

Easter Egg Hunt At Sanibel Church



Kids line up prior to last year's Easter egg hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt at Sanibel Community Church will be held on Saturday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring family fun and games, crafts, food and age-divided egg hunts. It's a celebration for kids ages three years through 5th grade.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market).✪



Gloria Hannan, right, shares her thoughts on the study's findings with Sanibel City Councilman Doug Congress, left, and refuge manager Paul Tritaik

Latest Alternative Transportation Study Results Announced

by Jeff Lysiak

After nearly six years of work, it appears that the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands program – now known as the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program – is closer than ever before to finding an appropriate plan for improving visitor traffic in the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and on Sanibel.

However, according to some people who attended the March 29 open house which continued on page 3



Molly Dunn and Tony Underwood remind you to bring the family to the Spring Festival this Saturday at Sanibel Community Park

Spring Festival At Community Park

The Children's Education Center of the Islands will hold its annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel Community Park, located on Periwinkle Way.✪

Easter Egg Hunt On Beach Open To All

This Easter Sunday, the Island Inn will host its 2nd annual Easter egg hunt on its beachfront property. All Island Inn guests, and children from the Sanibel and Captiva community are welcome.

As the first inn on Sanibel, Island Inn has hosted families for Easter Sunday since 1895 and the tradition will continue on April 8.

The Easter egg hunt, with more than 500 eggs hidden onsite, is just part of the spring holiday celebration at the Island Inn. Miss Silvia will also be on hand to do complimentary face painting for the children. Open to all children 12 years and under, the Easter egg hunt includes three golden eggs with a special prize inside each one.

The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. on the south side of the front office building, and will end once all the eggs are found.

Island Inn is located at 3111 West Gulf Drive.✪



Participants at last year's Easter egg hunt

Photography Relics On Display



View cards used in a stereoscope to produce three-dimensional pictures

Old cameras, photographs and even a vintage stereoscope with view cards are on display in the Rutland House at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village. Visitors will be able to experience the old-time stereoscope developed by Oliver Wendell Holmes in 1859. With this compact, hand-held viewer, a new industry and form of entertainment was created. The museum has two stereoscopes and many view cards on hand for visitors to try.

A stereoscope uses pictures taken by a camera with two lenses. Although the pictures appear the same, they are not. When looked at in a viewer, a person's eyes will blend the two views into one, and the brain perceives it in three dimensions, the same as normal vision.

"Photography buffs have two reasons to come to the village right now – to see our display and to take advantage of the wonderful subjects on our beautiful grounds," said



Cameras from days gone by, as well as old photographs, are part of the display at the Historical Village

Emilie Alfino, museum manager. "Artists in other media come all the time to paint images of our buildings and flora and fauna. I think photographers would find much of interest to them here at the village."

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road, next to BIG ARTS just past Sanibel City Hall. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and is closed on holidays. Adult admission is \$5; people under age 18 are admitted free. Visit www.sanibelmuseum.org for more information.✪



A stereoscope, developed in 1859

Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Alphabet/Carrot Cone Room in Chadwick's Square at South Seas Island Resort (note new meeting location). This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Status report on the Captiva Land Development Code review.
 - A review of panel budgetary issues (expenses and revenues).
 - A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
 - A Hurricane Preparedness & Response Committee update.
 - Other matters as necessary.
- Public participation is invited and encouraged.

The next Captiva Community Panel meetings will be held on May 8 and June 12. Information and background documents are available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.✪

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revealed the study's latest findings, there remains room for improvement. The open house was held at The Community House on Sanibel.

According to a summary of refined project recommendations, the primary goals of the study were to identify ways to reduce congestion and pollution along Wildlife Drive, improve visitor mobility and accessibility while enhancing the refuge experience, conserve natural, historic, and cultural resources while being both cost effective and supported by the public.

Paul Tritaik, manager of the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, explained that the recommendation presented at the open house is made up of seven elements, developed by incorporating public comments collected at last year's public workshops (held in January and April 2011) and online surveys (August and September 2011).

"Draft elements that did not have a majority of public support have been eliminated," said Tritaik. "To date, over 20 draft elements have been eliminated, including all forms of public transit outside the refuge."

Among the suggestions for the project submitted by members of the public were:

- There should be NO circulator elements outside of the refuge
- Emphasis should be on protecting

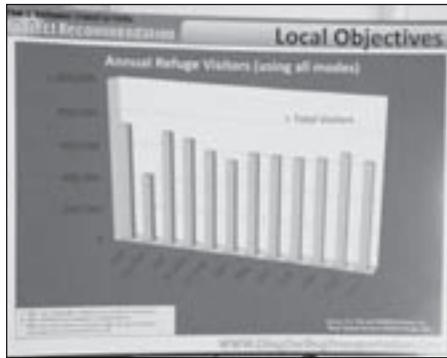


Chart detailing the total number of people visiting the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge between 2000 and 2011

the natural habitat

- The existing refuge tram should be maintained with some enhancements
- Wildlife Drive should be resurfaced for easier bicycling
- Existing refuge trails should receive surface enhancements (crushed shell) for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Improve the canoe launch at Tarpon Bay Explorers
- Provide a new trail connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use paths
- Investigate parking options at the former Island Water Association site

Tritaik explained that while improvements to the Tarpon Bay Explorers canoe launch have already been initiated and completed earlier this year, the proposed resurfacing of Wildlife Drive is scheduled to take place next year.

"We already had the road resurfacing



Transportation specialist Scott Pringle discusses the latest study results

on our five-year plan for construction projects, but working along with this alternative transportation study, we applied for and received funding to have that work done in 2013, he said. "This study, at least, can justify our ability to compete for funding for additional enhancements. It also helps to have a lot of public support."

After considering both public input and the technical evaluation, the steering committee refined the Draft Project Recommendation to seven elements. They include:

Wildlife crossings – Areas adjacent to the refuge of high wildlife fatalities would be identified and evaluated for new wildlife crossings; specific locations and physical features would be determined in the next phase of the study. The design would be consistent with City of Sanibel

design standards and all modes of transport (motorized and non-motorized) associated with the refuge will be subject to wildlife protection guidelines.

New trail connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use path – A new trail for hikers and bicyclists would connect the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area with a direct connection to the city's shared use path, directly to the south. The new trail would include trail surface (similar to other refuge trails) for use by non-motorized users; markings for obstructions and drop-offs near paths; improvements in signage and markings at path intersections. The trail would provide wildlife-dependent recreation by adding an additional path through the refuge mangrove forest and would increase safety by providing a non-motorized

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vehicle connection between the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area and the existing shared use path adjacent to Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Enhanced refuge wayfinding plan for existing refuge signage – Small information kiosks and directional signage made of durable materials would inform visitors of the recreational opportunities offered by the refuge in addition to other transportation and congestion information. All efforts would be taken to enhance, replace, and consolidate existing signage. Each kiosk would display information about its location and maps showing its location in relation to other island features and destinations. Information pertaining to restrictions on activities may also be posted at wayfinding kiosks.

Bailey Tract wayfinding to the shared use path – Improved wayfinding techniques would instruct users to the available connection between the refuge's Bailey Tract, other areas of the refuge, and to the shared use paths along Tarpon Bay Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road. This strategy is focused on providing enhanced connectivity between the refuge and shared use path; the refuge would collaborate with the City of Sanibel and its Shared Use Path Master Plan.

Expanded refuge parking options at existing satellite overflow parking – The refuge owns the former Island Water Association site (located on the south side

of Sanibel-Captiva Road, east of Rabbit Road). The site is currently being used as an overflow parking facility for large events. The site is proposed to be converted to a formal parking site that would be consistent with the parking design standards, vegetation and landscaping requirements, drainage and environmental performance standards as stated by the City of Sanibel's Land Development Code. Formalizing refuge parking options at the site would help address the need for additional parking during peak season.

Bicycle rentals at the refuge (contingent upon preceding element) – Due to current parking limitations at the refuge education center, bicycle rental facilities are only feasible at the refuge if additional parking capacity is formalized at the existing satellite overflow parking site. The bicycle rental facilities could be operated by a project partner, concessionaire or private entity.

Enhancements to the refuge tram and new refuge shuttle service – The existing refuge tram circulator would continue to operate along Wildlife Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road. An additional dropoff and pick-up location is proposed at the former Island Water Association site. Refuge visitors may take the existing 90-minute guided tour, or visitors would also be able to access the refuge through a new non-guided shuttle service to the education center and through the refuge. The non-guided shuttle service would only operate during peak season. The mode of transport chosen would accommodate bicycles, canoes/kayaks, and other recreational equipment. The expanded and new services would also be environ-

mentally friendly, as they would run on compressed natural gas or solar-electric propulsion technology, and they would allow visitors to choose an alternative to the single occupancy vehicle.

Additional details of the alternative transportation study may be found online at www.dingdarlingtransportation.com.

Gloria Hannan, a Sanibel resident for the past 12 years, attended the open house. She remained skeptical that the suggested program proposals would be effective in reducing traffic within the refuge.

"We, as Americans, are so attached to our cars," Hannan told Tritaik. "I think that if you're worried about traffic impacts at the refuge, you might think about installing a vehicle quota system."

Hannan further explained that a reservation system, similar to those in use at other national parks and wildlife refuges, might only be required during peak periods of visitor activity.

"They keep saying that their plan is going to help relieve traffic congestion, but you're always going to have people coming here in cars and on buses," she added. "Maybe they should think about other enhancements for cyclists... perhaps an option that they could come back along Wildlife Drive from the Indigo Trail. There would only be a short section of two-way traffic, because not everybody can do the entire eight- to 10-mile route."

Patti Sousa of the Sanibel Bicycle Club said that overall, she is pleased with the new proposals suggested by the study, including the trails connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use path.

"I think they have a great opportunity to really think 'outside the box' with that trail," said Sousa. "I think it should be designed to be more than just a straight, blacktop path."

Sousa also thought the plan to improve wayfinding between the Bailey Tract and the shared use path was "lacking," wondering aloud "Who is this path for... bikers or motorists?"

Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Denham called the study proposed plans "closer to what seems reasonable to us as a city," but reiterated his opinion that any future refuge circulator should be an electric vehicle.

"None of the other alternatives are acceptable," said Denham. "We, as a nation, have a problem with 'public transportation,' but it is the most reasonable alternative to using our cars and it is better for the environment."

According to the study, any new circulator vehicles would be the same size and style as existing refuge trams, which seat 25 visitors.

"Propulsion of new vehicles would be compressed natural gas or solar-electric. Any increased emissions would be counteracted by the reduction of emissions from the reduced number of single-occupancy vehicles entering the refuge," the project proposal reads in part.

In addition, the study revealed that it is no longer considering the five-stop Environmental Institution Circulator along Sanibel-Captiva Road, no extension to island resorts, no circulator to the mainland or Captiva and no canoe/kayak landing at Dixie Beach Boulevard. ✪

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According to Smith, the pinnacle of his career came when renown Japanese textile artist Itchiku Kubota purchased one of his shibori creations during a visit to Captiva. Kubota then wore the garment to an opening reception of his artwork at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.

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Bailey's Coloring Contest Winners

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- Kindergarten
 - 1st place, Maeve Igo; 2nd place, Stella Black; 3rd place, Bodhi Taylor
- First grade
 - 1st place, Nick Underwood; 2nd place, Camryn Peach; 3rd place, Colin Menzel
- Second grade
 - 1st place, Annabel Crater; 2nd place, Amber Laborde; 3rd place, Sophia Black
- Third grade
 - 1st place, Morta Jankauskaite; 2nd place, Ta'Niya Holton; 3rd place, Meleah Thomas.

All winners received a Bailey's backpack filled with games, toys, candy and other goodies. The artwork will remain on display in the front on Bailey's General Store through Easter.✱



Kindergarten, first place - Maeve Igo



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Dan Scott and Connor Simmons

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Let's give these local kids a shot at becoming professional comedians. Who knows... one of them could be the next Jerry Seinfeld.✪

New Sunday Hours At Sanibel Rec Center

Beginning on Sunday, April 8, the Sanibel Recreation Center will be open from noon to 5 p.m. The facility's weight room, tennis courts, gymnasium, water slide, features pool, splash pad and lap pool will be available.

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SANIBEL BICYCLE CLUB

MOAA Meeting

The Lee Coast chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will hold its April dinner meeting at the Crown Colony Golf & Country Club in Fort Myers on Monday, April 9 at 6 p.m. for cocktails and 6:45 p.m. for dinner. This will be the final meeting for the season.

The guest speaker will be Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve. He will speak about the increasing importance of the Reserve Component during the anticipated slimming down of our active duty forces. Aside from addressing the MOAA group, Admiral Debbink will be meeting with Navy Academy mid-shipmen candidates, their parents and Blue and Gold Officers. He will also be addressing Lee County JROTC administrators and student leaders during his visit to the Fort Myers area.

MOAA members should make their reservations online at www.leecoastmoaa.org/. Former, retired or active duty uni-



Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve

formed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Joe Smaha at 395-0776 for membership information.✪

Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus Meeting

submitted by George Clark

On Saturday, April 7 at 10 a.m., the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus will host Byron Donalds at the Sanibel Public Library in Meeting Room 4.

Donalds is a candidate for Congress in the August 14th Republican primary. He and his wife, Erica, have three sons. He earned a degree in finance from Florida State University.

A constitutional conservative who believes in a smaller federal government and economic freedom, Donalds' career experience has been as a commercial credit officer in banking and as a portfolio manager in financial services. In his private life he serves as a youth leader in his church, coaches little league and volunteers his services on non-profit boards and committees in Southwest Florida.

Donalds joined the Naples Tea Party in 2008 and is a member of their leadership council. He supports the Fair Tax, a balanced budget amendment, would vote to repeal the health care law and is for securing America's southern border with physical structures as well as increased patrols. He further believes that the federal Department of Education should be disbanded and that states and school districts should have the flexibility to educate children to the individual needs of the students. This meeting is open to the public.

The Sanibel Public Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road.✪

Shell Found



Nikki Kasal

Nikki Kasal, 12, from St. Louis, Missouri found a shell with a perfect heart shape in it at the beach outside Sandalfoot Condominiums while staying there on March 27.

"I recently discovered a very interesting shell while strolling the beach outside Sandalfoot Condominiums, where I am currently staying," said Nikki. "Although at first glance it only seemed like a common white shell, when I looked at it more closely I saw it had a perfect heart shape in the middle. It appeared almost man-made, but this could not be true since I found it lying on the beach. I find this to be a very interesting and rare shell, and encourage others to be observant of even the most plain-looking of shells."✪



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INSIDE CITY HALL

Council Chooses Talmage For Planning Board

by Anne Mitchell

Restaurant owner John Talmage beat out retired teacher Karen Storjohann by a 3-2 vote of the Sanibel City Council on Tuesday to win the planning commission seat vacated by Paul Reynolds. The third applicant, Ralph Sloan, did not receive a vote.

Before the vote, Vice Mayor Mick Denham suggested the council members consider the "personality" of the entire planning commission, saying it was weighted on the business rather than the environmental side.

"I am very concerned that today we are going to make a decision... that will have an impact on the personality of the planning commission going forward," he said.

Mayor Kevin Ruane said he planned to vote for Talmage in the secret ballot because he was impressed with his work in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Talmage's application states that he has spent most of his career working for local governments in New York City and New Orleans and is a past president and CEO of Social Compact.

Ruane remarked that Denham was "a high powered executive for Motorola" before moving to Sanibel.

"You come to this island and it just takes a hold on you," Ruane said, no matter your background. He also noted



John Talmage

that outgoing commissioner Reynolds was a business owner.

