation of SanCap cares supporters."

If you are interested becoming a part of the Young Professionals Association of Sanibel & Captiva or would like to work with them on an event or service project, contact Laura Richardson at lrichardson@bigarts.org or find YPASC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ypasc.

Community Foundation Establishes New Fund For The Environment

Just in time for Earth Day on April 22, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has launched the Fund for the Environment in Southwest Florida. All monies raised through this multi-donor fund will be given back out to the local community through nonprofit organizations with projects focused on the long-term sustainability of the Southwest Florida environment.

Donations starting at \$10 are now being accepted online at www.floridacommunity.com/environment-fund. The first 22 donors will receive an "environment" button in the mail.

Earth Day is celebrating its 46th year as a movement that continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion and motivate people to action. The first Earth Day – held on April 22, 1970 – activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Today, the Earth Day Network (EDN) works with tens of thousands of partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify and mobilize the environmental movement. More than one billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

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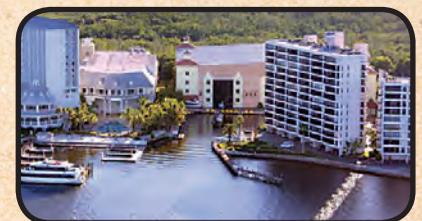


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Highlights Of Beer In The Bushes



From left, Roddy West, Dalia Jakubauskas, Mark Melancon and John and Kristi MacKinnon



This year's Beer In The Bushes at SCCF was completely sold out, with more than 500 people in attendance



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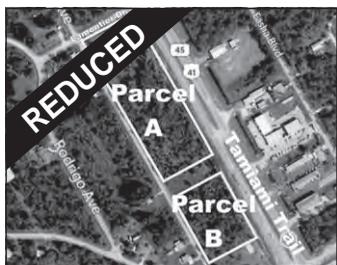
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Coquina Beach #3G, 2nd-floor 2 bedroom with upper loft & remodeled kitchen. Open great room with vaulted ceilings. Loft has 3rd sleeping area & gulf peek. In weekly rental program grossing ~\$40K/yr. Offered turn-key, with bookings. \$524K



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Weekly Rentals on West Gulf Dr

Only a few complexes on this stretch of beach allow short-term rentals. Sand Pointe #122, 2nd floor 2 bedroom, with gulf & sunset views grossed ~\$40K last year. Open/remodeled kitchen & baths. Future reservations too. \$749K



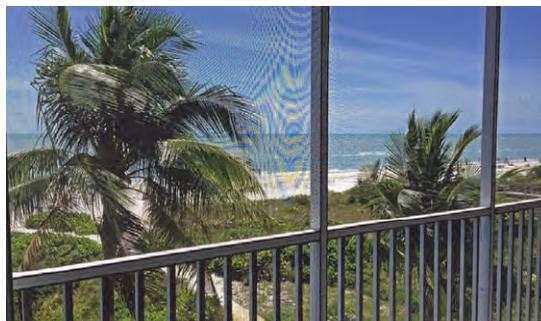
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The Zonta mission is to empower women through service, advocacy and funding. With the most recent Peek at the Unique fundraiser behind them, members of Zonta of Sanibel-Captiva are renewing their focus on service. To maximize the positive effect of a relationship with nearly 200 businesses, dozens of benefactors and more than 600 peekers, Zonta is inviting islanders to join in a planned Service Collection Day.

The collection is set for Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. until noon in the parking lot of the Sanibel Congregational Church. It features a number of non-profits whose mission mirrors Zonta's, and that can use new or gently-used items in their important work. Each of these organizations has received a financial grant from Zonta during the current year.

"Those who support Zonta by going on the Peek home tour do ask us in what other ways they can help," said Zontian Carol Gestwicki, vice-president and chair of the service & advocacy committee. "This year we put a page in the Peek program offering some suggestions, one of which is to donate to organizations where Zonta is already having an impact." Those organizations, she said, were invited to submit a list



Zonta members in May 2015 with items collected for Dress for Success

of wanted items, and Zontians will be on hand April 23 to receive donations of all kinds. Gestwicki added that all contributions, large or small, will be welcome.

Here is a partial list of the items requested. For further information, visit www.zontasancap.com.

Abuse Counseling & Treatment of Fort Myers (ACT):

Pillows and pillowcases, twin sheet sets, zippered vinyl mattress covers, towels and washcloths (all new items

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Partnerships (HTAP):

Regular and color pencils; pencil sharpeners; erasers and rulers; small journals or notepads; bright colors of latex paint in flat or eggshell (not satin or gloss).

SalusCare:

Small household goods such as pots & pans, silverware and plates; baby items and children's toys.

Dress for Success/Fort Myers:

Women's clothing suitable for interviews; women's shoes, handbags.

Head Start Parent University (ESL):

Blank file cards; printed flash cards including those with the alphabet, simple words or numbers; picture books and pre-school activity books; puzzles and games such as easy vocabulary, simple language, the alphabet, Wheel of Fortune.

Habitat for Humanity/ WomenBuild:

Chandeliers, lamps and lampshades; ceiling fans and track lighting; dishes and glassware; small appliances; bed frames; coffee tables; filing cabinets and book shelves.

Since each of these organizations is a registered non-profit, donations are tax-deductible within IRS guidelines.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professionals working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. Visit www.zonta.org or www.zontasancap.com. ✨



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Rare Estate Tour



From left, Lisa Wainwright, Ann Brady, George Barbee and Susan Heisler in Rauschenberg's large working studio

Captiva, one of the vehicles ahead of his stopped to allow a gopher tortoise to cross the road. Observing this, Rauschenberg was reported to have said, "This is where I need to be."

Born in Port Arthur, Texas in 1925, Rauschenberg was one of the leaders in the pop art movement. Well known for his *Combines* of the 1950s, in which nontraditional materials and objects were employed in innovative combinations, Rauschenberg also worked with photography, printmaking, papermaking and performance. To this day, the Rauschenberg Residency continues to support artists of multiple disciplines, offering housing, meals and a place to hone their creative spirit.

Over the years, Rauschenberg gradually acquired adjacent properties between the beach (on the Gulf of Mexico) and the bay (on Pine Island Sound), amassing over 20 contiguous acres. The artist became Captiva's largest residential landowner, endearing himself to island residents who were concerned about the threat of encroaching commercial development. He purchased and thoughtfully repurposed existing residences to create working spaces until the late 1980s, when he constructed his last and largest studio: a state-of-the-art, two-story, 8,000-square-foot multimedia space that is now the centerpiece of the complex. Captiva remained Rauschenberg's home and primary workplace until his death in 2008.

Following her lecture, Brady divided the group into two. Each was then directed towards different points on the estate. Rauschenberg Residency coordinator Jessica Todd took 20 people on a walking tour of the Weeks House – which includes a communal space where participating artists gather for their nightly meals – and Waldo Cottage, which provides housing for visiting writers. The cottage was originally located closer to the estate's border shared with neighboring South Seas Island Resort, but was moved following Hurricane Charley in 2004 to allow more



Rauschenberg Residency coordinator Jessica Todd leads the first group on a tour of the 20-acre property, which includes nine buildings



Ann Brady leads the tour group towards the Fish House, built in 1942 by political cartoonist Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling surrounding space.

Walking back towards the guest house, which includes another working studio in a first-floor garage, the group then visited the historic Fish House, built atop stilts on the bay side of the property by political cartoonist and conservation leader Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling in 1942.