Although the vote is secret, the forms are available in the city's public records.

Reynolds resigned with almost two years left of his term.

Storjohann, who ran for city council several years ago, is a regular "city watcher" and participates in council and planning commission discussions.

Councilman Marty Harrity said no matter who won the seat, "the important thing is people are willing to step up." He added, "It is not a business or environmental community. It is a community."✪

Council Reduces Permit Fees

The Sanibel City Council on Tuesday officially rolled back most building and inspection fees by 25 percent to offer relief to property owners carrying out renovations and additions.

The planning department has a surplus, more than is needed to operate the department effectively, said City Manager Judie Zimomra, and staff finds it prudent to recommend lower fees.

A second ordinance, reducing the cost of permit and development reviews and administrative fees, will have its second and final public hearing at 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1.

The fee for additions and remodeling will be 1 percent up to \$1 million in value and .5 percent for the next \$500,000 and .25 percent for \$1.5 million and up, plus 90 cents per square foot for each new square foot of living area with a \$213 minimum, down from \$426.

Application fee for a variance goes down from \$2,850 to \$2,000.

Mayor Kevin Ruane supported the move, saying it will encourage people to do necessary renovations and give them some relief. The council vote was unanimous in passing the ordinance authorizing the action. Council voted 5-0 for approval.✪

Architect Picked For Senior Center Renovations

Sanibel officials ranked Bessolo Design Group top out of 11 firms vying for the contract for design work on the renovation of the Center4Life on Library Way, a choice endorsed Tuesday by the city council.

The next step is for the city council to determine what improvements are necessary and how to accomplish the goals of providing more office and other space for the island's senior center. The city will then negotiate a contract with the architects.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham suggested it might be a good move for Community Housing & Resources, the city's below market rate housing agency, which shares the building, to move to another location. Office space is relatively inexpensive, he said, and it would free up more space for senior activities. Also, CHR could hold its evening board meetings in MacKenzie Hall, where the council meets.

Councilman Doug Congress, council liaison the CHR, said he would raise the issue at the next meeting. He added, "We have \$770,000 in the budget to fix this facility up."

Mayor Kevin Ruane said CHR's contract with the city is up for renewal in September.✪



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Ruane Re-elected Mayor

Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane and Vice Mayor Mick Denham were re-elected for another term by unanimous vote of the Sanibel City Council on Tuesday.

Ruane's wife Doreen, his mother and his mother-in-law and father-in-law were in the audience to witness him taking the oath of office. ✨

Coastal Zone Protection Change Benefits Resorts

by Anne Mitchell

The city council on Tuesday passed an ordinance amending the coastal zone protection segment of the Sanibel Plan that allows resort accessory uses such as swimming pools to be repaired or replaced in their existing location and size even when they are entirely or partly beyond the coastal construction setback line (CCSL).

It was the final action in a long process that was geared to allowing Sanibel's aging resorts and hotels to modernize and remain attractive to tourists without losing amenities or units. Those built years ago do not conform to stricter regulations enacted after Sanibel incorporated. Council policy is that short term accommodations are crucial to the island's tourism-based economy.

The proviso regarding replacement is only valid if there is no other site available, said Jim Jordan, planning director. And it does not allow for new development beyond the CCSL.

Resident Hazel Schuller said the east end beaches have grown wider through accretion and there is "a temptation to develop it." But City Attorney Ken Cuyler noted, "The record is crystal clear on this. There is no authority to construct seaward of the CCSL." ✨

Friday Is Final Stories For Grownups



Dr. Sidney B. Simon, emcee of Stories For Grownups

submitted By Cathy Cangelosi, Sanibel Public Library

The season's final First Friday Stories For Grownups will be held this Friday, April 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Sanibel Public Library. The featured storyteller will be the semi-famous emcee of the event, Dr. Sidney B. Simon, winner of the Lee County Literary Artist of the Year in 2011. He is Professor Emeritus from the University of Massachusetts, and is internationally known for his contributions in Values Clarification. That notoriety took him to *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and to *Phil Donahue*, but that was all before Sanibel.

Simon's stories touch upon subjects including Growing Old On This Island; Memories Of Raising Kids; There Are Teachers... And There Are Great Teachers; The Are Grandparents... And There Are Memorable Grandparents; and We All Have Stories To Tell.

The audience comes to play in the second half of the afternoon, as Simon – with great skill, wit and safety – draws stories from the audience that may have been triggered by one of the stories he told in the first half.

There will be regulars who come every month, devoted fans of this marvelous community-building event. Attendees even get a name tag. And stories to take home.

It is recommended that you come early, because the room usually fills up and they hate to turn people away. Even the parking lot gets crowded, so arrive early. Call the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2483 for directions or more information. ✨

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The Island Water Association

- NOTICE -

The annual meeting of The Island Water Association, Inc., will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 9th, 2012 at the offices of the Association located at 3651 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, Florida.

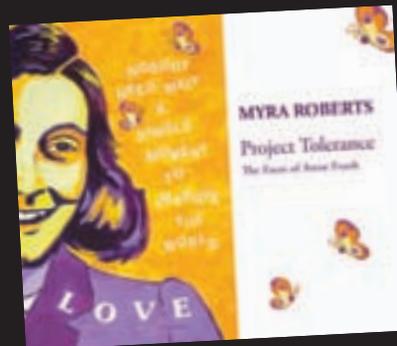
Jack Cunningham
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All IWA Members are encouraged to attend.

Myra Roberts

Book Signing @ 2 Islands Gallery

Project Tolerance "The Faces of Anne Frank"



Meet Sanibel artist Myra Roberts at 2 Islands Gallery for Project Tolerance, a collection of 30 oil paintings about famed diarist Anne Frank. The glossy, 58-page art catalogue contains

color plates of Anne Frank at various stages in her life, from a young girl enjoying the countryside in the Netherlands to her imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp.

Where: 2 Islands Gallery at Chadwick's Square, Captiva Island

Date: Friday April 13th

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Wine and hors d'oeuvres

More information 239-823-2208



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CAPTIVA CHAPEL BY THE SEA:

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 Captiva's Chapel-By-The-Sea will have a series of Lenten studies.
 The 2 remaining sessions are as follows:
 March 21, 3 The Cross as God's Substitution
 March 28, 3 The Cross as God's Role Model
 Special Services:
 April 1, Palm Sunday at 11:00 AM
 April 5, Maundy Thursday Communion at 6p.m.
 April 6, Good Friday Passion Story at 12
 April 8, Easter, The Resurrection at 11:00 a.m.

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Morning Prayer: Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS:

Meets on the first Sunday of each month from December through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church
 2050 Periwinkle Way at 7:30 p.m.
 A pot luck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month.
 For more information call 433-4901 or email ryi139@aol.com.*

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



OLIVER ALAN COBETA CUSCADEN

Kara Cuscaden, long time island resident, is pleased to announce the birth of her second grandson, Oliver Alan Cobeta Cuscaden. Oliver was born on February 23, 2012 in Quito, Ecuador. His proud parents, Joshua Cuscaden and Belen Cobeta, and older brother, Matteo, reside in Quito, where Joshua is an administrative officer with Peace Corps.*

Holy Week

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, is hosting a number of Holy Week special services.

Maundy Thursday will take place on April 5. A service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday is April 6. At noon, service featuring a dramatic monologue by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner will be held.

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Holy Days at Captiva

Chapel By The Sea



THURSDAY, APRIL 5

5PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

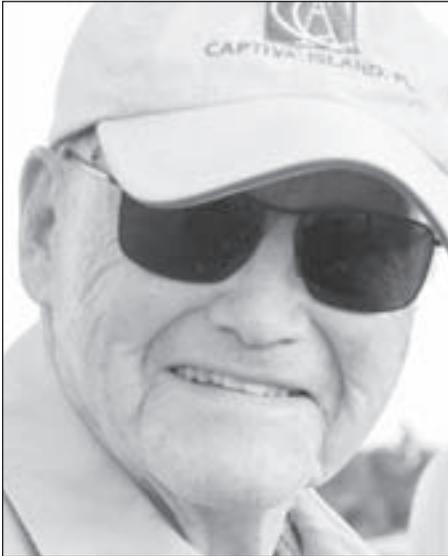
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

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OBITUARY



LEO S. MCDONALD, JR.

charge of exposition services and exhibits until he retired and began spending winters on Captiva Island.

"Leo was an imaginative and creative fellow; a leader who we all admired; a great boss and colleague as well. He demanded excellence and in that regard was tough at times as he had to be. All in all, he was a powerhouse and in that respect... I often referred to him as the 'Daddy Warbucks' of the Exhibit Industry," shared friend and colleague, Bill Dixon.

He was a deeply loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. "I'll always remember his wonderful sense of humor and gigantic laugh. Like his dad, he was a noted raconteur," recalled his daughter.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ann Eve, his children Carol and Jay, Lianne and Greg, John and Kathy, and Kathleen and Stuart, his grandchildren Jessica and Bill, Kerianne, Patrick, Katie and Yuval, James, William, Samantha, Liam, Charlie, Jack and Henry, and great grandchild, Josie.

He has supported children's charities throughout his life and a memorial fund has been established at one of his favorites, SmileTrain. Donations may be made online at http://support.smiletrain.org/site/TR?pxfid=10720&pg=fund&fr_id=1030. Family and friends may sign the guest register at www.horizonfunerals.com.✽

Easter Services At Chapel By The Sea

The historic Captiva Chapel By The Sea will hold the following Easter season services:

April 1 – Palm Sunday at 11 a.m.

April 5 – Maundy Thursday

Communion at 6 p.m.

April 6 – Good Friday Passion Story at noon

April 8 – Easter, The Resurrection at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Pastor Tom Nyman at 472-1646 or 651-747-7504.✽

Leo S. McDonald, Jr., a nationally recognized leader and innovator in the Chicago convention world, died peacefully on February 1, 2012 at the age of 90 years.

He served in the navy during World War II and was stationed in the Pacific at Glenview Naval Air Base. An avid supporter of the arts, he graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago and remained a member and supporter throughout his life. He started his own business, Award Exhibits, in Chicago in 1956 and became a group vice president at Greyhound in

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10:00 a.m.—Traditional Service

11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Service

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Holy Week

Easter Sunday is April 8. Chapel Service begins at 7:45 a.m. Festival Service with Chancel Choir, guest singers from the Mastersingers Chorale and Brass Players from the SW Florida Youth Symphony will take place at 9 and 11 a.m.

Dr. Danner will be preaching on John's gospel on Easter Sunday. His sermon will be titled "Touching Is Believing." The children's programs (Sunday School and nursery care) will also be available on Easter Sunday, April 8.

For information, call 472-0497.*

Easter Services This Weekend At Sanibel Community Church



Last year's Easter Sunrise Service at Sanibel Community Church

Sanibel Community Church announced that Resurrection Sunday will begin at 6:30 a.m. April 8 on the Sanibel Causeway, with vibrant songs of praise filling the air. Free donuts and coffee are available to all who come. Pastor Daryl Donovan's message, "Extreme Makeover," will be an encouraging word. Teen Challenge, as well as the teenagers of Sanibel Community Church, will provide dramatic presentations. A love offering will be received to support the ministry of Teen Challenge. Believer's baptism by immersion will be offered at the conclusion of the service.

Four Resurrection services of worship will be held on the campus of Sanibel Community Church. Both the 8 and 10 a.m. services will be traditional, with the 9 and 11 a.m. services being contemporary. Believer's baptism by immersion will be offered on the Sanibel Causeway at 12:30 p.m. following the services.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). There is plenty of parking at the rear of the campus, with parking attendants providing assistance. For more information, visit www.sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684.*

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Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:30 PM Service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 6

Noon Good Friday Service featuring a dramatic monologue by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner

Easter Sunday, April 8

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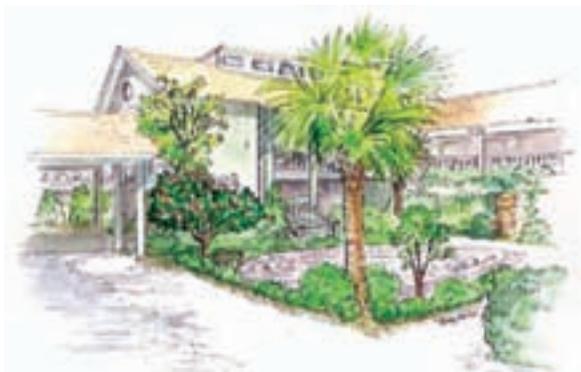
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Lucky Hemphill and his driver/chef and confidant Georgia Hemphill never miss a Sunday service at Captiva's Chapel by the Sea. Lucky prefers to sit in the same pew each week, confident that his friend Joan Eschert will slip him a little treat.

An involved resident of Captiva for many years, Hemphill now lives at Shell Point Village.

The final Sunday service this season is April 22.*

ENGAGEMENT



Bryan Picco and Cozette Nichols

Cozette Nichols and Bryan Picco of Sanibel are engaged and plan a June 16 beach wedding on Captiva. Parents of the couple are Jerry and Gay Nichols of Aberdeen, South Dakota and Andrew and Bernie Picco of Fort Wayne Indiana.

Nichols owns and operates her hair salon, Cozette Salon in Fort Myers.

Picco owns and operates his house cleaning business, Absolute Pressure, on Sanibel.*

Annual Meeting Notice

The Sanibel Community Association's (SCA) annual meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Learn the status of your Community Association, and The Community House. Appetizers and beverages will follow the report. Call 472-2155 to reserve your place.

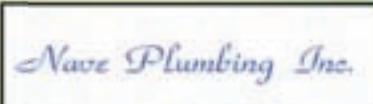
If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, visit the website at www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or stop by 2173 Periwinkle Way. A donation of \$1,500 pays the electric bill for a month, \$750 pays the garbage bill for a month, \$250 pays the water bill for a month, \$100 pays the pest control bill for a month.

The mission of the Sanibel Community Association is to enrich community spirit through educational, cultural and social gatherings in the historic Community House.*

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"We could not have had such a fabulous event without all our community sponsors, donors and volunteers," said Milissa Sprecher, event chair. "This evening of fun for our families is truly a group effort. It is fun to see all of our hard work come together into such a fun event."

The kids had a variety of midway games to play for prize tickets including a fishing pond, a duck pond, the Sanibel ring toss, and ping pong ball toss. Children were able to redeem their tickets for prizes. A big thank you goes out to The Dunes for bringing their golfing greens to The Sanibel School. Kids and adults got a chance to work on their swings with the golf pros.

Giovanni and Mary Tonti were responsible for bringing all the volunteers together for the festival.

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Abby McCallion

works of art on children's faces. She painted butterflies, tigers, flowers, and other designs.

Bailey's General Store provided all the food. Richard Johnson of Bailey's manned the grill with the volunteers. New menu items this year were shrimp skewers, black beans and rice, and Caesar salad. To top it off, there were ice cream treats made by Sanibel Deli and seahorse cookies made by Mrs. Maloney.

A big thank you also goes to Joseph Angelo's steel drum band, who performed songs to entertain the crowd at the start of the event.

The silent auction featured original artwork by the students, hand-painted Adirondack chairs, spa treatments, restaurant certificates, shopping sprees, photography, fine art and services. Area businesses also contributed items and services to make this day a great event. Thank you to Denise McKee, Tiani Macalka and Aimy Vandenbrink for putting it all together.

The weather was perfect for the second evening event, and a great time was had by all.

The committee and sponsorship chairs Felicity Rafalski and Allison Goss thank the following sponsors: Bailey's General Store, Dan Hahn Custom Builders, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, The Marinello Family, The Sprecher Family, Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club, The Rafalski Family, The Willis Family, The Crater Family, The Kouril Family, Cip's Place, The LaBar Family, Periwinkle Park, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Nave Plumbing, Lazy Flamingo, Pfeifer Realty Group, The Sanctuary, The Bender Family, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Bank of the Islands, Barrier Island Title, Bay Medical Solutions, Tween Waters Inn, Congress Jewelers, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Kirchner Contracting, The Hammarburg Family, McMurray and Nette Royal Shell Real Estate, Sandcastle Construction, Sanibel Surveys, Barefoot Charley, Heidrick and Company Insurance, The Costa Family, The Tonti Family and The Wexler Family.✽



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New Date For Cooking With Kids Workshop At FISH Center



Lacey Miller, left, and Pam Abbott at the last FISH cooking demo

FISH of Sanibel (Friends In Service Here) has set a new date for the Cooking with Kids Workshop. It will now take place on Monday, April 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the FISH Walk In Center.

This is the second workshop run for FISH by the Lee County Home Extension Services. It is open to the whole community and is focused on children of all ages as well as their parents/guardians.

It includes a live cookery demonstration and nutrition education. Celia Hill, Family and Consumer Sciences agent from Lee County Home Extension Service, uses foods found in the FISH Food Pantry. Hill and her team will show how to cook tasty, healthy meals to feed an entire family. This session will see child-friendly foods cooked from the food pantry and participants will get to taste the nutritious meals.

To reserve a space, call Christine at the FISH Walk In Center at 472-4775.

The walk-in center is located at 1630 Periwinkle Way, Unit B, Sanibel (next to Pfeiffer Realty Group) and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., phone 472 4775.✱

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Swallow-Tailed Kite

by Patricia Molloy



One of the most elegant birds in Florida is the swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*). It is unmistakable due to its distinctive black and white plumage, forked tail and graceful aerial maneuvers. "Kites are my favorite raptors," said Dr. Heather. "They are very smart, sensible and easy to manage."

On March 20, a swallow tail kite arrived at CROW from Lehigh Acres. Upon arrival, it could not fly and was depressed, likely as a result from being

hit by a car. Fluids and pain medication were quickly administered to make the kite more comfortable while its condition could be further evaluated.

A radiographic test was performed, which utilizes an x-ray beam to record the internal structure of a patient and detect injuries in its body. The resulting images clearly showed a break in its ulna, a major weight-bearing bone, while the neighboring radius was intact (comparable to a human forearm). Dr. Heather anesthetized the bird so that a metal rod could be inserted to align the naturally hollow bones.

Swallow-tail kites typically arrive in Florida in late February to early March from South America. If you are fortunate enough to see a one of these magnificent birds, it will most likely be while it is in flight. Kites are constantly on the move, swooping down to pick up a meal (which they eat while flying) or diving down for a quick drink from the surface of a lake or stream.

According to Dr. Heather, kites are "low stress, low key birds." In the case of this patient, "It will eat as long as I offer food on a pair of thongs. Kites don't like to come off perches to eat." With patience, the ulna will likely heal and this beautiful raptor will return to the skies of Southwest Florida to perform spectacular feats of aerial acrobatics.

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Note the metal rod protruding from the bird's wing that was inserted at the clinic



Dr. Heather initially fed the rare bird by hand three times a day because it would not eat on its own

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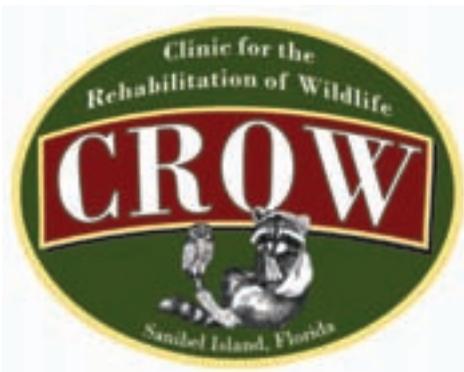


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As part of the award ceremonies for the "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on Saturday, May 5, White will emcee the fun for fishing participants who want to "accuse" one another of heinous acts of embarrassment or tomfoolery.

"I will be the judge, the jury, and the executioner," said White with a chuckle. "Anyone can accuse anyone of just about anything, and the fine will be sentenced accordingly. It all goes to benefit 'Ding' Darling, so it's a great cause."

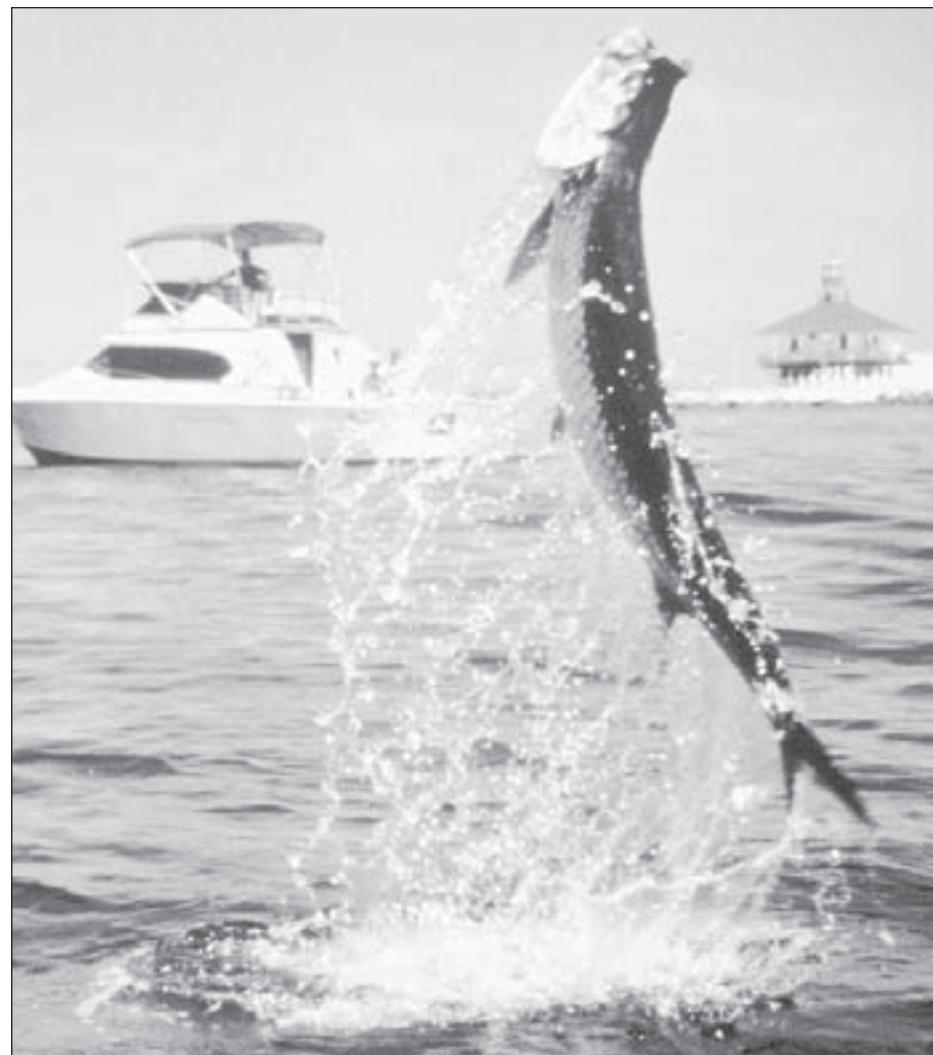
The fishing tournament takes place at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on Fort Myers Beach from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 5. The Captain's Dinner will take place the previous evening, on Friday, May 4.

Registration is now open at www.dingdarlingsociety.org or by calling 292-0566. Entry fee is \$400 per team of up to four (\$100 for extras), 100 percent of which will be distributed as tournament awards.

Doc Ford's, with locations on both Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach, sponsors the tournament to support the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge through the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

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The "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament will take place on May 4 and 5

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Bird's Eye View

Sanibel's Unique Freshwater Wetlands



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

Sanibel is one of the few barrier islands in the world with a freshwater wetlands exposed on its surface. Over the years, I have come to the conclusion, and most recently

have been reminded of this possibility, that the close proximity of these freshwater wetlands to the tidal mudflats of the Refuge is a major factor into the historically phenomenal wading bird populations maintained on Sanibel.

About 10 days ago, we had been enjoying good numbers of wading birds feeding on the tidal mudflats back in the mangroves of the Refuge out of sight of the Wildlife Drive. Now understand that food is the most powerful stimulus to all life (including humans) and, if the birds are finding sufficient food on the mudflat, they are more tolerant of a bunch of predators in a canoe (or standing on Wildlife Drive) staring at them and are less likely to fly away to another location. But if they are not finding food, two things can happen. One, they will become less tolerant of any human predator's approach. And two, they may leave the area completely looking for other foraging areas where they can be more successful.

Even though these days we do not see near the numbers that we used to when I started the business back in 1978, the viewing had been spectacular. Then after several days, almost as though someone had flipped a switch, the birds seemed to disappear from everywhere in the Refuge. I was a little confused, because usually changes such as this occur slowly over a few days as the strength and timing of the tides changes. But one day there was good birdlife viewing, the next, almost nothing.

After the trip was over and we were driving out of the Refuge along Wildlife Drive, I could see that there were very few wading birds present anywhere in the

Refuge.

An hour later after the trip, I just happened to be in a part of the interior freshwater wetlands basin checking on something else, and there in a slowly drawing down drainage tributary of the "Sanibel River" were a whole slew of wading birds, all congregated together feeding on the small fish of that freshwater system.

You see, as the winter ends and the summer season approaches, the strong early morning tides of December combined with the occasional cold front pushing the winds out of the north, start switching to weaker tides during the day and more prevailing winds out of the south and east. This means that the mudflats of the Refuge become an increasingly difficult place for the wading birds to

easily capture food.

So, what is a hungry wading bird supposed to do?

Just as this habitat becomes less suitable for the birds, the freshwater wetlands basin of the island begins to draw down from the lack of rainfall during the winter dry season. The fish living in this freshwater basin become increasingly trapped just as when the saltwater species become trapped during the strong winter low tides in the Refuge.

I believe that the close proximity of these two types of wetlands – working in synch – naturally provide an ample year

round prey base for the wading birds. Thus, Sanibel was historically a haven for feeding and nesting wading birds.

Next week, I will begin talking about how the freshwater wetlands of Sanibel came to be, how they were almost drained and destroyed, and the fight we have had to restore them to a more naturally functioning basis.

A former city council member and mayor, Mark "Bird" Westall has owned and operated Canoe Adventures, Inc. on Sanibel for over 33 years. Visit www.canoewithbirdwestall.com for more information.✪

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Know The Rules Before Wetting A Fishing Line



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The big trout bite is still going on all over the sound and even along the beaches. This week I did get on some better size trout in the southern sound, which was a

25- to 26-inch range caught. Shiners and small pinfish are the bait of choice for these 'gator trout, although I have caught a few on handpicked shrimp too. Fishing the white sandholes in thick, healthy grass in two- to three-foot depths produced the biggest trout of the week. Bright sunny conditions really seem like the best time to target these larger trout.

With so many trout out there, don't get greedy by taking too many. Seatrout are in their spawn right now they should be handled as little as possible if being released. If you plan on harvesting trout, they should be eaten fresh within a day or two of being caught as the meat does not freeze well. Regulations on trout are four fish per angler per day between 5 and 20 inches of which only one can be over the 20-inch maximum.

Recently there was a picture in this newspaper of an angler with eight trout

he kept in a day. That is over the limit. Trout are a natural resource and the bag limits and size limits along with good management of the species are the reason the resource is in such great shape. It does not take too many meat fisherman to wreck this for everyone. Fishing trips are judged on so much more than the size of the Ziplock bag of fillets you go home with. There is nothing wrong at all with taking home a fresh fish dinner, but if you plan on stocking your freezer, please go to a grocery store.

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With another windy March behind us, tarpon fishing will really kick into high gear in the next few weeks. For a few hours one morning with clients I had my first chance this season to go out and fish for tarpon. Although we did not hook up a single fish, every place I went we saw a few rolling fish and even had one tarpon come up and swirl on and miss a live bait. The rush of seeing tarpon while they are free jumping, rolling or even flashing on and missing a live bait still, to this day, makes my heart race. After catching and putting anglers on hundreds or more tarpon in my life, the adrenaline rush it brings just seeing these awesome fish still amazes me. In my book there is not a more exciting, hard fighting, shallow water gamefish to target, period.

This week daytime redfish tides get a whole lot better than we have had for weeks. High daytime incoming tides should have the mangrove redfish bite going off. I did manage some redfish this week but it really took a lot of work moving up and down shorelines to get any keepers at all.

The hottest redfish bite of the week came during a period of strong southwest wind that had the tide blown up higher



Conner Brown with his first shark, a three-foot bonnethead, caught while redfish fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

than expected. Although this bite was all small reds, the action was wide open with more than a dozen caught in 20 minutes. The bigger reds took a lot more work and we caught only one here and one there.

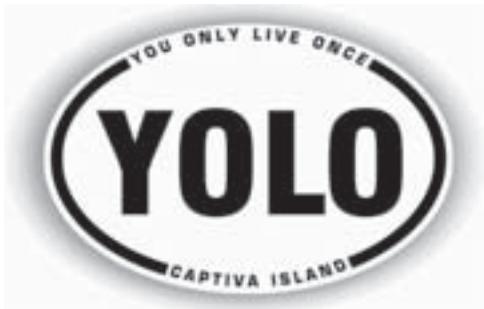
While riding around mangrove islands, I did see some good numbers of redfish but with the tides very slow moving if at all they simply would not eat.

The big redfish of the week on my boat measured only 24 inches.

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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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 islandsuncity@aol.com; or call Anne Mitchell at 395-1213.



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On Tuesday, April 10 at 10 a.m., come to the SCCF Nature Center and learn about how this pair of eagles is doing. Mark "Bird" Westall will be in the house. The program is free for all to attend.

The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information.*



Eagle sitting adjacent to the newly-erected platform



Sample Craft Beers At SCCF's Beer In The Bushes

Come to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's first-ever Beer In The Bushes, a craft beer tasting fundraiser on Saturday, April 14 from 7 p.m. to "9-ish." Tickets are \$30 per person.

Join fellow beer connoisseurs on the grounds of the SCCF Nature Center for a great sunset, live music, dancing, beer, food and games. Six tasting stations serving different signature Samuel Adams craft beers will be set up along the grounds and boardwalks.

Games will include golf putting machines, a cornhole toss, darts, ring toss and a photo booth. There will also be a great selection of raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

This fun evening of food, fun, dancing and live music with Vernal Pool will help support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

Beer In The Bushes is graciously sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and generously supported by Samuel Adams, which will be providing six of their finest beers for the tasting, courtesy of The Grog Shop.