The estate also features Jungle Road,



Ancient Incident, a bronze sculpture created by Robert Rauschenberg, resembles a stack of wooden chairs

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The pool at the rear of the artist's studio was added because Rauschenberg's mother didn't like swimming in the bay

a meandering path bordered by Hong Kong orchids, strangler figs, bougainvillea and gumbo-limbo trees, running from the beach to the bay.

Rauschenberg's studios, houses and property now function together as a creative center that welcomes artists of all disciplines from around the world to live, work and create. Established as one of the Rauschenberg Foundation's major strategic initiatives, the residency program has served more than 70 artists annually since fall 2012.

"For the artists who come here, the fact that Robert Rauschenberg lived and worked here is kinda amazing," said Brady. "This studio is a blank canvas for them, and that is very inspirational for the five weeks that they spend here."

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation fosters the legacy of Rauschenberg's life, work and philosophy that art can change the world. The foundation supports artists, initiatives and institutions that embody the same fearlessness, innovation and multidisciplinary approach that Rauschenberg exemplified in both his art and philanthropic endeavors. For more information, visit www.rauschenbergfoundation.org.

Also a part of the Celebrating Rauschenberg experience was a three-day plein air painting workshop with Douglas David as well as an Art Talk led by Lisa Wainwright, dean of faculty of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her BIG ARTS Talking Points lecture was entitled Keys To Understanding The Art of Robert Rauschenberg.

Celebrating Rauschenberg was sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Linda and Gordon Coons, Barbara and Tom Dunham, Darlene and Robert Duvin, Susan and John Freund, Susan and George Heisler, Marilyn and Bob Klaskin, Meri and Tom Kulina, Roberta and Bob Washlow and Penny Wilkinson.✱



Lisa Wainwright looks at the names of Rauschenberg Residency program artists, who added their signatures to a wall inside the Weeks House

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Spieth's Disaster Adds Another Chapter To The History Of Final Day Collapses At The Masters

by Ed Frank



Amid the splendor of the Georgia pines, millions worldwide watched Jordan Spieth's sudden Masters disaster last Sunday.

Those majestic Georgia pines at the Augusta National Golf Club have served as the setting for some of the saddest meltdowns by some of the world's greatest golfers at the most famous tournament of them all – The Masters.

Last Sunday's final round of the 2016 Masters, saw a young Englishman, Danny Willett, who became a father for the first time just 10 days prior, capture the famed event by firing a superb 67 on this treacherous layout.

But, what nearly everyone has been talking about since was the collapse of 22-year-old Spieth, the defending champion, who had led the tournament from day one, and began the final nine holes with a commanding five-stroke lead.

Spieth went wire-to-wire to win last year's Masters and was atop the leader board the first three days this year, a record. And, after shooting 32 on the front nine Sunday, tournament officials most likely had his second green jacket ready for presentation.

Golf can be a cruel game as so many have learned. It was 20 years ago when Hall of Famer Greg Norman blew a six-stroke lead entering the final round in perhaps the greatest meltdown in Masters History. That fate struck again last Sunday to the personable, likeable Spieth.

He bogeyed No. 10. He bogeyed No. 11, and then dumped two balls in the water on No. 12 for a quadruple bogey seven. His lead had vanished along with his hopes for a second Masters title.

Norman's demise in 1996 also occurred in similar lightning fashion. He bogeyed 9, 10, 11 and, like Spieth on Sunday, dunked his tee shot in the water on 12. His ball also found the water on 16. It was all over for Norman as Nick Faldo waltzed to the championship.

And yes, those Georgia pines have served as the backdrop for other Masters disasters on the final day:

Rory McIlroy in 2011 began the last round with a four-stroke lead; triple-bogeyed the 10th hole and shot a final round 80.

Greg Norman in 1986 began the final 18 in the lead and needed just a par on the last hole to force a playoff with Jack Nicklaus. Instead, he hit his approach shot into the gallery and handed Nicklaus the last of his six Masters titles.

Ed Snead in 1979 began the final 18 with a five-shot lead but bogeyed the last three holes and fell in a sudden death playoff to Fuzzy Zoeller.

At just 22 years old, Spieth will recover from last Sunday's debacle and will no doubt be fitted with other green jackets in the years ahead.

What is certain, however, those Georgia pines will serve as the graveyard for future meltdowns just as they have in the past.

Horrible Start for the Twins

It was a disastrous first week for the Minnesota Twins losing all seven games. In

the history of baseball, no team has ever made the postseason playoffs by losing the first seven games of the season.

Busy Season for Local Professional Sports

This time of the year finds all three of our local professional teams in action – baseball's Fort Myers Miracle, hockey's Florida Everblades and indoor football's Florida Tarpons.

Miracle – With a roster loaded with three first-round draft picks by the parent Minnesota Twins, the team began the 2016 season with a 2-2 record. After completing a four-game home stand on Thursday of this week, the Miracle travel to Daytona this weekend, returning to Hammond Stadium next Tuesday for a six-game home stand.

The first three will be against Jupiter and a Friday through Sunday series next week against Charlotte.

Everblades – Florida meets the Wheeling Nailers in the first round of the Kelly Cup Playoffs with the first two games in the best-of-seven series beginning tonight, Friday, at Germain Arena. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. Game Two on Saturday has a 7 p.m. start.

Games three, four and five will be in Wheeling. Games six and seven, if necessary, will be here. This is the first time that Florida has faced Wheeling in the playoffs. Wheeling took two of three games from the Everblades in the regular season.

Florida concluded the regular season with a 46-21-1-2 record. Wheeling posted a regular-season record of 37-26-5-4.

Tarpons – The Tarpons host the Georgia Firebirds at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Germain Arena. A member of the 20-team American Indoor Football League, Florida is 2-0 this season after defeating the Central Florida Jags 65-22 Sunday.

The Tarpons have outscored opponents 149-56 in their first two games.*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the first major-leaguer to hit grand slams in both games of a doubleheader?
2. Which pitcher tossed the most shutouts during his major-league career: Phil Niekro, Joe Niekro, Gaylord Perry or Jim Perry?
3. When was the last time Mississippi State won an SEC championship in football?
4. Name the last time before 2014 that the Portland Trail Blazers won an NBA playoff series.
5. Which NHL team ended Montreal's 9-0-0 start to the 2015-16 season?
6. In 2015, Jeff Gordon set the record for most consecutive NASCAR Cup starts. Who had held the mark?
7. When was the last time before 2015 that England won tennis' Davis Cup?

ANSWERS

1. The New York Mets' Robin Ventura, in 1999. 2. Gaylord Perry had 53 shutouts, followed by Phil Niekro (45), Jim Perry (32) and Joe Niekro (29).
3. It was 1941. 4. It was in 2000. 5. The Vancouver Canucks.
6. Ricky Rudd, with 788. 7. It was 1936.

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From left, Melissa Rice, Arlene Dillon (co-chairs of the Mardi Gras event), Al Hanser, (chairman of the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company), Kelly Collini (executive director of CHR) and Richard Johnson (president of the CHR board of directors)

CHR Displays Results Of Community Generosity During Open House

Sanibel's Community Housing and Resources (CHR) held an open house at one of its newly renovated units to thank the sponsors and folks that generously donated at this year's Mardi Gras event. Donors toured the apartment which has all new kitchen cabinets, appliances, flooring, window treatments, ceiling fans, water heater, washer/dryer and paint job. Mardi Gras raised much needed funds for renovations like these which will be an ongoing project for CHR over the next year.