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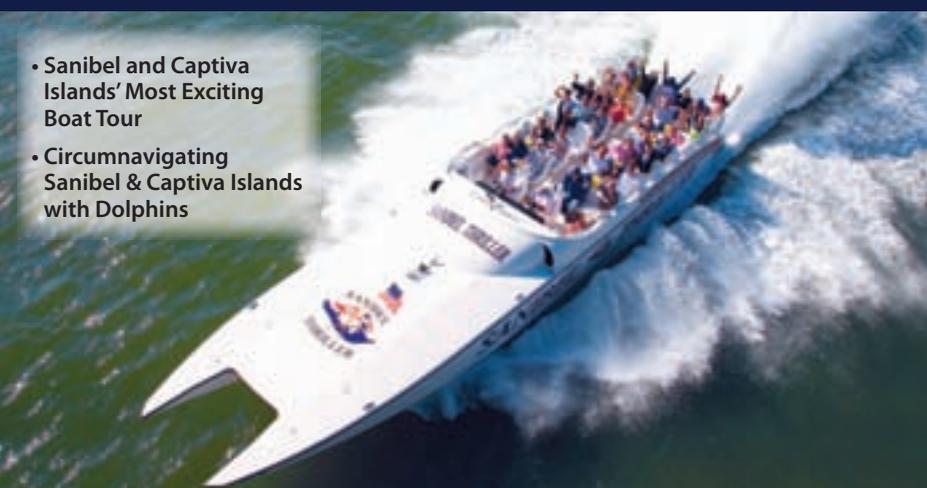
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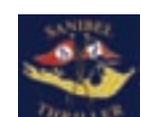
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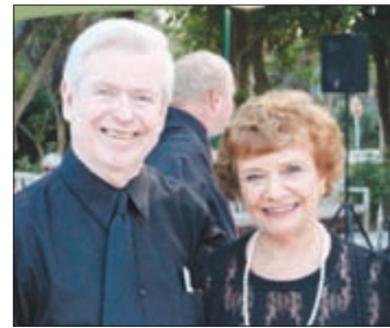
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Ariana Tonkin, center, with Juliana (4 months) and Anthony (20 months)

Ariana Tonkin of Garden City, New York found a junonia at the Sanibel Lighthouse Fishing Pier while staying in Fort Myers. "It's the newspaper shell!" she said.✪

Snowy Plover Program At SCCF



Snowy plover sitting on eggs

Watch where you walk there are plovers on the beach and nesting has begun. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has been monitoring and staking the nests of this bird on Sanibel beaches for 10 years. Join SCCF biologists to learn about this threatened species and what you can do to protect their small nesting populations. Following the program, carpool to the beach to see some snowy plovers. Maybe you will get to see prolific "Footless Freddie," with his white and red leg bands. Upcoming program dates are Thursdays, April 12 and 26 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF Nature Center auditorium. Cost of program is \$5, with SCCF members admitted free. Call 472-2329 for more information.✪

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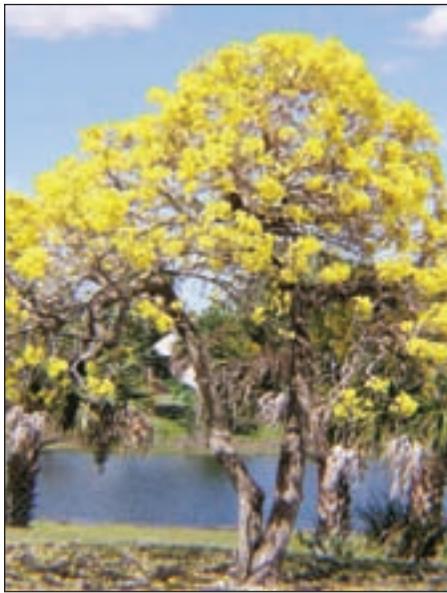
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Caribbean Trumpet Tree



The furrowed bark provides a good platform for air plants and adds character to the tree

The Caribbean trumpet tree is native to the West Indies

by Gerri Reaves

photos by Gerri Reaves

One of South Florida's most popular ornamental trees, the Caribbean trumpet tree (*Tabebuia aurea*), has a fairly short but spectacular spring blooming season when it's a show stopper.

It is native to the West Indies and parts of South America, but not to Florida, and typically grows to about 25 feet high.

Some specimens have silvery gray leaves that give the tree another common name, silver trumpet tree.

The furrowed and corky bark provides a good platform for epiphytes,

or air plants, such as orchids and the native bromeliad, the cardinal airplant (*Tillandsia fasciculata*).

The somewhat contorted shape adds character.

The leaves are comprised of five to seven stiff narrow leaflets, which begin to drop as the funnel-shaped compact clusters of flowers start to appear and the show begins.

The trumpet tree is very drought-tolerant and has a moderate growth rate. Moderate salt tolerance makes it suitable for some coastal landscapes.

Spring brings profuse clusters of bright showy flowers

Dropping leaves, a shallow root system, and wind breakage are maintenance concerns, but it is generally pest resistant.

Give the tree full sun, which will accent its beauty in the flowering season.

The dark pods of about six inches long contain wafer seeds.

The pink trumpet tree (*Tabebuia heterophylla*) is another species popular "tab" in South Florida.

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Cost to attend the Gator & Crocodile Tales program is \$5 for adults, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Call 472-2329 for more information.

The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✪



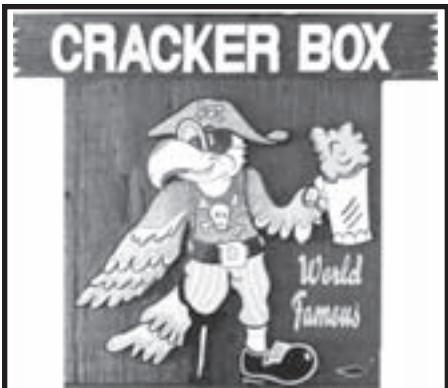
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Chase and Julian Mazzier

Sand-Made Maze

Even though it was their first time visiting Sanibel and swimming in the ocean, the Mazzier brothers – Chase, 10, and Julian, 8 – of Wilmette, Illinois spent a few days constructing their “Mazzier Maze” on the beach.✪

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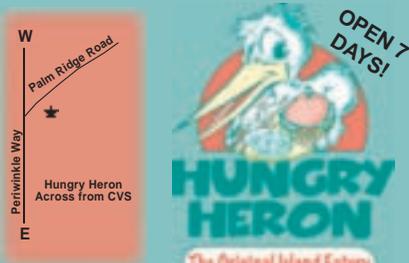
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Original King Kong Playing At Sanibel Library

Join some fellow film buffs at the Sanibel Public Library on Tuesday April 10 at 2 p.m. for a screening of the original adventure/monster movie *King Kong* (1933).

Directed by Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Shoedsack, the story is recognized for its stop-motion animation by Willis O'Brien (*Lost World, Mighty Joe Young*). The musical score was written by Max Steiner (*Little Women, Casablanca*). *King Kong* was deemed "culturally, historically and aesthetically significant" by the Library of Congress and selected for preservation in the National Film Registry. There have been two remakes of the film, in 1976 and 2005.

Fay Wray portrays an actress, Ann Darrow, who agrees to star in a film directed by Carl Denham, played by Robert Armstrong. Travel for the film takes them on a voyage to a mysterious island in the Indian Ocean, where natives kidnap Ann and prepare her as a sacrifice to a giant ape who resides on the island. Enter King Kong. Instead of killing her, Kong takes Ann to his lair. The crew attempts to rescue Ann, fighting off dinosaurs in the jungle. First Mate Jack Driscoll (Bruce Cabot), who fell in love with Ann during the voyage, rescues her from Kong and together they flee to safety in the village. Kong destroys the village trying to gain back Ann. Jack subdues the beast and brings him to New York City to place him on display. Kong breaks free from his chains, captures Ann and climbs to the top of the Empire State Building. Battling aircraft, the giant beast falls to his death. Ann is safe again in the arms of Jack.

One of the most memorable lines is at the end of the film when Armstrong is looking upon the fallen Kong and claims "It wasn't airplanes... it was beauty that killed the beast."

For more information, call 472-2483.*



Tour SCCF's Marine Lab



Marine Lab Tour participants

On Friday, April 13, meet the SCCF Marine Laboratory staff and get up to date information on lab projects while touring the facility.

Participants will gather at the SCCF Nature Center at 9 a.m. for a short introduction and then carpool over to the Marine Lab.

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Designs by Donna Cook, a board member of the Pine Island Garden Club

Gifts From The Garden

Unconventional Ways To Use Plant Materials

submitted by Carolyn DeCoster

The next meeting of the Shell Islands Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The program will be presented by Donna Cook, a board member of the Pine Islands Garden Club.

Cook is a 15-year resident of Pine Island by way of Atlanta, Georgia, where she and her husband were in business together. She has had no formal design training, but gardening has become her passion. In her home landscaping, she uses bromeliads extensively as ground cover, currently featuring over 50 different varieties. Her extensive plantings provide the source of inspiration for using everyday plant materials to create unique and easy floral designs. Cook had for

several years conducted floral demonstrations for the Pine Island Garden Club. Her other interests include cooking, sewing, photography and cruising with her husband between Canada and Southwest Florida.

For more information, call Maggie Butcher at 395-0978.✱

Bonsai Society Picnic And Auction

The annual picnic and auction of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Community Garden Center adjacent to the Edison Laboratory on McGregor Boulevard. The picnic is in lieu of the monthly meeting.

The public is invited. There is no charge for attendance and free parking is on Larchmont Street (running south from McGregor Boulevard, one block east of the Edison Laboratory).

The auction will begin at 11 a.m. and a buffet line for the picnic will begin at noon. Beginner bonsai demonstrations will be in the south gazebo at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. At 1 p.m., raffle numbers will be drawn and silent auction winners will be announced.

Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. Information about bonsai and the association will be available at the picnic.

For more information call Greg Lignelli at 560-3275.✱

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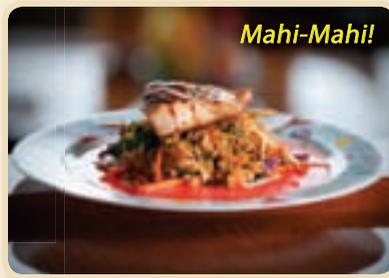
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Sanibel Island Fishing Club Monthly Meeting

This Tuesday, April 10, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public (especially tarpon anglers) is cordially invited to attend.

This month's featured speaker is the club's very own Kevin Vertesch, who will be giving an in-depth presentation on the do's and don'ts of tarpon fishing. His talk will cover topics such as his favorite baits, rods, reels, hooks and all the techniques he uses to catch the elusive silver kings. Vertesch will also discuss where the best locations are to find these fish, from inshore spots off of Picnic Island to Knapp's Point, where the tarpon are most plentiful. With the upcoming Doc Ford's first annual tarpon tournament just around the corner, this presentation offers local tarpon hunters a rare opportunity to learn angling techniques from an experienced fisherman who knows how to catch – and safely release – these magnificent game fish.

Following his presentation, Vertesch will be on hand to answer any questions from the audience regarding tarpon hunt-

Kevin Vertesch safely releasing a 70-pound tarpon

ing. If you've ever wanted to catch a tarpon, this is your program to attend.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School.

For more information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend our next meeting.

The Sanibel Island Fishing club has been an active social club for more than 27 years on the island. To learn more about the club, to view catch photos or to explore their fish recipe section, go to www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com.✪



Learn about the population of ospreys on Sanibel and beyond at the next refuge lecture

photo by Terry Baldwin

Osprey Team To Present Lecture At 'Ding' Darling

As an add-on to its 2012 Lecture Series, the "Ding" Darling Education Center will host a special presentation of The Story of Ospreys on Friday, April 13 at 10 a.m.

Claudia Burns, a longtime volunteer for The International Osprey Foundation's (TIOF) nestwatch program, will present a slideshow of osprey photographs with commentary, and Mark "Bird" Westall, founder of TIOF, will punctuate the presentation with lifelike osprey calls plus stories from his many years of working with ospreys.

Island cartoonist Dave Horton will

also be on hand to sign copies of the free educational osprey coloring book, *Look Who's Flying*, which he illustrated. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) underwrote the book's printing.

Admission is free, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club and DDWS. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to visit the free education center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

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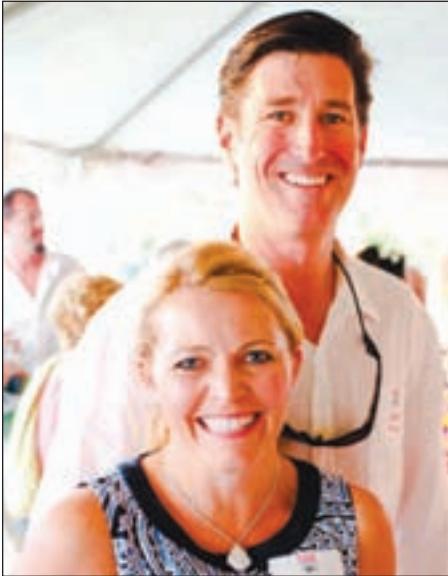




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Octifest guests watch the blue glow of coconuts as they're cast into the sea

Some Enchanted Sanibel Sea School Evening

The last Saturday before Easter, Sanibel Sea School celebrated six years on the islands of Sanibel and Captiva with their annual fundraising party - Octifest on the Beach - in a tent on Causeway Island A. It was a perfect night for a gourmet local and sustainable dinner, good music, twinkling lights, good friends and a good cause in a big tent. Proceeds benefitted scholarships to Sanibel Sea School and the gap between tuition and the cost of the programs for all students who attend Sanibel Sea School.

Principal corporate sponsors for the Octifest on the Beach were PURRE, who dedicated some of the last funds of PURRE to kids' ocean education, and Lily and Co., who was the key ingredient of a grand prize adventure that involved floating coconuts, glow sticks, and bobbing wishes cast off into the ocean. The night ended with the blue glow of coconuts bobbing in the ocean, representing hopes and dreams cast off into the sea from guests. The first coconut to reach

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100 Years Of Life Along The Caloosahatchee



Seminoles navigating the Miami River by boat

Five generations of the Hanson's living along the Caloosahatchee will be presented at the Fort Myers Central Library and sponsored by SCCF on Thursday, April 12 at 10 a.m. There is no fee for this program.

Woody Hanson, the keeper family archives, will meet people interested in learning more about life on the river.

"The Hanson Family Archives is a collection of more than 1,000 historic documents and images from 1884 to the mid-20th century, passed down through five generations of one of Fort Myers' first families. It's a treasure trove of information about the historic places, people and institutions of Southwest Florida, including unrivaled insight into the community's relationship with the neighboring Seminole-Miccosukee Indians.

The Hanson family began its own history in Southwest Florida in 1884, when London-born Dr. Wm. Hanson and his wife, Julia Allen Hanson, opted to settle in Fort Myers while on their way to Cuba. Dr. Hanson was physician to Thomas Edison and the Seminole-Miccosukee Indians as well as one of Fort Myers' first real estate developers. Mrs. Hanson was active in almost every movement or institution in Southwest



Image from the Seminoles Florida Memory Project

Florida and beyond and was called "the most beloved woman in Florida" upon her death in 1934.