Kelly Collini, executive director of CHR, and board members were on hand to greet open house guests who enjoyed beverages and appetizers provided by Sanibel Catering by Bailey's. The event was held at the CHR complex Casa Mariposa which contains 12 below market housing units located on Periwinkle Way across from the Village Shops.

"Our goal for Mardi Gras was to raise enough money to completely renovate one of our 74 rental units," said Collini. "And now it is such a pleasure to meet and thank many of the people who donated at our Mardi Gras fundraiser and to be able to show them what their money has done in just a little over two months since the event. Meeting our goal and knowing that we are providing nice, safe, affordable housing is very gratifying and our community should be proud of that accomplishment."

"We thought it was important for our sponsors and donors to have a chance to actually see what they have done for CHR and especially for the people who live in our units," added co-chair Arlene Dillon. "What better way than to invite them in to tour a unit that has been renovated with their generosity. Generosity we will continue to count on for next year's Mardi Gras event which you won't want to miss."

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for this year's Mardi Gras including Sanibel Catering by Baileys, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille, Richard and Sally Ennis, Maughan Law Group, Zurbruggen Financial, Melissa Rice (CCIM, Realtor), Ed and

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For more information about CHR, visit SanibelCHR.org, or call 472-1189.*

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

North Fort Myers Trounces Sanibel In 8-Ball Pool League Match

The North Fort Myers Senior 8-Ball League handily defeated Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League by a 22-10 score in the two teams' annual challenge match played this year at Del Tura Country Club's four-table billiard room. This puts the North Fort Myers cue men ahead in the series by a 6-3 count.

Participating for Sanibel were Mike DeWitt, Bob Buntrock, Jack Cunningham, George Sell, Randy Carson, Dave Doane, Kip Johnson and Ken Rasi. Shooting for North Fort Myers were Mike Milosevickh of Heritage Golf & Country Club; Elmer Voigt of Six Lakes Golf & Country Club; Harry Christopher of Del Tura Golf & Country Club; Rich Pietkun and Johnny Graverson of Pine Lakes Golf & Country Club; and Terry Lilly, Gary Sneider, and Gary Grant of Tamiami Village.

Top producer for Sanibel was Randy Carson with three wins. Harry Christopher and Gary Grant went 4-0 for North Fort Myers.

When asked what caused the most lopsided loss in the nine matches played in the series, Sanibel Captain Bob Buntrock said, "Well, it could have been the tan cloth on the Del Tura tables and having to use tan chalk. Or, it might have been the tight pockets and cushions that catapulted balls past planned position. Or, it may have been playing on bigger tables without having to put quarters in slots. But, all in all, it came down to the fact that they put a better team on the tables and just kicked our butts."

The annual match closes the season for the Sanibel shooters. Their league will start play again in mid-October with four teams playing on the only two tables on the island, located at American Legion Post 123 on San-Cap Road. Players interested in playing in the league should contact Bob Buntrock at 887-2704 or bobbuntrock@comcast.net.*

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Sanibel Island Golf Club

Club Championship Winners



Sandy Sauer and Terry Lohser



Joan Schmidt and Tina Tober

Sanibel Island Golf Club's ladies held their club championship last week, playing for both gross and net score.

Leading the 18-holers was Sandy Sauer. The net score winner was Terry Lohser.

The 9-holers followed with Joan Schmidt taking first place. Tina Tober had the best net score.✧

Registration Open For Kids Tennis Camp

The annual Sundial Beach Resort & Spa Tennis Camp for youngsters will take place weekly from June 13 to August 4.

Tennis camps will run Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., each week at the 1451 Middle Gulf Drive location on Sanibel. They will offer tennis instruction and games for area students ages 6 to 14. Students of all skill levels are invited to

participate.

Tennis instruction and games will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon each day, followed by lunch until 12:30 p.m. and pool and other activities from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Students will receive tennis instruction on six new HydroGrid clay courts.

Cost is \$35 per day with sibling and multi-week discounts available. Students may bring their own lunch or purchase lunch at the resort each day for \$6.

Registration for each week's camp session must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

For more information, call 395-6037 or email tennis@sundialresort.com.✧

Neighbors Club Rally At Sanibel Harbour

The Sanibel-Captiva Neighbors Club held a rally on Tuesday, April 5 at Charley's Cabana at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort. The group raised \$50 in raffle funds for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and Janet Turner won a Myra Roberts print.

The club thanks general manager Tom Custo and beverage manager Corissa Dawn Villarroel for accommodating the club, and Sanibel native Maura Dowling, who was on duty at the restaurant and did a great job taking care of the members.

To join the club, visit [Hollie's Boutique](http://Hollie'sBoutique.com) (formerly Sanibel Island Bookshop)



Tom and Becky Batcheller

on Periwinkle Way, just across from Dixie Beach Boulevard. or visit SanibelNeighborsClub.com.✧



Maura Dowling, Brian Gaffey, Laura and Steve Avakian and LaNet Gaffey



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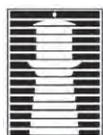


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How A Trust Saves Income Taxes



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

Can leaving amounts in trust for your loved ones save income taxes? Yes, it can.

Generally, there are two ways that you can leave your inheritance to your loved ones. The most common method is an outright distribution. Your will reads something like this: "Upon my death I leave the remainder of my estate to my son John, outright and free of trust."

The second method is to create a testamentary (after death) trust for your loved one's benefit. Here, your will reads something like this: "I leave the remainder of my estate in trust for the benefit of my son, John, subject to the following terms and conditions..."

Many clients are predisposed to leaving amounts outright since it is simple. "I don't want any complications," they might say. Another objection is that "I don't want my son John to go begging to a trustee for his inheritance." Often this concern is a product of a bad family experience where amounts were left in trust for a bank or brokerage firm to manage.

You do have the ability to leave amounts in trust for your loved ones, and they can serve as their own trustee. "I leave amounts in trust for the benefit of my son John. John shall serve as the trustee of his trust share." This is perfectly legal. John won't have to beg a bank or trust company for distributions since he is in charge and he determines the distributions, even to himself. So how does this save income taxes?

By creating a "sprinkle trust."

A sprinkle trust is one that benefits more than one beneficiary. The trustee has the power to sprinkle the income by and amongst a group. As an example, assume that your son John has two children, Frank and Linda. You can direct your attorney to create a sprinkle trust that primarily benefits John, as his needs should be first considered, then in the trustee's sole and absolute discretion income (or principal) can be sprinkled amongst Frank and Linda (or any other descendants of John).

Since John serves as his own trustee, he is the one to decide whether he takes the income for himself, or whether he wants to sprinkle that income to Frank and Linda. Assume that Frank needs \$30,000 for a down payment on his first home purchase. If John wanted to gift the money to Frank, which exceeds the \$14,000 annual gift tax free exclusion, John would presumably have to file a gift tax return for the excess (\$16,000) and reduce his lifetime exemption from gift and estate taxes.

Instead, John could sprinkle \$30,000 of the trust income that year to Frank. Since

it is a direct distribution of income to Frank, he will pay the income tax associated with that distribution. Assume that Frank is in a lower income tax bracket than John. What's happened? Well, the income that would have been taxed to John at his higher rate doesn't happen; instead, the income is taxed to Frank at Frank's lower rate. There is no taxable gift as well. The family has achieved its goals while minimizing income and gift taxes.

The next year, John can continue to send to himself all of the income. He can choose who should receive what income distributions annually since John is the trustee. If he wanted to "even things out" and send Linda a corresponding \$30,000 of income the next year, he is free to do so.

As far as the "complications" argument, there really aren't complications. The trust assets are segregated in separate accounts using a separate tax identification number. So long as the trust distributes all of its income annually, there will be no tax paid by the trust, rather the income tax is paid by the beneficiary who receives the income. A 1041 must be filed, but in this scenario the return is a rather simple one.

If John had inherited the money as an outright distribution, none of the tax savings would have been possible. This is just one of the many benefits of leaving assets in trust for your loved ones as opposed to outright distributions.

Testamentary trusts can be drafted any number of ways. Further, there are certain words that you would want to include ensuring that the amounts you leave to your loved ones aren't estate taxed in their estates when they die. So do meet with your estate planning attorney to discuss the details of what you would like to achieve before acting.

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Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, April 5, there were seven tables in play at The Sanibel Community House. The winners were:

North/South

1. Susan Freund and Judy Harrelson
2. Clara and Terry Terrana
3. Linda and Gordon Coons

East/West

1. Mary and Dick Butler
 2. Sue Danford and Linda Drasin
- There was a tie for 3rd and 4th places

between the teams of Maureen Hnatow and Gail Leach, and Susan Greenberg and Charles Edwards

There are two ACBL-sanctioned games per week, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. The Tuesday game runs from the beginning of January through the end of April; the Thursday game runs from the beginning of January through the end of March.

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Kate Stone

Marketing Company Appoints Intern

Kate Stone will join the Hillgate Marketing Services team on Sanibel as an intern during her summer break. "For this internship, Kate's focus will be on her writing and editing skills. The Hillgate team is excited to provide Kate with this opportunity, and we look forward to her arrival in May," said Shelby Peters, Hillgate Marketing Services' president. Stone grew up on Sanibel and

graduated from Fort Myers High School. She is a sophomore at Florida State University, majoring in English and communications and a member of The Florida Public Relations Association, Student Chapter.

"My interest in marketing and communications began early as I worked closely with my mother, Bridgit Stone-Budd, owner of The Pecking Order, who has been involved in community events and activities for many years," said Stone.✪

Winn Appointed To CASI Board

Jim Winn has joined the board of the Condominium Associations of Sanibel, Inc. (CASI). A member of the board at The Atrium, Winn is a retired public finance lawyer. In his law practice, he represented clients in financings for hospital, senior living facility, university, and state and local government projects. He practiced law with the public finance law firm of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., where he was the firm's president as well as a director and shareholder.



Jim Winn

Winn is a senior fellow of the American College of Bond Counsel, was listed in The Best Lawyers in America in the categories of public finance and project finance each year from the inception of those categories until his retirement, and was the sixth recipient of the Association for Governmental Leasing and Finance's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Winn and his wife, Linda, split their time between Sanibel and Kansas City, where their two grown children reside. He also is a Florida Coastal Systems Master Naturalist, a volunteer with the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and an associate member of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.✪

ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Top Agents

John Naumann & Associates announced their top associates for the month of March. The top listing agent was LeAne Taylor Suarez and the top team was Tracy and Connie Walters.

Also, the top sales agent was Jennifer Fairbanks and the top team was Harrell, Tolp & Albright.✪



LeAne Taylor Suarez



Tracy and Connie Walters



Jennifer Fairbanks

Top Producers



Marty Stokes



Mary Ann Cowart



Harrell, Tolp & Albright



Virginia Dundore

South Seas, Sanibel & Captiva Properties announced its top producers for the month of March. Marty Stokes was the top producer for residential real estate while Virginia Dundore was the top producer for interval ownership.

Also, the top producers for the first quarter were Mary Ann Cowart, residential real estate, and Virginia Dundore, interval ownership.✪

Top Producers



Maxwell Thompson



Michael Palmisano

Premier Sotheby's International Realty has named Maxwell Thompson top producer associate and Michael Palmisano top listing associate for the month of March.✪

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Meet our Closing Team: Nicole Naumann and Samantha Baker

New Real Estate Auction Company

Stone Luxury Real Estate Auction Company aims to serve owners and buyers of luxury homes in south Florida with real estate services, including non-distressed real estate auctions, exclusive buyer representations, private client services and investor services.

The firm was started by Sanibel residents Tim Drobynk and Mike Stone, who together have over 50 years experience in finance, venture-funding, investing, start-up companies, construction, development, real estate sales, marketing, buying/selling via auctions, working with high-net-worth clientele and large, complex transactions. Stone was most recently a private investor and a licensed real estate agent with John R. Wood Properties of Sanibel Island. Drobynk has been investing for his own real estate portfolio and he owns and operates Sanibel Concierges, a bike and recreational equipment rental company.

The company has scheduled its first auction for June 2 followed by others later in the year.

Drobynk said the firm has partnered with a major public relations company to advise and execute all aspects of international, national, regional and local marketing, including print, internet, email and social media advertising. The firm also has contracted with experienced and successful auctioneers to conduct the auctions.

Stone said the auctions are typically scheduled for 45 to 60 days out, allowing for open houses, inspections and all other due diligence. All buyers are qualified and must place a significant deposit to register for bidding. Sales are cash only and close within 30 days. Fees and commissions are similar to traditional listings and there are allocated-commissions for buyers' representatives.

More information is available at www.stoneluxrea.com.✪

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, We are moving out of state soon, and my daughter's new school has quite a few dogs there everyday. Why would a school

have dogs other than for blind children? Do you think it's safe to have dogs at an elementary school?

Lucinda Z., Fort Myers, Florida

Lucinda,

Dogs have become an important member of schools. There are now therapy dogs, security dogs and service dogs that walk the halls alongside students in many schools. These dogs are well-trained and provide valuable services for both students and teachers.

Most of us are familiar with guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired. The role of the service dog has expanded greatly in recent years, and we now see service dogs used for disabilities and illnesses that include seizure disorders, muscular dystrophy, mobility disorders, hearing impaired, autism, diabetes, PTSD and more. Service dogs can enhance a person's independence by helping with tasks such as pulling a wheelchair, opening

doors, turning light switches on/off or picking up objects as small as a dime. It's quite astounding to see how well these highly trained dogs can assist people.

Dogs and their handlers are trained to help students with reading, behavior and to help kids with anxiety. There are a variety of reading programs that use dogs but they all operate with the same premise. The dogs help the struggling readers gain confidence and improve literacy by acting as the child's audience when reading aloud to their furry friends. The dog handlers are always close by and, in some reading programs, they interact with the students always taking the role of the dog and assist with vocabulary and comprehension. "Young students really believe the dog is listening to them," says Mara Kahn, 4Paws coordinator of Sonoma County. "It's greatly improved their reading."

A recent study from the University of California-Davis found that reading aloud to a dog for 10 minutes, once a week for 10 weeks, improved the reading fluency of third-grade students in another Northern California district, Dixon USD, by 12 percent. A control class that did not read aloud showed no improvement in reading fluency over this period of time.