Their son, W. Stanley Hanson (1883-1945), dubbed "the White Medicine Man," was a trusted advisor to the Seminole-Miccosukee Indians from the early part of the 20th century until his death in 1945. He wanted to dispel myths about the tribe, including those shared by some of those who would help them, and offer a true portrait of their lives. With the permission of his tribal friends, he recorded their lives in hundreds of photographs, writings and drawings, illuminating a world that had been invisible to outsiders." - Excerpt taken from the Hanson Family website (www.seminole-lodge.com/about.php)

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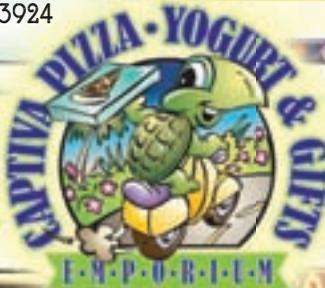
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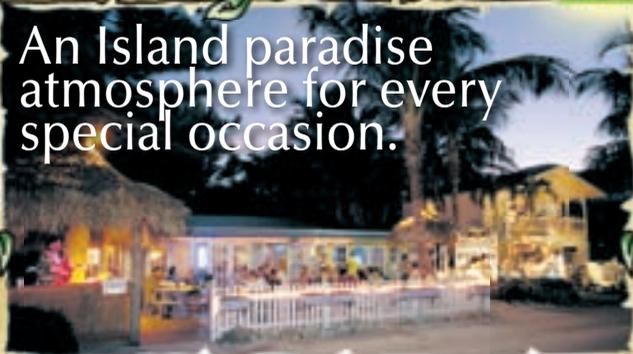
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Amelia's Sixth Birthday Tea Party



From left, Stella Black, Lily Brown, Maya Brennan, Jessica McKee, birthday girl Amelia Gallo, Maeve Igo, Lotus Meyers, Sidney Stevens and Lauren Macalka

A group of island girls attended Amelia Gallo's 6th birthday tea party. The girls made "tea hats" and Linda Gallo, Amelia's mom, made balloons for all. "We had a teapot pinata and plenty of tea party goodies. It was a fun day! I could hardly get them to sit still for a picture," said Gallo. ☆

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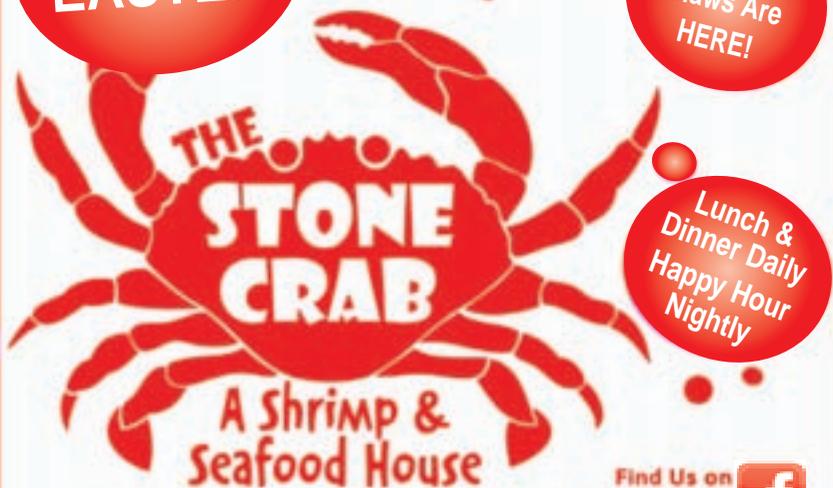
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Show Your Team Spirit At The Shell Museum's Oyster Eating Contest



Contestant Bob Tobicash had a rowdy cheering section at last year's event

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will hold its 3rd annual Oyster Eating Contest at The Timbers on April 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Twenty-five contestants, sponsored by island businesses, will compete to slurp down as many mollusks as they can in one minute to win Grand Champion honors and to help raise funds for the museum.

There are many ways to win in this year's competition. Categories include: Grand Champion, 2nd Place and 3rd Place, Female Champion, Best Oyster Attire, Most Clams (money) Collected (more than \$1,000), and Most Team Spirit.

Team spirit has always played an important part of the contest, as the oysters eaters seem to slurp even faster when they have a strong rooting section encouraging them.

Supporters have waved signs, blown noisemakers, whistled and cheered their oyster eater on to victory. They have also supported the museum by purchasing food and drinks donated by The Timbers. This year, a woman's watch from Lily & Co. will be raffled, and there will be crafts and face-painting for the kids. All are welcome to join in the fun.*



Oyster eater Heather Harrison received plenty of support from her backers



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Area participating museums include the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, the Naples Museum of Art and the John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota.

Members will receive a special membership card, validated with a gold North American Reciprocal sticker. Some museums restrict benefits and "family" benefits are defined by each participating institution, so contact the institution prior to your visit for more information. (To see a list of participating museums, visit the museum's membership website page at www.shellmuseum.org).

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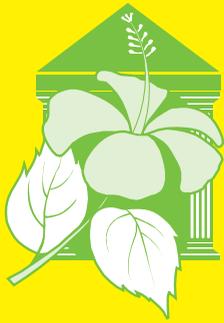


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Evans' first book, *SalesBURST!!*, was published by John Wiley & Sons and hit Amazon's category Top Twenty. *Transire* is Evans' debut romantic novel.✱

Brain Mapping Lecture At BIG ARTS Cancelled

Dr. Anthony Ritaccio's Brain Mapping lecture at BIG ARTS, originally scheduled for Thursday, April 12, has been cancelled.

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Jake Mann and Nancy Antonio in *Over The Tavern*

ers. *Over The Tavern* demands that the youngsters in the show be able to express a range of emotion, have a sense of timing and essentially carry huge chunks of the show. And they do – beautifully.”

Parental guidance suggested for some mild adult language.

Over The Tavern is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor Congress Jewelers.

For more information the show and to purchase tickets, visit the Herb Strauss Theater Box Office at 2200 Periwinkle Way, call 472-6862 or 395-0900, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✱

Humor And Humanity Served In This Tavern

Over *The Tavern*, a heartwarming family comedy/drama now playing at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, is running through Saturday, April 21, Tuesday through Saturday. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.BIGARTS.org.

Often referred to by theater critics as “the Catholic Neil Simon,” Tom Dudzick created a trilogy of semi-autobiographical comedies, *Over The Tavern* is the first in the series. The story is set in the 1950s, a time when life was simpler than today. That is, if you weren’t 12-year-old Rudy Pazinski. Rudy and the rest of his Polish-Catholic family each struggle to reconcile conservative family values with the pursuit of happiness.

Di Saggau writes in the *Island Sun*, “Talk about a charming family comedy. This is just what the doctor ordered,” and adds “One of the great joys of *Over The Tavern* is that as you laugh out loud, you will be nodding your head in recognition.”

Naples News theater critic Chris Silk raves the show is “Basic. Beautiful. Brilliant,” and says “Young actors can be a minefield for critics and discerning view-

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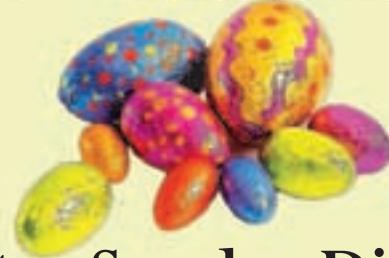


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Moliere's Wit At Theatre Conspiracy



by Di Saggau

One of the best comedic performances in town right now may very well be on stage at Theatre Conspiracy, where Scott Thomson plays Arnolphe, the central figure of Moliere's delicious satire *The School For Wives*.

Arnolphe, a middle-aged man of cunning who, to make sure his wife is not clever enough to play him for a cuckold, has devised a scheme whereby he's essentially raised her on his own since age 4, keeping the beautiful Agnes (Brittany Albury) out of the clutches of any who might teach her the facts of life. Agnes is delightfully naive and looks like a porcelain doll that talks.

You know what they say about the best laid plans? A handsome young man Horace (Bernard Gomez), son of Arnolphe's old friend Oronte (John Saco), has caught a glimpse of Agnes and fallen in love. The dashing, young Horace has just about stolen Agnes from his older rival, when he makes the mistake of confiding in Arnolphe, who attempts to prevent him from getting the girl.

Moliere is the master of farce. When the play was first staged in 1662, starring Moliere as Arnolphe, it raised some outcry from the public.

Today, this theatrical comedy is considered by some critics to be one of his finest achievements. Directed by artistic director Bill Taylor, *The School For Wives* is well cast. Thomson has so much dialogue it's mind-boggling and he carries it off with superb comic timing and no flubs. He says his next project will be to memorize the Bible. He could probably do it.

Arnolphe is a glorious creation, a larger-than-life figure of fun who is almost never off stage. It calls for bravura showmanship and Thomson delivers beautifully. He gets



John Saco and Scott Thomson



Brittany Albury, Scott Thomson, Thomas Marsh and Rick Sebastian

everything about this fellow spot-on: the foolish arrogance, the vanity, the swaggering cowardice and the pathetic jealousy. I doubt Moliere could have done it more justice.

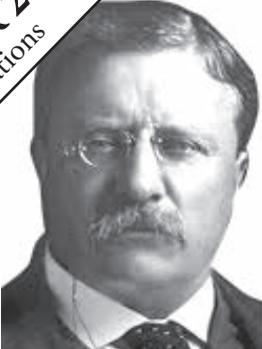
Two servants of Arnolphe, Georgette (Pam Erdman) and Alain (Thomas Marsh) are great in their clowning roles. Others who add to the production are Rick Sebastian as Chrysalde, and Robert Feigenblatt in two roles, Enrique and a Notary.

Diana Waldler's detailed costumes and Taylor's simple setting place *The School For Wives* firmly in its original period. If you ever wondered how a 350-year-old comedy can truly be considered classic, here's your answer.

The show runs through April 7 at Theatre Conspiracy, located in the Alliance For the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 936-3239.✪

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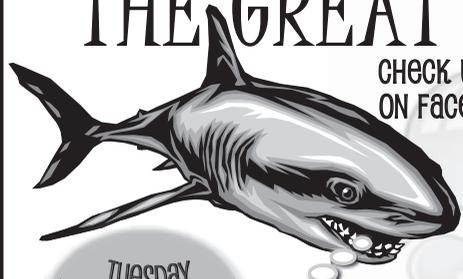
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BIG ARTS Community Chorus performing in concert

Community Chorus Holds Spring Concert

The sellout concert by BIG ARTS Community Chorus is still the talk of the town, and it is acknowledged to have been the best ever concert by the group. The chorus is now 80 members strong, led by the inspiring choral and musical director Steve Cramer, people from every walk in life join the group to sing and enjoy getting together every Tuesday night for rehearsal. The spring concert was the culmination of 10 weeks work and was a spectacular success. The beautiful range of voices, the very varied program and the addition of some special musicians made the concert – held on March 22 – a thrilling event to both see and hear.

The program included pieces from opera (*La Traviata*), traditional songs from South African and Venezuela, a specially commissioned arrangement of *Shenandoah* by Greg Brown (the talented son of residents Dick and Connie Brown) and some delightful pieces from *The Manhattan Transfer* and Gershwin.

This year, the chorus was accompanied by musicians flown in from New York City for the concert – Mike Cottone, Lucas Roberto Pino (sponsored by Maryann Bell) and local musicians Tom Cooley (on drums) and Doug MacGregor (harmonica)

Audience participation was expected for some of the numbers but from the very first song, it was clear that the audience was going to join in whenever they got a chance. The biggest sing-a-long and cheers came for *The Sanibel Blues*, written by local resident Jason LaManna. The song laments the departure from Sanibel and having to wear real shoes, having had a great time on the island.

The BIG ARTS Community Chorus program this year included:

- *Libiamo ne' lieti calici* is a tenor and soprano duet from Verdi's opera *La Traviata*. Alfred Germont is encouraged by his friend and the woman he loves, Violella, to show off his voice with this drinking song.
- *The Faery Chorus* from *The Immortal Hour*, a play written in 1908 by Scottish playwright Fiona Macleod. English composer Rutland Boughton composed an opera of the same name with a libretto adapted from the play.
- *Mangwani Mpulele*, a traditional song from South Africa. Origin either Zulu or Bantu.
- *Balia di sehu (Let's Dance The Sehu)*. The language is Papiamentu, a mixed language containing the elements of African, Portuguese, Spanish, English and Dutch. It is the native language of Curacao, Bonaire and Aruba, islands off the coast of Venezuela.
- *Anthem For Spring* from the opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Pietro Mascagni. (1890). Sigmund Spaeth in this new text captured spiritual exuberance to the awakening and re-birth, the essence of the spring season. Harry Simone revoiced the choral parts so that the operatic version is more singable.
- *Shenandoah* (Traditional American). The song may be about a roving trader who fell in love with the daughter of an Indian chief, a pioneer's nostalgia for the Shenandoah River Valley in Virginia, or of a Confederate soldier in the Civil War dreaming of home. This arrangement, written by Gregory Brown, was commissioned for this chorus. The accompaniment flows like the river as the chorus carries the familiar melody.
- *Leavin' Sanibel Blues* (premiere work) by local composer and guitarist Jason

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selected by Don Brown

What Is It Like?

by Carol H. Ehrlich

I will tell you what it is like-

to hear the strains of Haydn in
Yo Yo Ma's hands,
the sweep, the control, the chill
of quiet breath to power in a single

bow-
the cello a willing mate
in such a lover's hands...

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to know the glory of Gianni Schichi
or Boheme sung by Te Kanawa,
Halleluah by Bartolli,
effortless, liquid, wrenching the soul...

to read the sounds, the rhythms,
the nuances of words chosen
with precision
to convey a meaning, a feeling-
even better to hear them
from a Kunitz, a Pinsky, a Sharon
Olds...

to live with such precious gold,
such heights, such perfection,
and try to reach them
with my own voice, my hands, my
heart
and know I can't
is forever
unslaked thirst.

That is what it is like.

A 21-year veteran of Island Writers Group 2 who recently moved back to Colorado, Carol Ehrlich is retired from a career in audiology-clinical, research and administration. This poem is from her book of poetry, Winds in My Sails, available from iUniverse.com and Barnes and Noble. Her publications include All Kinds of Love, Experiencing Hospice with co-author C. Jaffe, Baywood Publishing 1997 and a number of magazine and journal articles. She says poetry is fun - it invites feelings and play with language.*

Assisted Living

RX For Killing Time



by Priscilla Friedersdorf

In the tourist season the kindly group at the local pharmacy is working... dare I say feverishly, to alleviate our ailments. At times we need to amuse ourselves while they conjure up our medicinal remedies. We are then at liberty to roam the store and left to our own devices.

First I check the coupon dispenser in hopes of a 2 for 1 coupon for Cook's Brut or a magical cure-all for wrinkles. In the card aisle I sneak a peek at the scatological messages and try to think who is most deserving of receiving same. I play the musical cards and if the song is Moon River I play it twice, hum along and try not to get weepy.

Further along I choose a rakish pair of reading glasses and test them out on the warning labels of nearby aspirin bottles. However, now if you can read the label on the aspirin bottle you can't gauge how becoming the frames are in the mirror... because you are, of course, near-sighted.

The most amusing activity is checking your blood pressure. Often someone has usurped the seat at the machine but if you stare pointedly and appear slightly

faint they will retreat. Check your results three times and consider the best outcome definitive.

Calculate the price per ounce of Macadamia nuts and just as you have become absorbed in someone attempting to operate the digital photo print machine they summon you.

There is the thrill of personal recognition when the loudspeaker at last calls your name and the clerk looks down benevolently as your potion is handed down from their drug laden aerie.

p.s. If high blood pressure is not a problem you can also sit in the car and watch near misses in the parking lot.*

NARFE Meetings

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), South Lee County Chapter #1263, will hold its quarterly evening meeting April 10. The meeting will be held at the Myerlee County Club, 1380 Myerlee County Club Drive. Buffet dinner will be at 5:45 p.m., the meeting will follow at 6:30.

The monthly luncheon meeting will be April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at International King Buffet, 9061 College Parkway.

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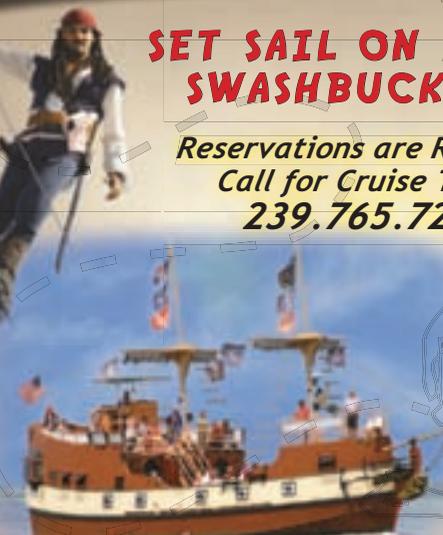


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- Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser starts Thursday, April 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- iPad Basics with Gerard Damiano is Thursday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Apps for iPhone, iPod and iPad with Gerard Damiano is Friday, April 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Life Drawing - Open Studio Non Instructed (morning session) with Carol Rosenberg starts April 6, meeting Fridays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- Life Drawing - Open Studio Non Instructed (afternoon session) with Carol

Rosenberg starts April 6, meeting Fridays from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

- Spanish I, II and III with Barbara Peterson starts Monday, April 9; check the BIG ARTS website or call the office at 395-0900 for class times.
- Intermediate Tap with Bobby Logue starts April 20, meeting Fridays from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Beginners Tap with Bobby Logue starts April 20, meeting Fridays from 10:40 to 11:40 a.m.
- Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser starts May 2, meeting Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser starts May 3, meeting Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Community Chorus

LaManna, who wrote this song for the BIG ARTS Community Chorus. Jason hails from Chateaugay, New York and the east end of Sanibel Island. As a "retired" businessman, he now is a master wood worker in his "spare" time

- *Operator*. This song brought The Manhattan Transfer to the attention of the public, topping the charts in 1975. It is featured on the soundtrack of the 2002 movie "Phone Booth." It is a mix of gospel and pop genres.

- *Manhattan Transfer Swings*. Manhattan Transfer, a mixed group of four, came together in 1972. They are known for tight harmonies and original material. They have received the most Grammy Awards of any group. This medley is of four of their best-known songs.

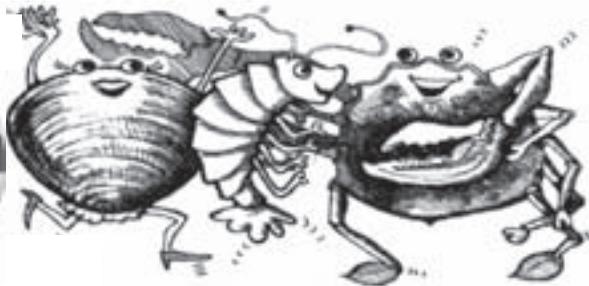
- *A Gershwin Portrait*, the music of George and Ira Gershwin, presented in three sections. This medley begins and ends with rousing choruses. The first section features hand clapping, boisterous songs. The middle section is from the opera *Porgy And Bess*, first staged in New York in 1935.✪

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CESE Book Recently Published

submitted by Andrew Stansell

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University recently revised a book for an international audience about the concept and practice of sustainable development. Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran and editorial associate Joseph P. Weakland collaborated with Dutch author Niko Roorda to translate and edit the textbook, *Fundamentals of Sustainable Development*. London-based publisher Routledge Press recently published the book on March 26.



"Thanks to the ideas and contributions of Corcoran and Weakland, the scope of the book has been made fully international, making it suitable for students and scholars in the USA, the UK and everywhere else in the world," said Roorda.

Fundamentals of Sustainable Development is an interactive and complete educational tool for both teachers and students. The book comes with a website containing exercises, learning goals and summaries for each chapter as well as over 40 video clips. It also offers a "lecturer section," which includes a PowerPoint to accompany every chapter with answers and explanations to the exercises.

Those with no previous knowledge of sustainable development can read the book with ease. The first part presents an overview of the conceptual and practical challenges in sustainable development stemming from human-environment relations as well as ensuing issues of inequality and insecurity. The second part explores strategies and solutions for facing these challenges. It presents a number of case studies drawn from India, China, the European Union and Africa, and draws on a range of disciplines to investigate topics such as climate change, energy, technology, political and economic instruments, and sustainable business practices.

"It was an honor for the Center to be called upon to assist in this important international book project," said Corcoran. "We are excited by the extensive online resources that will be available to teachers as part of the book."

If you would like more information on the Center's work toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education and action, visit www.fgcu.edu/cese. For more details on the book or purchasing information, click on the link found on the Center's homepage titled "Fundamentals of Sustainable Development."✽



Myra Roberts Book Signing

Meet Sanibel artist Myra Roberts at 2 Islands Gallery on Captiva for Project Tolerance, a collection of 30 oil paintings about famed diarist Anne Frank. She will appear on Friday, April 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The glossy, 58-page art catalogue contains color plates of Frank at various stages in her life, from a young girl enjoying the countryside in the Netherlands to her imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp.

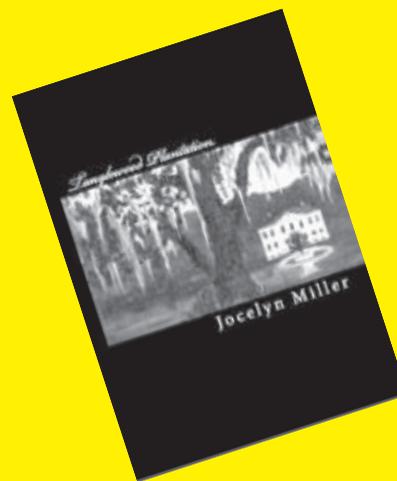
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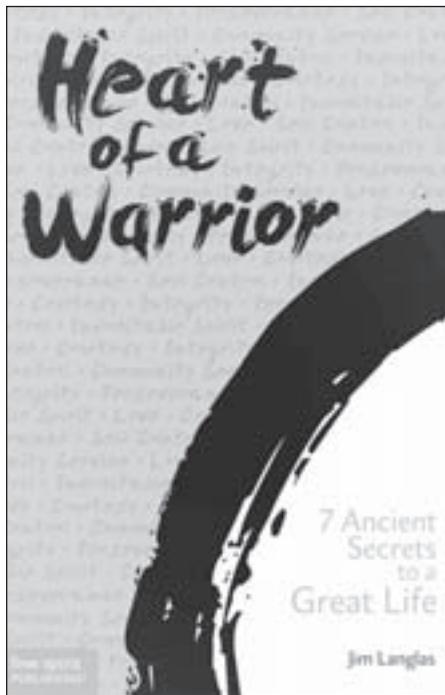


Jim Langlas

The book, entitled *Heart of a Warrior: 7 Ancient Secrets to a Great Life*, is inspired by the ancient Korean history of Hwarang – young student-warriors who worked to strengthen their spirits as well as their fighting skills.

“These principles are rooted in the long-standing tradition of Taekwondo, and these are easily transferred to modern-day character education,” said Langlas, who added that these principles are then divided into four fundamentals.

Langlas, who has taught English for more than 30 years and has practiced Taekwondo for more than 40 years, included in the back of the book a special leader’s guide that offers tips on using the book with teenagers.



“The book is a mix of storytelling and writing from my former students,” he said. “I wanted readers to see for themselves how these principles and fundamentals can be applied to everyday life.”

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Lee Student Wins Contest For Third Year In A Row

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is soaring high in schools throughout Florida. This year 1,793 K-12 students from 38 Florida schools and homeschools participated in this national contest. The Junior Duck Stamp contest was created by Jaye Boswell at The Sanibel School in 1989 and adopted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1992. This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of the contest. The program is a take-off of the annual Federal Duck Stamp competition started by JN "Ding" Darling in 1934. Last year over 28,000 students from across the country learned the importance of protecting wetland environments to waterfowl management practices and other wildlife conservation methods while participating in the Jr. Duck Stamp art contest.

Morning Pair is the title of the 2012 Florida Best of Show entry. The painting was created by 17-year-old Jefferson Jones of Lehigh Acres, Florida. It is an acrylic painting and depicts a pair of fulvous whistling ducks. Jones' painting will compete against the other 53 Best of



Morning Pair by Jefferson Jones, Florida Best of Show

Show winners in the National Junior Duck Stamp contest finals on Friday, April 20 at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. If Jones' entry places among the top three, he could earn a cash prize.

The first place national winner's artwork will be made into the 2012-2013 National Junior Duck Stamp that sells for \$5 and the winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

Jones attends the Sacred Heart of Jesus Private School in Lehigh Acres. With guidance from local artists, carvers and his family, Jones has been able to win the Florida Best of Show title for the past three years. His passion for art and wildlife is highlighted in his conservation message that accompanied his painting: "Do not alter the plans of the master artist."

An awards ceremony will be held on October 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. during the annual "Ding" Darling Days celebration at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Winning students will receive ribbons and prizes sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. All 100 Florida winners' works will be on display at the refuge education center for the entire year. All Florida entrants will receive a certificate of completion in the 2012 Junior Duck Stamp Art competition.

The 100 Florida Junior Duck Stamp winners are:

- Group 1 (K-3rd grade)
- 1st Place: Alexia Paz, Jordan Peluso, Orianna Soubllette
- 2nd Place: Alex Shnider, Emily Rundle, Jackson Brunsvolo
- 3rd Place: Jake Roberts, Ambrynn Julius, Jimmy Bui
- Honorable Mention: Mackenzie Cash, Boris Bell Garth, Colin Stalnaker,

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Computer Touch Screen Unveiling At 'Ding' Darling

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) will unveil its new Duck Touch Screen computer at the Sprinkle Duck Decoy Exhibit in the refuge education center starting at 10 a.m. Friday, April 6.

The exhibit, which debuted last year, displays 47 wooden duck decoys carved by renowned bird sculptor and past DDWS president Jim Sprankle.

"To enhance the educational value of Jim's beautiful collection, we are unveiling an interactive computer station that will tell visitors more about each species of duck in the exhibit as well as a number of additional features," said Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger. "When installed, it will have a bunch of cool features such as duck calls, flyway zones, a list of all the nation's refuges by state, information on the junior duck stamp competition, and the history of the national duck stamp

contest."

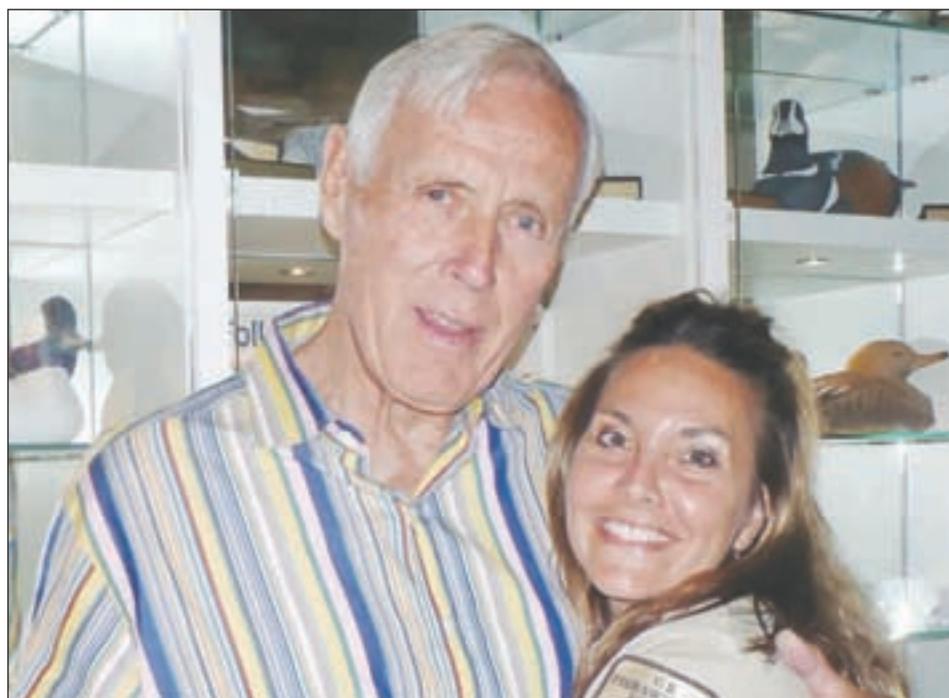
Westland and Sprankle will be speaking about ducks and duck carving at two lectures; one after the 10 a.m. unveiling and one at 1 p.m. on April 6.

"We're even having a duck call identification contest, and people can win prizes," added Westland.

Admission is free, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club and DDWS, as part of its 11-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to explore the free education center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

This is the second to last lecture of the season. The Story of Ospreys presentation with Claudia Burns and Mark "Bird" Westall will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 13 at the refuge. For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsofrefuge.org.



Sculptor Jim Sprankle and Ranger Toni Westland at the Duck Decoy Exhibit in its early stages

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Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – 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.

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Fitness Opportunities at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Phone 472-0345 or go to www.mysanibel.com and check under the Recreation Department for more information.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. The April 11 discus-

sion will be on *The Man who Loved Books too Much* by Allison Hoover. This is a true story of a book thief detective and a world of literary obsession. Ann Rodman, volunteer coordinator, welcomes ideas for books to read and discuss and for facilitators to lead the discussions. Contact Rodman at annrodman@aol.com or at 395-2191.

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Computer Classes, What’s a Spreadsheet? – Wednesday and Thursday, April 25 and 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Balance your checkbook, manage rentals and expenses or keep your address lists with the spreadsheet program from Microsoft Works or Excel. You need to be familiar with the mouse and keyboard. Cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members. Class limited to six.

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Duck Stamp Winner

Kailyn Bryant, Danielle Kennedy, Eddie Diaz, Morgan Burdinsky, Cadence Alford, Connor Naum, Alaia Vilbrun, Trista Makin, Jordyn Duffery, Jaidyn Houghtaling, Macy Ward, Anna Lynn Rigney, Jerald "Alden" Kaufmann

Group 2 (4th - 6th grade)

1st Place: Delaney Carr, Brendan Beaubien, Leah Sodergren
2nd Place: Olivia Bomar, Francesca Cocilovo, Olivia Smolchek

3rd Place: Madison Root, Joshua Peluso, Alessandra Bellagamba
Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Levin, Lesley Teran, Jill Rooney, Haley Johnston, Brandon Stalnaker, Chloe

Oesterreicher, Cheyenne Skipper, Jocelyn Diaz, Audrey Berlie, Loren Scott, Jamie Lerchower, Claire Woolam, Travis Johnson, Noelle Fleig, Jackie Floyd, Anna Hahn

Group 3 (7th - 9th grade)

1st Place: Haley Keller, Kalee Gaskin, Zaira Garcia

2nd Place: Jennifer Gravitt, Victoria Rivero, Lilly Hahn

3rd Place: Catherine Parra, Skyler Lowden, Erika Hernandez

Honorable Mention: Dana Guillot, Sara Saintil, Melissa Rodriguez, Joshua Ellis, Natalie Rolls, Jean Francois Nervens, Jessica Lopez, Matthew Bueltel, Cristian Cruz, Anna Chazal, Karen Osorio, Alicia Rojas-Hinojosa, Oscar Tecuanapa, Jennifer Rendon, Bethstyleline

Chery, Jorge Morales Jr.

Group 4 (10th - 12th grade)

1st Place: Jefferson Jones (Best of Show), Ashley Bowersox, Katherine McLelland

2nd Place: Micaela Neal, Ivan Garcia, Rebekah James

3rd Place: Taylor Radaker, Dianarra Arceo, Viviana Hernandez

Honorable Mention: Jasmine Holmes, Haydon Stone, Mikayla Withers, Michelle Brooks, Taren Taylor, Shuhan Li, Alexia Colon, Evana Marquez, Miranda Baumgartner, Nonnie Kleiner, Taylor Fenstermacher, Erica Pagano, Rochelle Wikert, Sarah Waitekus, Chambers Alivia, Heather Proskovec.*



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Raffle Winner And Check Presentation



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J. Charles McCullough's historical photographs of Sanibel and Captiva have been on exhibit at Tower Gallery. A raffle for one of McCullough's works during the show netted \$1,300 for FISH (Friends In Service Here).