Service dogs are making it easier for non-verbal children to speak. "We found that most of our students, particularly those who are nonverbal, responded really well to having the dogs be part

of their lessons," said Walter Curioni, Randolph's director of special services in Randolph Township, New Jersey. "Students are more available to learning as a result of this experience. The challenge for students with disabilities in the classroom is getting them to speak, and there is no more authentic way than to bring in an animal – you get that spontaneous language you can't always simulate in a speech lesson," Curioni said.

A school counselor in Ohio brings her dog to school and integrates him into her group sessions at Green Local School District in Uniontown, Ohio. "With the dogs, students are more apt to be open and share information," Morgan said. "Dogs promote safety and security. Even if the kids know me, they feel safer to discuss something that makes them vulnerable."

Throughout Texas, security dogs patrol school halls, staying on the lookout for criminal activity. The nonprofit K9s4KIDS provides Kindergarten through grade 12 and college campus police with trained canines who can sniff out narcotics, weapons and explosives. "The dogs almost act as a mascot," Schiller, owner of K9s4KIDS, said. "There are a lot of ways they comfort children.

Of course there are concerns about students who are allergic to pet dander. Schools are finding if the students with allergies do not pet the dogs, they typically are OK. Of course, if a child were severely allergic, a plan

would need to be developed to protect him. That would also hold true for any children who are fearful of dogs. A behavior plan could be created to help reduce or eliminate a child's fear of dogs.

Given the role that dogs now have in schools I think that your child will benefit from the dogs in her new school setting. However, if you have any problems, you should contact your child's teacher or counselor right away to resolve them.

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Things People With Spinal Instability Say



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

One: "I hear my neck or back pop all the time." It is not normal to hear audible pops and cracks in our spine. This is known as crepitation, and typically occurs because the ligaments are not holding the vertebral segments together properly. Ligaments connect bone to bone and allow our joints to move within a normal range of motion. But when they are overstretched, whether through a trauma such as a whiplash or from continuous poor posture at the computer or hunched over a phone, they can allow for too much movement and trigger back and neck pain.

2: "I crack my spine throughout the

day." Manipulating your own neck or back can become an addiction and lead to further instability. The ligaments begin to become so lax that they are incapable of holding adjustments and allow for continuous subluxations. This becomes a vicious circle and worsening chronic neck and back pain.

3: "My neck and back muscles are tight and spasm." When the spinal ligaments become lax, the muscles have to take over, which is not the job they are designed to do. They are recruited to hold the vertebrae together, but this can lead to overuse, tightness and constant spasms. Though massage and other therapies may relieve the pain temporarily, the pain and tension return if the underlying ligament laxity is not addressed.

In order to alleviate most low back or neck pain, repairing the lax ligaments is an important, though often overlooked, step. A regenerative medicine specialist can perform a proper physical exam or Digital Motion X-ray for spinal instability. To stabilize the spine, regenerative treatments like Prolotherapy can be used to alleviate chronic back pain and muscle spasms, and allow the spine to stay in alignment.

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

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Designing For Aging-In-Place



by Marcia Feeney

Designing for “Boomers” has become a major topic in the home furnishings market. Many are upgrading, remodeling or relocating. And, in all three cases, there is often a

desire to be sure their home design and furniture will last and be functional as they grow older.

In some cases, it's not only about them: They also want to be sure the changes they make to their home will accommodate elderly parents when they visit.

There is even a descriptive phrase that has developed to describe this desire: “Aging-in-place.” In fact, the Center for Disease Control has proclaimed a formal definition: Aging in place is the ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level.”

Accommodating this desire has become such a priority that the National Association of Home Builders

reports that “the fastest growing segment of the residential remodeling industry is home modifications for aging-in-place.”

At the market showrooms and seminars, a frequent topic is that Boomers are looking to have smarter living spaces and products, lasting quality, and furnishing designs that will endure and function with changes in their lives.

Bathrooms and kitchens, for example, are exceptionally popular for remodeling. However, today we design professionals are providing Boomers with more advice about such concepts as barrier-free bathrooms with curb-free showers and other safety features.

Kitchens have always been a place for family and socializing. If you are considering a kitchen upgrade, it's worth researching the kind of changes you can make that will make for aging-in-place by increasing its usability and safety. Consider the height of cabinets, appliances and the sink, along with the depth of the sink.

Window treatments can even be a consideration. We have seen increased requests for motorized shades that make it easier to adjust for sunlight and privacy from a distance without having to reach and pull on cords.

Lighting also should be carefully planned as you are making changes. For example, the amount of light required to sustain visual performance increases with age. Research shows that a 60-year-old needs twice as much light

as a 30-year-old. Use dimmers to allow for additional light when needed. Add one or two portable fixtures in areas lacking sufficient light. It's also a chance to add an attractive accent table or floor lamp.

Motion furniture is another item to consider. Today's motion furniture comes in all sorts of styles with a variety of benefits. We even have movable desks that can allow you to do some of your work standing up.

It's not your grandfather's recliner anymore. They can help with spinal health, range of motion, stamina and decrease back pain. Natuzzi has introduced Re-Vive, a recliner that intuitively responds to your body's movement. It moves as you move, it flexes as you adjust, providing a seamless transition between body positions.

In general, subtle changes to room composition and layout, in elements such as flooring, furniture placement, lighting and structure, all have a profound impact on functionality and safety while still looking beautiful. Doing ample research or working with a knowledgeable design professional can make your changes more lasting and more enjoyable.

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

Mobile Mammogram At Rec Center

Radiology Regional Center's Mobile Mammo Coach will be on site at the Sanibel Recreation Center Tuesday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1. For an appointment or if you have any questions relative to the test, call the Radiology Regional Center at 936-4068.

The Mobile Mammo Coach is a state-of-the-art breast imaging clinic, providing full field digital mammography services. Most insurances are accepted and discounted self-pay pricing is available.

According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. More importantly, with early detection, the survival rate for an early diagnosed breast cancer at five years is better than 97 percent. Mammography is one aspect of breast health, in addition to monthly self-exam and annual physician exam.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-0345.*

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

I waited for three years to get the accommodations I wanted at our local retirement home.

When they finally called, I immediately put my house up for sale, disposed of all of the household items I would not need and moved in. I have been in the retirement home for six months and it is lovely, but I will have to move out next month. My house has not sold and the asking price continues to go down so I will be moving back. Where did I go wrong?

Clarissa

Dear Clarissa,

You did not do anything wrong – you were in the wrong place at the wrong time through no fault of your own. You applied the advice you were given and waited until it was time to make a move, and then made your move. You, as well as many, many other people, have been caught in the housing market difficulty.

It is important to talk to the director at the retirement community to let him/her know what is happening to you and what you would like to do in the future: move back if your home sells. Also, they should be able to advise you of the home support services available if you need assistance when you return home.

Pryce

Dear Clarissa,

I am also shocked at the downturn in the economy when I always thought that there were firm controls in place to prevent such a thing. We are told that this is not a depression but a recession, but the housing sector has been severely affected.

I would suggest you contact an attorney who may have suggestions for people in your situation. The attorney may have a possible solution and could contact your retirement complex, and maybe they can come to a reasonable solution. They probably do not want you to move out, and they may want to help you to stay.

Your real estate agent may have some suggestions you could consider. Houses are selling but at a much slower rate, and if they suggest having a staging expert see your property, I would suggest that you consider it strongly.

Best of luck.