On Monday, April 2, Dolores Karp, winner of the raffle, received the signature piece that McCullough donated. Al Hanser, Terry Igo and Chip Lesch from the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company were on hand to present the check. The trust company sponsored the opening reception of McCullough's exhibit, titled Retrospective. ✨



The winner of the raffle drawing at Tower Gallery, Dolores Karp of Sanibel, pictured with Charles Lister of Tower Gallery and the framed McCullough photograph

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**Rotary
Happenings**

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Season is waning and our Snowtarians are heading back to their residents up north. Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians will miss them; they are an important and vital part of our club's success. Snowtarians work shoulder to shoulder with us during season, working on our fundraising activities and on our ongoing club service projects. They bring their vitality and energy to whatever our club is involved in within the community and go beyond just attending meetings. We thank you and hope to see you next season.



Our club is also lucky that family members and friends find the islands an attractive place to come for vacation. Our speaker line-up has benefited. That was the case last Friday morning.

Sam Tucker has a very impressive title as senior advisor for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation but his other claim to fame is being the son-in-law of Rotarian Dick Salerno.

Tucker explained that the David and Lucile Packard Foundation (David Packard of Hewlett-Packard) is a private family foundation with approximately \$6 billion in assets. This foundation contributes approximately \$234 million a year to registered charities that work in conservation and science, population and reproductive health, and children, families, and communities.

Tucker's work involves grant funding with a focus on conservation work within the 73 million acres of the Colorado Plateau, concentrating on private land protection, the Colorado River, native American lands, the southern Utah wilderness, and Yampa and White Basins.

"Buying of private lands is for the protection and preserving of natural habitat for the many species of birds, animals and plants in this astoundingly beautiful area. The Colorado River (1,450 miles) flows from the Rocky Mountains to the Colorado Plateau and through the majestic Grand Canyon. The river is being threatened by increase



Sam Tucker



Colorado River

demand to supply water to the populous of seven states. This drain on water resources is threatening the river's ability to replenish itself. The Colorado is the home of 49 species of native American fish and they must be protected. Building dams and diversions creates conditions unfavorable to native fish species. Not only do dams block fish passage, they also reduce spring flows, trap silt, and alter water temperature, all to the disadvantage of native species. Regulated flow destroys inner canyon beaches and is detrimental to spawning habits of native fish. The introduction of exotic fish poses a further threat to native fish. Four species of native fish are endangered in the Colorado River Basin.

In the Colorado River valley, between the east end of Lake Mead and the international boundary with Mexico, the river is the principal source of water for agricultural, domestic, municipal, industrial, hydroelectric-power genera-

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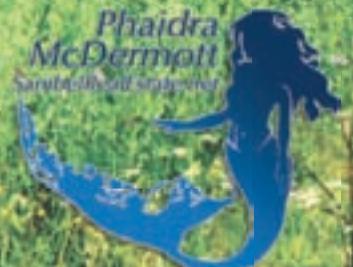
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Around The Islands With Anne

Easter On The Islands And Plenty Of Other Happenings As Season Peaks



by Anne Mitchell

Thistle Lodge at Casa Ybel Resort is serving an Easter brunch buffet on Sunday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

On the menu will be shrimp, lobster and other seafood, leg of lamb, chef-carved prime rib, salads and side dishes and dessert. Traditional breakfast selections will also be available. The price is \$49.95 for adults and includes a champagne cocktail; \$19.95 and children up to 10 years; and free for children under three years.

Thistle Lodge is at 2255 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-9200.

There will be an Easter egg hunt for children 12 and under at **Island Inn** at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 8. Miss Silvia will be there to do face painting.

Also, the restaurant at Island Inn, **Traditions on the Beach**, will open earlier than usual on Sunday, April 8 – at 4 p.m. – to serve Easter dinner. Call 472-4559 for reservations. Island Inn is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-1561.

Still on the subject of Easter, **Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery** is sweetening the deal if you spend \$500 or more between Thursday, April 5 and Saturday, April 7. During this Easter Eggstravaganza, Lily & Co. will give you a personalized Easter basket brimming with goodies including chocolate eggs and bunnies, Peeps and jelly beans plus a voucher for a free dinner for two at Traders Café & Store.

And for the occasion, Lily & Co. will be hosting three top jewelry designers and their creations. They are James Breski, with his precious stones; Denny Wong whose jewelry is inspired by nature; and The Touch, which makes Changeables – pieces you can switch out, many with a sea-life or nautical theme.

Lily & Co. is at 520 Tarpon Bay Road, phone 472-2888.

I am not a burger lover, so I do not frequent aburger restaurants. However, **Cheeburger Cheeburger** is now an exception. I was there last week and built my own salad – and what a salad it was. The Romaine was crisp and fresh and was topped with a multitude of extras of my choosing, including chicken, Portobello mushrooms, cranberries, Mandarin oranges, artichoke hearts and blue cheese. It was piled high and was delicious.

Everything at Cheeburger is made to order, whether it be a beef patty, salad, shake or malt and the prices are very family-friendly.

Recently, owner Kris Van Olst held a one-day fundraiser during which 15 percent of the proceeds from customers who mentioned the Sanibel Historical Village were donated to the village. He's planning another in April or May and will advertise it in the *Island Sun*. Cheeburger is in Tahitian Gardens shopping center on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Il Cielo Italian restaurant will hold a wine class titled Fundamentally Wine: Becoming your own Judge of Quality with Master Sommelier Ron Edwards on Thursday, April 12 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Edwards is one of fewer than 200 master sommeliers in the world. Essential techniques of assessment will be taught in an approachable and entertaining fashion. The introduction class costs \$39 per person and includes wine samples.

"Regardless of one's history and experience with wine they will leave the class more prepared to be able to find what they like and explore unknown wines," said Edwards. "These techniques will unlock the gate to judging quality for yourself."

At 3 p.m., Edwards will host Tuscany, Italy, More than Chianti: Guided wine experience showing the unexpected diversity of Tuscany. In this course he will go far beyond Chianti and explore the rejuvenated offerings of Italy's most recognized wine region. The Tuscany course is \$49 per person. He recommends taking the introduction class first.

Il Cielo is at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Call 472-5555 to sign up for the classes.

Pfeifer Realty Group has raised \$580 so far in donations for participating island organizations since launching its 100% Pure Sanibel Island community support campaign last month.

These signature souvenir shirts come in two styles: long sleeve white shirts and short sleeve blue shirts. A \$10 donation from the sale of each shirt goes directly to the island organization of the buyer's choice. Participating organizations include: CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, FISH (Friends in Service Here), SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation), The Community House, Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Sanibel Sea School, Sanibel Trails in Motion, and START (Solutions to Avoid Red Tide).

"This campaign has been well received by visitors and residents alike and I hope we can raise \$10,000 by the end of the year for the groups involved," said Eric Pfeifer.

The shirts are available only at Pfeifer Realty Group, 1630 Periwinkle Way. For complete details visit www.PureSanibel.com.

The opening reception for **Watson MacRae Gallery's** final exhibit of the season, Summer Salon, is Tuesday, April 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. This exhibit is a group show of the artists featured at the gallery this season. It is an opportunity to see some of the work you might have missed as well as new pieces from several of the artists, including Greg Biolchini's *Summer Skies*, Hollis Jeffcoat's *Aqua Journey* and Cassie Ryall's *Souls*.

Watson MacRae Gallery is in The Village Shops, 2340 Periwinkle Way, #B3, phone 472-3386.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn has live entertainment nightly. This week's lineup includes: Thursday, March 22, Pianoman Joe McCormick for popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, Jazz and Pop for dancing; Friday, Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and vocalist Marvilla Marzan; Sunday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals with pop, R&B, country and jazz for dancing and listening; Monday, Joe McCormick; Tuesday, Joe McCormick; Wednesday, Prime Rib & Prime Jazz with Father Al & the Jazz Congregation featuring vocalist "Mr. Swing" Paul Ventura performing smooth jazz classics. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

Cip's Place has live music from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday with Jimmy G on steel drums. Steve "Scooter" Reynolds performs Thursday and Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. Cip's is at 2055 Periwinkle Way. Phone 472-0223.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly from 7 to 11 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured. On Sunday, it's Jamaica "Dave" & Co., reggae and dance; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, Steve "Scooter" Reynolds, acoustic guitar, contemporary music and dance; Wednesday, Buckeye Ken, contemporary, Top 40 and blues; Thursday, 2 Hot, contemporary, reggae and dance. The Jacaranda is at 1223 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-1771.

Traders features music by Chris Workman Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and Danny Morgan and Friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Traders is at 1551 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-7242.

Chip's Sanibel Steakhouse features Michael David playing light classical guitar on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The steakhouse is at 1473 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-5700.

The Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn, Captiva has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays with the family show at 5:30 p.m. and grown-up races at 9 p.m. The Crow's Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment from 6 to 9:30 p.m. nightly. The line-up: Monday, Dan Confrey; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Ken Wasiniak; Thursday, Diana Lynn; Friday, Greg Watts; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Ken Wasiniak. Phone 472-0606.

RC Otter's, 11506 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining inside and out, phone 395-1142.

Live entertainment at **George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille**: Wednesdays, Robbie Hutto; Thursdays Karaoke; Fridays Chris Workman; Saturdays alternating, John Memeli and The TroubleStarters; and Sunday, Taylor Nave, young talent on keyboard and vocals. The restaurant is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Phone 395-1263.

The Stone Crab – A Shrimp & Seafood House, has entertainment on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The restaurant is at 2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-0305.

Restaurant owners/managers, please e-mail or fax your entertainment schedule and updates to Anne Mitchell at islandsuncity@aol.com or 395-2299.*



Greg Biolchini's *Florida Skies XIV*, oil on canvas, at Watson MacRae Gallery



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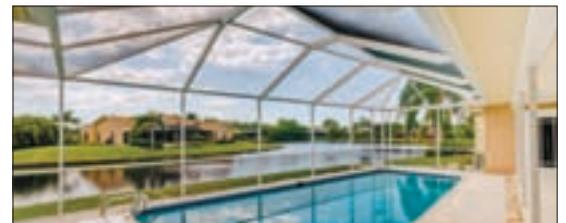
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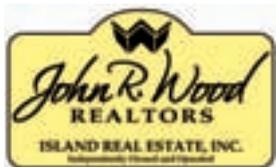
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March 27 winners: John Kilkenny, Bob Byrne, Guy Tober and Fred Zimmer



President's Cup winner Bill Blankenship, president Jay Allen and pro Gene Taylor



March 31 winners: Roger Cogswell, Tom Golatzki and Jerry Mader

Beachview Men's Golf And Awards

submitted by Jack Tukey

On Tuesday, March 27, the Beachview Men's Golf Association played a four-man variable better ball format: on par threes it's the three best net balls, par fours it's the two best balls and on par 5s it's one best ball. The winners were Fred Zimmer, Guy Tober, Bob Byrne, and John Kilkenny. When asked how they did it, Zimmer said, "we all played really well." I guess they did. When pressed he said Guy Tober was really the guy! Their score was 118. Roger Cogswell, Bill Stell, Dave Lewis and Bill Fetherston were a close second with a score of 119. Skip Tutor, Dick Arnould, Jay Allen and Al Krause were third with 120.

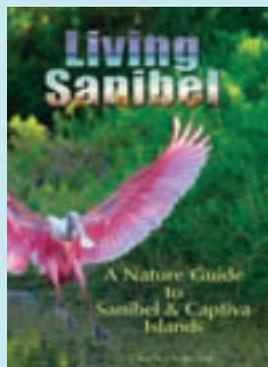
On Thursday, March 29, the men held their annual awards cocktail party and spouses were invited to attend. President Jay Allen and professional Gene Taylor were the presenters. Bill Blankenship had a lot to smile about as he won the prestigious President's Cup, awarded for the most points accumulated during the year for the Tuesday and Saturday events. A trophy for Low Net for the Season went to Dick Waterhouse with a 55. Low Gross for the season was Rich Rompala with a 73. The Match Play winners were Dave Bugby from the Gold Tees and Bruce Cutler from the White Tees. There were also some fun awards for special events such as the Aqua Man Award of a mask, snorkel, water wings, and flippers to Tony Baldino for his water shot and plunge into a pond at The Dunes tournament. A good time was had by all. The season ends on Saturday, April 28.

On Saturday, March 31, the men played a four-person scramble: three drives per person and you may not follow your shot until you get on the green. And the winners were a threesome (and a blind draw) of new president for next year Jerry Mader, Roger Cogswell, and Tom Golatzki with a score of 59.3. Wayne Turner, Roger Triftshauer, Al Krause and Jack Tukey were second with a score of 61. In a close third was the foursome of Mike Mackay, Jim Mulka, Guy Tober and Bob Byrne with a 61.25.*



Aqua Man Award: Jack Tukey and recipient Tony Baldino

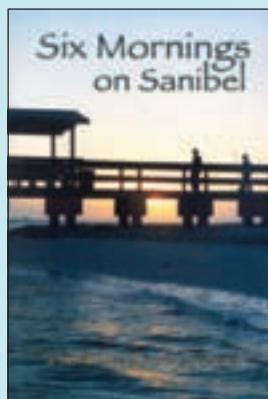
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Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic Raises Record \$1 Million-Plus



Proceeds from the 19th Annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic topped \$1 million. Taking part in the check presentation ceremony at JetBlue Park on March 27 are, from left, Ron McEwan, Forest Country Club; Jack and Shelley Blais, Matching Sponsors; Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine; 2012 Most Valuable Patient Ben Klassen and his sister, Dana; Sharon MacDonald, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation; and Katie Haas, Director of Florida Business Operations for the Red Sox

Bolestered by the Boston Red Sox, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced the 19th Annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic raised a record breaking \$1,016,576. The annual golf tournament, held at The Forest Country Club, and related events – including Outback Steakhouse's Diamond Dinner – accounted for the record total.

Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine served as honorary chair, with all funds raised matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by long-time Children's Hospital donors.

"Everyone involved – The Boston Red Sox, Jack and Shelley Blais, Bobby Valentine, Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers, The Forest Country Club – to name

a few – went the extra mile to push the event over the \$1 million mark," said Ken Shoriak, event director.

Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers again sponsored the capstone event, the Diamond Dinner, held on March 27 at JetBlue Park. Along with donating dinner for more than 500 guests, Outback also chipped in \$5,000 raised by their grand re-opening event.

Major event sponsors included the Boston Red Sox, Jack & Shelley Blais, Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers, Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Victor and Katherine Mayeron, The Forest Country Club, Florida Radiology Consultants and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"Jack and Shelley Blais once again set the stage for our success," added Shoriak. "Everyone who took part in this record setting event now shares in the legacy of helping to build America's Newest Children's Hospital." ❄

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Since 1998, how many A.L. Central teams have reached the World Series?
2. Name the last pitcher to win 20 or more games one season and lose 20 or more the next.
3. Who held the record for most all-purpose yards in a Division I college football career before Tulsa's Damaris Johnson broke it in 2010?
4. Name three players before LeBron James in 2010 to record a triple-double of at least 40 points, 10 rebounds and 15 assists.
5. Following the NHL's expansion before the 1967-68 season, which was the first expansion team to win a Stanley Cup?
6. True or false: 2011 marked the first time since NASCAR instituted a points system in 1975 that a driver came from behind to win a season title in the final race of the year.
7. Who was the last men's tennis player before Roger Federer (2004-08) to win the U.S. Open singles title two consecutive years?