Lizzie

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How Aspirin Stops Nerve Pain



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers:

We take for granted the comfort we feel in our hands and feet, but some people have lost that comfort, and they suffer all day long with strange nerve-related concerns. There is new

research about aspirin which could help you, but first let's talk about nerve pain, termed "neuropathy."

It feels like you are touching or stepping on pins and needles! It can affect you all over, not just your hands and feet. Depending on various factors (race, age, weight, alcohol consumption, insulin and A1c), your experience of neuropathy may also include pain, vibration or buzzing sensations, lightheadedness, burning sensations (even in your tongue), trigeminal neuralgia or cystitis.

Recognizing what your neuropathy stems from is critical to you getting well. For some, it is due to a vitamin deficiency. For example, vitamin B12 or probiotics which help you to manufacture your own B12 in the gut. For others, it could be that wine you drink with dinner because wine is a potent drug mugger of B1 (thiamine) which protects your nerve coating. By a mile, the most common cause of neuropathy is diabetes.

Approximately half of all people with diabetes experience diabetic neuropathies, mainly in the hands and feet. Some doctors will tell you that maintaining healthy blood glucose will reverse neuropathy but that's not true. We know from The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial that even intensive glucose control is insufficient to control the risk of diabetic neuropathy.

It's tough love but I need to say it: Uncontrolled neuropathy can cause a 25 percent higher cumulative risk of leg amputation. So gaining control is important for your independence. I've written about natural supplements for neuropathy in the past (articles are archived at suzycohen.com), and you can have a free ebook *Spices that Heal* which offers more

natural advice (get it by signing up for my email newsletter).

New research was published last March in *Current Diabetes Reports*. Scientists confirmed that targeting inflammatory cytokines can help relieve diabetic neuropathy. Oftentimes, that bad gateway called NF Kappa B (NFKB) opens its floodgates, and spits out proinflammatory cytokines like COX-2 (Celebrex lowers this), nitric oxide synthase, lipoxygenase, TNF alpha and a lot of pain-causing interleukins (IL-1 β , IL-2, IL-6, IL-8).

The researchers reported that something as simple as salicylate therapy could help reduce some of these cytokines as well as circulating glucose, triglycerides, C reactive protein and free fatty acids. When you think of salicylates, please understand this is a broad group of compounds found naturally in the plant kingdom. Salicylate is the main ingredient in aspirin and other analgesics, both prescribed and over-the-counter. Salicylates include spearmint, peppermint (even in mint toothpaste) and in muscle rubs. White willow bark is an herb that is morphed and turned into aspirin. They're not right for everyone so please ask your doctor about salicylates for neuropathy. Also ask if you can have a blood test to evaluate some of the pro-inflammatory markers I noted.

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.

Skin Cancer Screening

A complimentary skin cancer screening will be held this Friday, April 15 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

Harris Dermatology will be offering the free skin cancer screenings, which are quick and easy. The exam is a non-invasive, visual inspection of exposed areas of the body that will be done after a brief medical history is completed. No appointment or registration is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit www.mysanibel.com.

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I have been dating a man for about two months. We see one another about two to three times a week. I think I am falling in love with him, but I am not sure what all that

even means. Can you help clarify?

A: There are many definitions of romantic love. I tend to ask several questions to clients I work with as they assess if they are falling in love. These questions include:

1. Are you doing new and different things with this person than you were normally doing? If so, you are opening up to a relationship and allowing yourself to be more diverse.

This can be fun and exciting and a sign that you love being with this person and are loving yourself for being open to these experiences.

2. Are you still keeping your friendships and doing things with these friends some of the time without your man? If so, then you are balancing your

social life and activities, which is a very healthy way to be in relationship. You can be motivated to be with your new man, yet it's important that you keep your friends you have had and enjoy spending quality time with them.

3. Are you invested in this person? Are you willing to put him first on your list of people to spend your time with? One sign that you may be falling in love is that you are investing yourself in this person in ways that will increase your commitment and link you both together more as a couple.

4. Are you ready to commit to exclusivity? Meaning just seeing each other and no one else? Have either of you discussed this? If so, this may give you an indication that you both are ready for the next level of your relationship.

5. Do you want to increase your time and investment in this person? If the feelings are mutual, and it is worth it to you, then you are on the path to a fulfilling relationship and, hopefully, you will reap the benefits of a healthy and happy commitment.

Constance Clancy-Fisher, EdD is a licensed mental health therapist, hypnotherapist, author and holistic stress management instructor. If you have a question, email Constance at constanceclancyfisher@gmail.com.

Inaugural Walk 4 Hope

In honor of National Parkinson Awareness Month, Hope HealthCare Services Parkinson Program is hosting the inaugural Walk 4 Hope from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 30 at Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. The one- to three-mile walk will help raise awareness and support the local Parkinson Community.

"Hope's Parkinson Program is a complimentary service created to help individuals and their care partners live well while coping with the effects of the disease," said Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services. "The program is designed to add quality of life through educational events, exercise and movement classes, creative and social opportunities, and emotional support."

A registration fee of \$25 per person includes an event T-shirt and light refreshments. Sponsorships are available. Register online at <https://donate.hopehcs.org/pdsymposium>, or request a form by calling 985-7727.

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 14 slider-sized buns
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 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
 1 tablespoon orange juice
 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
 Mix all ingredients together.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large nonstick skillet. Add onion and let cook until tender and slightly caramelized. Transfer onion to a large mixing bowl.

To this bowl add beans, carrots, cornmeal, breadcrumbs, chili powder, salt, cilantro, and water. Use a large spoon or your hands to mash it all together. If the mixture is too dry to hold together add more water, one tablespoon at a time.

Hand-form bean mixture into patties to match the size of the slider buns. Heat remaining oil in a large skillet and pan-fry patties about 3 minutes on each side, until lightly browned and crisp. Add more oil to the skillet as needed.

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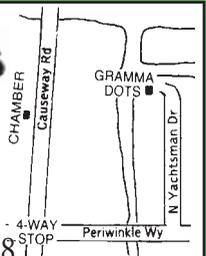


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Crossing Pet's Energies Help Them Heal Or Heel



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML (03-12)

By now you have learned to Hook-up, Zip-up and calm you companion. Let's learn how to cross your pet.

Why might you want to do this, you ask? If your pet seems to have pain on one side of the body and not the other, or they tend to be distracted easily, or you just can't seem to get them to heel on your left side as you walk; or they don't seem very coordinated or need help getting up and down steps, or in and out of the car. If any of these sounds familiar, cross the energies and double their energy immediately.

Did you ever wonder why a baby

learns so much more quickly after he/she begins to crawl? The answer is simple: because their energies begin to cross over. The right side of the brain controls the left side of the body and vice versa; and the motion of crawling creates a cross-over pattern intended to stay with us throughout life. Why? If energy is not crossing, than energy is flowing vertically, a condition in EEM known as homo-lateral – resulting in access to only 50 percent of your energetic flow. By crossing energies, 100 percent of the body's energy is regained.

As a result of trauma, illness, stress or an accident, the body goes into a homo-lateral condition to protect us until we are calm and healed, but if we stay that way too long, we end up in this vertical position. Animals are no different. But, even if you start to cross the energies, they won't hold until you convince Triple Warmer, the Commander of all our energies, that being crossed is safe. Thus, the phase in method as set forth. When working with a pet, it is best to do this when they are tired, relaxed and laying down.

1. Begin by bringing the front leg and the back leg of the right side together so they are touching at the pads. Do this 10 times on the right side, then 10 times with the paws on the left side.

2. Now bring the right front paw to

the left back paw and touch pads. Touch one time. Next, pick up the left front paw and touch the right back pad. Continue rotating between diagonals 10 times.

3. Do step 1 again, then do step 2 again, then step 1 again and, finally, do step 2, 24 times.

Your furry friend is now crossed. Do this daily for about two weeks and you will see a huge difference in behavior. Expect dog to now be more willing to heel as you walk and to heal his/her body. Bonus: pull with pressure from the

right shoulder to the left of him and vice versa. Do this on the back and the belly. Expect to hear many barks or purrs.

Have fun with your energy! Next week's topic is Thump Pet's Thymus if Ill, or Rub K- 27s.

If you have a question, email Karen at SemEnergyCenter@gmail.com or visit www.semmelmanenergy.com. EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.✱

Free Aging Life Care Series

Aging during the golden years can often be fraught with stress and uncertainty, particularly when faced with a pivotal, life-changing event such as a fall, hospitalization or medical emergency. Many times, aging individuals and their families will turn to an aging life care expert for guidance.

Lee Memorial Health System's Healthy Life Center invites the community to an educational series about managing your health with age, presented by aging life care experts Dawn Moore and Chris Austin. Each session will be followed by a meet and greet with the care managers. The free educational series will be held at the Healthy Life Center at Coconut Point mall, 23190 Fashion Drive, Suite 105 in Estero.

Schedule of seminars:

• Thursday, May 5, 1 to 2 p.m. –

Advocating for Yourself or a Loved-One in a Complicated Healthcare System. Advocating and navigating various health-care environments and resources for remaining independent for as long as possible.

• Thursday, June 16, 1 to 2 p.m. – Medication Safety and Management. Exploring common medication mistakes and resources for implementing a safe medication regimen.

Aging life care professionals have extensive knowledge about how to assess an individual's needs, determine the best living situation, efficiently manage resources, and provide the numerous ancillary services to maintain independence and the best possible quality of life under the circumstances.

Moore and Austin have over 40 years of combined care management experience, and are members of the Aging Life Care Association (aginglifecare.org).

For more information or to RSVP, call 495-4475.✱

Nutrition Vs. Stress Knockdown Seminar Offered

Modern day living and all the busyness and stress that comes along with it can do a real number on your central nervous system, especially if you are not taking proactive steps to counteract this negative effect on your body. An overtaxed nervous system can expend most of its resources just trying to defend the body against attack, whether it is in the form of anxiety, panic or stress, which depletes your energy reserves and potentially harms your system.

One way to counteract this damage, however, is to consume foods that maximize the amount of time and energy your body spends to nourish, heal and regenerate itself.

All are invited join FISH of SanCap and Dr. Loureen Downes, professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, on Tuesday, April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Community House to learn how to feed your body and mind with the most nutritious foods. Learn to maximize your potential, cope with life stressors and work productively all by feeding your soul with the right foods.

This seminar is complimentary; light refreshments will be provided. The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Call Christine Swiersz, LCSW, or Jessi Zeigler, MSW, at the FISH Walk-In Center at 472-4775 for additional information about this seminar.✱

Free Blood Pressure Checks

The Sanibel Fire District will offer complimentary blood pressure screening at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Monday, April 18 from 9 until 11:30 a.m.

High blood pressure increases the risk of stroke, heart attack, heart failure, kidney disease and even blindness in some cases. These free screenings are offered as a first step in determining if further examination by a health care professional is necessary.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Whether a waiting period is taking longer than expected, or just seems that way, the anxious Lamb would do well to create a center of calm within her- or himself, and not do anything rash.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Practical matters dominate the week, but cultural activities also are favored, espe-

cially those that can be shared with someone special in the Bovine's life. Some important news might be forthcoming.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to know more about a possible career move in order to see if it offers a real opportunity or just a change. You're sure to get lots of advice -- some of it good -- but the decision must be yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The arrival of hoped-for good news about a loved one dominates most of the week and provides a great excuse for the party-

loving Moon Child to plan a special event to celebrate.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas rushing to finalize their plans might want to think about slowing down the pace, or risk overlooking an important consideration that could become a sore point down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week's challenges call for logical approaches. But sentiment also has its place. Sharing memories with a special someone, for example, strengthens the

bond between you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A brand-new approach to a problem could have a good chance of succeeding if it's based on a solid foundation of fact to strengthen its potential for standing up to scrutiny.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A favorable report should give your optimism an important boost as you confront another phase of a challenge. Don't be timid about accepting advice from someone you trust.

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AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't rush to make up for lost time. Your productivity can be measured not only by what you do, but how you do it. Move carefully until the job is done the way you like it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Emerging facts about someone you know might cause you to rethink your relationship. But remember to make judgments in context of a full situation, not just on scraps of data.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BORN THIS WEEK: You are known both for your love of acquiring beautiful things as well as for your generosity to others.

- On April 23, 1564, English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon. While it is impossible to be certain of the exact day of his birth, church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and it was customary to wait three days before baptizing a newborn.

- On April 20, 1871, Congress authorizes President Ulysses S. Grant to use military force to suppress the Ku Klux Klan. Founded in 1865 by a group of Confederate veterans, the KKK engaged

in night terrorist raids against black Americans and white Republicans.

- On April 19, 1897, the first Boston Marathon is held. Women were not allowed to enter the race until 1972, but in 1966 runner Roberta "Bobbi" Gibb hid in the bushes near the start until the race began. In 1967, Kathrine Switzer finished even though race officials tried to physically remove her.

- On April 21, 1918, Manfred von Richthofen, the German flying ace known as "The Red Baron," is killed by Allied fire. In a time when 20 air victories ensured a pilot legendary status, von Richthofen had downed 80 enemy aircraft. He was 25 years old.

- On April 18, 1945, syndicated journalist Ernie Pyle, America's most popular war correspondent, is killed by Japanese machine-gun fire on the island of Ie Shima in the Pacific. Pyle always wrote about the experiences of enlisted men rather than the battles they participated in.

- On April 24, 1953, Winston Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through World War II, is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- On April 22, 1978, the Blues Brothers make their world premiere on "Saturday Night Live." Led by SNL cast members Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi, the band would go on to score three top-40 hits and a No. 1 album.

- It was award-winning Canadian novelist, poet, essayist and literary critic Margaret Atwood who made the following sage observation: "Your romantic tragedy when you were 19 becomes

a funny anecdote by the time you're 45. And then, 30 years later, you can't remember their name."

- In 1819, some Native peoples in the United States got quite a surprise. Fearing trouble from tribes, a group of western river explorers traveled in a steamboat that had been modified to resemble a fire-breathing serpent.

- After the disaster of the Exxon Valdez, the oil tanker's former captain, Joseph Hazelwood -- who evidently had been so drunk that he was passed out in his bunk when the devastating collision occurred -- was hired by the New York Maritime College. His job? Teaching students how to stand watch.

- At one time in New York City it was against the law to play pinball.

- Tombstones weren't always used to record information about the deceased's life; they were originally just large, unmarked slabs of stone placed atop a fresh grave -- a barrier to ensure that no undead creature or ghostly spirit could escape to trouble the living.

- The woman who was declared the female winner of the 1980 Boston Marathon had the title stripped from her after officials noticed her absence from any of the photographs or video footage from the middle of the event. It seems she veered off course, killed a little time around town, then rode the subway a spot less than a mile from the finish line, rejoining the race at the very end.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad." -- Theodore Roosevelt

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

The Jacaranda has live entertainment Friday and Saturday with DVS, playing classic rock and oldies. Sunday is CJ and Friends, playing oldies, Motown, rock 'n' roll and country. Renata plays funk, jazz and contemporary on Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, it's Sir Mitch, playing classic rock, R&B and dance. Thursday is Eric Malibu, playing contemporary, reggae and dance.

The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva features music by Gary Earle on Thursday and Friday. Gene Federico plays on Saturday. Gary Earle plays Sunday; Mark Dupuy plays on Monday; Perry English plays on Tuesday; and Gene Federico plays on Wednesday.

Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa has live island style entertainment on Mondays and a Spanish guitarist on Wednesdays.

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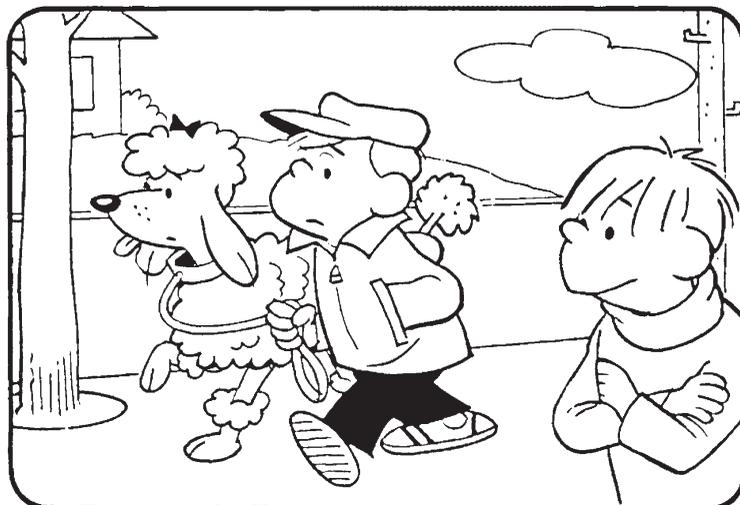
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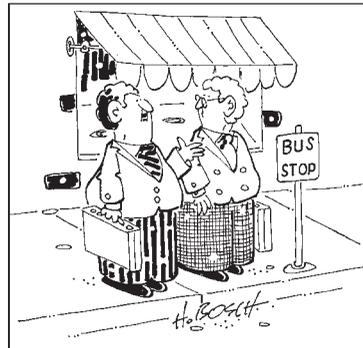
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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 29B



"Ya know what kills me? My wife made more at _____ last year than I did in the stock market!"

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2			7				1	
	3			6				7
	2				6			3
6				9		8		
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- 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

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League of Women Voters	sanibelLWV@gmail.com
Lions Club, Jeff MacDonald	302-521-1158
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
MOAA - Military Officers Assc. of America, Alex MacKenzie	395-9232
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-4823
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelbicycleclub.org
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	www.usps.org/localusps/sancap
Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus	395-1202
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	www.sanibelsoccer.org . 395-2040
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline 24 hour	211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	728-1971
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	395-2233
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	472-4648
SCCF Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation	472-2329

To be listed in calling card email your information to:
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Pets Of The Week

Hi, I'm Bailey, I'm young but ready to learn. I already know how to sit and take treats gently. My favorites include playing with toys and other dogs in playgroups. I'm a big boy with a high energy level when I'm playing but I will greet you calmly and gently from my kennel when you come by to visit. Please consider making a good dog like me a part of your family. We'll have a great life together. My adoption fee is \$75.

My name is Simba and I'm a big handsome boy who is declawed on all fours. Bengals are a very active and intelligent breed that is confident, talkative and playful. My former owner was unable to keep me and my other feline friends. Since we lived in the same house, we get along together so please check us out to see if we would be a good fit for your family. My adoption fee is \$25.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLost-Pets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.✪



Bailey ID# 657202



Simba ID# 314696

PAWS Of Sanibel Lost Cat Reported In Gumbo Limbo

This is Abbie. She managed to break through an opening in the pool enclosure late on the night of Thursday, April 7 on Yucca Court in Gumbo Limbo. She is a 9-and-a-half-year-old spayed female. She is microchipped and was wearing a pink collar with tags. She will respond to her name and shaking of a treat bag.

If you see this kitty, or hear of someone in the neighborhood who has seen her, call PAWS volunteer Kim at 616-340-0349.✪



Abbie

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MUST CALL FOR PRIVATE PREVIEW



- Gorgeous 3 BR, 2 BA Condo
- Direct Gulf Front Views
- East End Location
- **\$999,000** MLS 2151117
- **Cindy Sitton 239.810.4772**

WEST GULF DRIVE
OPEN 4/16 & 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



- 3386 WEST GULF DR., SANIBEL
- 3 BR/3.5 BA, Near Beach Retreat
- Steps to the Gulf, Swimming Pool
- **\$1,349,000** MLS 216016932
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- **\$799,900** MLS 216001033
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ST. CHARLES HARBOUR
OPEN 4/16 & 4/17 1:00PM - 3:00PM



- 15811 TURNBRIDGE CT., FT. MYERS
- 4 BR, 4.5 BA, 2 Story
- 2 Fireplaces, Gourmet Kitchen
- **\$1,495,000** MLS 216005938
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CASA YBEL RESORT
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- Gorgeous Direct Gulf Views, Excellent Rental Income
- Coveted 1st Floor Location w/Direct Walk Out To Beach
- Beautiful Sunsets, World Class Amenities
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- 3 BR, 2 BA - Gulf Access
- Open Floor Plan, High Ceilings
- **\$867,000** MLS 216020337
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EAST ROCKS
OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



- 677 DURION CT., SANIBEL
- 3 BR, 2 BA Near Beach Home
- Open Floor Plan w/Updated Kitchen
- **\$748,000** MLS 216000866
- **Burns Family Team 239.464.2984**

CALOOSA YACHT AND RACQUET CLUB
OPEN 4/16 & 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



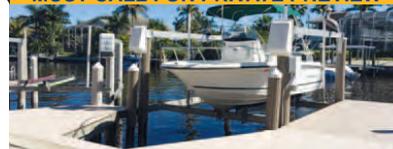
- 9820 CAPSTAN CT., FT. MYERS
- 3 BR, 2 BA Newly Renovated Home
- Updated Throughout, Granite, SS Appliances
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BETTS
MUST CALL FOR PRIVATE PREVIEW



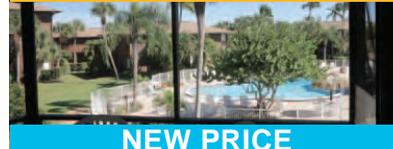
- 152 Feet Bayou Bay Water Frontage
- Last Buildable Site All Fish & Wild Life
- Great Direct Boating Access
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HARBOUR COTTAGES
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- Turnkey Furnished
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OPEN 4/16 1:00PM - 4:00PM



- 2445 WEST GULF DR. UNIT B-25, SANIBEL
- 2 BR, 2 BA Gulf View Condo
- Updated, Solid Surface Countertops, SS Appliances
- **\$819,000** MLS 216009783
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DUNES
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- 1410 CAUSEY CT., SANIBEL
- 3 BR, 2 BA Dunes Lake View
- Swimming Pool, Furnished
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