ANSWERS

1. Two – the Chicago White Sox in 2005 and the Detroit Tigers in 2006. 2. Jerry Koosman was 21-10 in 1976 and 8-20 in 1977. 3. Western Michigan's Brandon West (2006-09), with 7,764 yards. 4. Oscar Robertson (four times). Charlie Scott and Pete Maravich. 5. The Philadelphia Flyers, in 1974. 6. True. 7. Patrick Rafter (1997-98).



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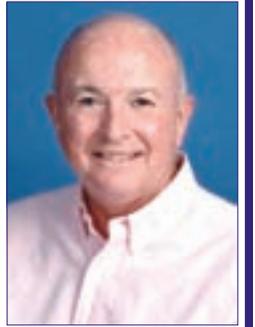
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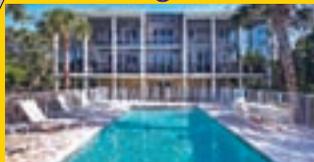
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Monday After The Masters Community Event

South Seas Island Resort is hosting a new event to celebrate a spectacular winter season, give golfers multiple chances to win \$10,000 and to raise funds for the Captiva Community Panel – all in the wash of a Captiva sunset.

The inaugural Monday After The Masters Golf Event & Sunset Community Celebration takes place on Monday, April 9, with a 4 p.m. shotgun start on South Seas' Par 3 golf course, with finishing holes running parallel to the beach and the Gulf of Mexico.

With a maximum of 18 foursomes, every player will have an opportunity to win \$10,000 on five different holes (five opportunities), with the remaining holes offering hole-in-one prizes and a closest-to-the-pin contest. The closest-to-the-pin winners will compete in a shootout on the ninth hole as the sun sets, with the winner donning Captiva's "Green Jacket."

Hospitality tents surrounding the ninth hole will offer great views of the players and the sunset shootout along with spectator-friendly access throughout the course. A silent auction will also offer hotel deals, certificates and other items adjacent to the ninth green. Finally, a cash bar and barbecue will be available to cap off a successful event, along with a typically spectacular Captiva sunset.

Money raised will go towards the funding of the Captiva Community Panel's initiatives, which include the community-driven update of Captiva-specific language in the Lee Plan (its comprehensive land use plan) and the county's Land Development Code to protect the long-term interests of the island.

April 9, 4 p.m.
South Seas Island Resort

Since its inception, the panel has combined donations from the community with more than \$350,000 in grants to study water quality and re-vegetate the island after Hurricane Charley while fostering a strong relationship with Lee County officials on a range of issues affecting the island.

Foursomes and sponsorships are still available, with details (and a registration form) available at www.captivacommunitypanel.com. For more information, call 472-7565.*

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Steve Greenstein, left, executive director of CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), thanks Blaine Dry, owner/chef of Cip's Place, for helping "insure" the care and feeding of patients at CROW

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Shell Club Presents Check

Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club President Jeff Oths presented a check for almost \$300 to The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Director Dr. José H. Leal. Proceeds were raised at the museum's live shell exhibit during the 75th Anniversary Sanibel Shell Fair & Show held in March. Sanibel School 6th graders manned the exhibit and answered questions for visitors. The students received training from shell museum volunteer Sue Sprout and teacher Peggy Drennan. Rick Sprout maintained the exhibits.*

Rec Center April Fun Days

Register your child now for the upcoming Fun Days on Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9 at the Sanibel Recreation Center. The Fun Days will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

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Date	Program	Early Bird Rate	After Early Bird Rate
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Steamer Captures 8-Ball Pool League Singles Tournament

Joe Steamer, a member of the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League champion Bathroom Magic team, won six matches without a loss to take first place honors in the league's annual year-end, single game double elimination tournament. Twenty-eight shooters competed for six straight hours on the two tables at American Legion Post 123 on March 19.

Richard Ennis took second place honors, with Bob Buntrock coming in third. Both players are members of the league's second place Bunt's Ball Busters team. Kevin Pottorf from the Sandycappers was fourth. John Earle from Sanibel Café and Larry Hancock from the Fresh Legion Crew tied for fifth and sixth. Pete Mindel from Sanibel Café and Doc Lubinski from the Odd Balls tied for seventh and eighth.

Two women players competed in the tournament. Both Pattee Frank from the Fresh Legion Crew and Peggy Patterson from Chalk & Awe won games in the single game double elimination format.

The league's awards banquet took place on March 26 at George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille. Team and individual cash prizes were awarded.*

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The win brings the series to 3-2 in favor of North Fort Myers. Next year, four players from each league will play in the season ending match for both leagues. The match will again be scheduled for late March and will utilize the two coin-op pool tables at American Legion Post 123.

The final score of this year's contest was 17-15, with the final result in question until the last ball of the last game. Sanibel sharpshooter Dave Doane calmly lined up a pressure packed shot on the eight ball and buried it in the corner pocket for the win.

The Sanibel shooters rallied from a 9-7 deficit at the half way mark to eke out the victory. Four wins by Sanibel's Terry Ricotta after the half-way mark provided the cushion needed to carry

the match to the last game and Doane's heroics.

Making up the Sanibel team were the eight top percentage shooters from 2011-12 league play, which just ended with a final double elimination singles tournament and the league's awards night at George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille. Competing for Sanibel were John Gonzalez, Joe Streamer, Dennis Bender, Jack Dalton, Bob Buntrock, Rich Ennis, Doane and Ricotta.

North Fort Myers players were Harry Christopher, Del Tura; Johnny Graverson, Pine Lakes; Len Allain, Horizon Village; Steve Moore, Del Tura; Al Southerland, Heron's Glen; Elmer Voight, Six Lakes; Gary Grant, Tamiami Village; and Steve Sparks, Pine Lakes.

Sanibel's 2011-12 8-Ball Pool season is now history. Until the league kicks off again in October, interested players can stay in stroke by playing 9-ball on Monday nights at Legion Post 123 starting at 6 p.m. Sanibel Café's Rich McCurry runs the 9-ball contests and usually is able to squeeze in three or four eight person double elimination tournaments every Monday evening. Cost is \$5 per player with one winner per tournament. You don't need to sign up in advance; just be there before 6 p.m. if you want to play in the first tournament.*

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Monday Night Movie

Le Havre



submitted by
Wendy Humphrey

Le Havre, showing at BIG ARTS Monday evening, plays on the French Resistance and Casablanca in telling its quirky deadpan story of

working class solidarity in the face of authority. It's a film about generosity of spirit and the cosmic rewards given those who live compassionately.

Set in Le Havre in northern France, this endearing political comedy addresses the topic of immigration in Europe through the actions of middle aged shoeshiner, Marcel Marx, who harbors a young African refugee Idrissa (Blondin Miguel).

Idrissa and his grandfather are among a group of refugees discovered in a sealed freight container on a pier in the port city. The boy escapes and comes across Marcel who, with the unwavering support of his community, attempts to stand up to officials doggedly pursuing the boy for deportation.

Marcel is a man both irresponsible and decent. It's clear from the opening scenes that he can't manage his finances. The greengrocer lowers his shutters as Marcel appears. He has an overdue tab at the bakery.

Marcel shares a tiny back-alley house with his devoted and patient wife Arletta, who collects his earnings and doles out just sufficient for his nightly aperitif. He is clearly a man saved by his wife, a fact acknowledged by his neighbors as well as himself.

But when he sees the boy, Marcel doesn't doubt taking action. Dogged by trench coated policeman Monet (Jean Pierre Darroussin) Marcel shows both patience and ingenuity in protecting the young African refugee.

While Marcel is busy protecting the boy, his wife is busy protecting her husband from the knowledge that she is suffering from a life threatening illness. Coming home one evening, Marcel discovers Arletty on the floor while the evening meal burns on the stove. At the hospital the prognosis is dire, though she lets Marcel believe all will be well.

Marcel is supported by an heroic, inventive and open-minded community and it is this above all that makes this a touching and gentle film. The film is about kindness and courage, but it's also about the serious crisis facing Europe as refugees from Africa and elsewhere

stream in, undocumented and unwanted. Many suffocate in containers like the one in which Idrissa is found.

Le Havre has the feel of a fable about it: it suggests a slightly better world than the one Marcel, Idrissa, Arletty and the detective are living in.

Le Havre is written and directed by Aki Kaurismaki, the younger of the Kaurismaki brothers whose work has dominated the Finnish film industry for the past 30 years; work distinguished by dead-on satire, deliberate destruction of cinematic conventions and an overwhelming sense of the absurd.

Like many of their films, *Le Havre* reflects the Kaurismakis' preoccupation with down-on-their-luck loners driven to outrageous acts by an oppressive society, a theme evident in *The Match Factory Girl* (1989) and *I Hired A Contract Killer* (1990).

In *Le Havre*, Kaurismaki with cinematographer Timo Salminen has developed a look that feels both contemporary and time-honored and suggests an enchanting strangeness. Colors are rich and warm and shadows and halos suggest bygone cinematic eras,

Characters in *Le Havre* are not all Hollywood glamorous. In this film, all have interesting weathered faces. The lead actors are Kaurismaki regulars. Andre Wilms is the unhurried, humble protagonist, Marcel. Kati Outinen plays Arletty with clear-eyed forbearance and impassivity.

Besides the four principal characters, the supporting cast playing a grocer, a baker, a tavern owner and Marcel's shoeshine buddy from Vietnam are all impressive.

At just 93 minutes running time, *Le Havre* never wears out its welcome. It begins at 7 p.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Hall. Wine and cheese and discussion follow in the Phillips Gallery.

General admission is \$8, or purchase a film booklet of 11 tickets for \$88. Film booklet holders must be seated no later than 6:45 p.m. to ensure a seat. All Monday night films begin at 7 p.m.

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Exciting Young Players And Seasoned Veterans Comprise Opening Day Roster Of Miracle

by Ed Frank



As the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team begins its 20th season this weekend at Hammond Stadium, Jim Rantz, the veteran director of the Minnesota Twins minor league system, said the 2012 Miracle will be a solid, competitive team comprised of "exciting new kids and seasoned veterans."

After a spring training-ending exhibition game Wednesday against the Major League Twins, the Miracle launch the regular season tonight, Friday, against Charlotte Stone Crabs, the single-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Free tickets for tonight's home opener are available at all 20 Wendy's restaurants in Lee, Collier and Hendry counties. A big fireworks show will follow the 7:05 p.m. game.

Headlining this 20th edition of the Miracle will be shortstop Levi Michael, the Twins first-round draft pick (30th overall selection) last year. The speedy 21-year-old infielder is out of the University of North Carolina and is listed as the Twins' sixth best prospect by *Baseball America*.

Another highly-touted prospect, outfielder Oswaldo Arcia, listed on the Twins' 40-man roster, will return to the Miracle for the season's start after extensive playing time in spring training with the Twins. A year ago, Arcia started the season with Low-A Beloit where he batted .352 in 20 games. He was quickly promoted to the High-A Miracle where in 59 games he hit .263.

Baseball America ranks Arcia as the Twins' fifth best prospect.

Rantz said that the three catchers on the Miracle squad a year ago – Josphil Pinto, Danny Rams and Dan Rohlfing – are returning here for more seasoning. Pinto was .262 in 64 games, Rams .239 in 87 games and Rohlfing .272 in 49 games.

A promising young pitcher new to the Miracle this year is Marty Popham who was obtained by the Twins in the Rule 5 Minor League draft. Popham has pitched in the Cleveland minor league system for the last four years.

Promoted from Low-A Beloit is right-hander Adrian Salcedo who was 6-6 with a solid 2.93 ERA in 2011. The Miracle pitching staff also will include BJ Hermsen who appeared in only five games for the Miracle in 2011 after being promoted from Beloit where he compiled an 11-7 record in 20 starts.

Returning for his third year as manager of the Miracle is Jake Mauer, the older brother of the Twins' catcher Joe Mauer. The Miracle were 63-76 a year ago. Rantz believes the Miracle will improve on that record this year.

Florida Tarpons 3-0 after Win against Mississippi

The new Florida Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League ran their season record to 3-0 with a 45-22 road victory last Friday over the Mississippi Hound Dogs in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Only Florida and Cincinnati remain undefeated in the 12-team league.

Tarpon wide receiver Don Fusitier had three touchdown catches in the win and is the league's leading scorer with 10 touchdowns.

The Tarpons are home tonight, Friday, at Germain Arena when they take on the 1-3 Rome Rampage.

Florida Everblades Hockey Team began Kelly Cup Playoffs this week

By virtue of a 5th playoff seed, the Florida Everblades of the ECHL hosted the Greenville Road Warriors for the first two games in a best-of-five series that will move to Greenville tonight, Friday, for Game Three. The first two games were Monday and Wednesday nights at Germain Arena.

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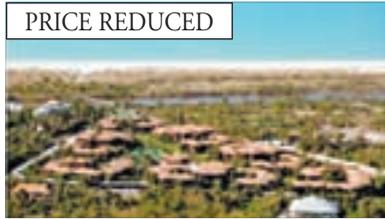


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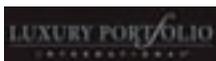
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they're all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel confused, even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won't discuss it, don't push it. An explanation should come in time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. You're really getting things done to purr-fection. And don't forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you're

perceived, both at home and on the job.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing picture begins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not weighed down by them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don't be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 13, 1742, George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah" premieres in Dublin. Although singing the oratorio has become a Christmas tradition, the Messiah received its world premiere during the Christian season of Lent. Handel composed the score for Messiah in just 24 days.

- On April 14, 1818, Noah Webster, a Yale-educated lawyer with an avid interest in language and education, publishes his American Dictionary of the English Language. The dictionary, which took him more than two decades to complete, introduced more than 10,000 "Americanisms."

- On April 12, 1861, the Civil War begins

when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay. During the next 34 hours, 50 Confederate guns and mortars launched more than 4,000 rounds at the poorly supplied fort.

- On April 10, 1906, O. Henry's second short-story collection, "The Four Million," is published. O. Henry was the pen name adopted by William Sydney Porter. Porter began writing in the late 1880s but didn't apply himself seriously until 1898, when he was jailed for embezzling from a bank in Austin, Texas.

- On April 15, 1924, Rand McNally releases its first comprehensive road atlas. The first version was called the Rand McNally Auto Chum. Today Rand McNally is the world's largest maker of atlases in print and electronic media.

- On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar, Germany. Buchenwald will be judged second only to Auschwitz in the horrors it imposed on its prisoners. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

- On April 9, 1969, the Chicago Eight, indicted on federal charges of conspiracy to cross state lines with intent to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago, plead not guilty. The trial turned into a circus as the defendants and their attorneys used the court as a platform to attack President Richard Nixon, the Vietnam War, racism and oppression.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American humorist Evan Esar who defined a zoo as "an excellent place to study the habits of human beings."
- The New York Times Best Seller list

was first published on April 9, 1942. Since that time, only eight authors have managed to have books place No. 1 on both the fiction and nonfiction lists. Those who have accomplished that feat include Ernest Hemingway, Jimmy Buffett, William Styron, Dr. Seuss and John Steinbeck.

- If you're planning a trip to New Orleans, you might want to keep in mind the following law: It's illegal in that city to curse a firefighter while he or she is engaged in official duties.

- America's first vending machines were found in New York City train stations; they dispensed gum.

- The European sturgeon (also known as the beluga sturgeon) is the source of the highly coveted beluga caviar, which is the world's most expensive, bringing up to \$5,000 per pound. This sturgeon can live more than 100 years and is the largest freshwater fish in the world; the record holder, caught in 1827, was 24 feet long and weighed 3,460 pounds.

- In a 1982 issue of the magazine American Film, a writer named Chuck Ross claimed that he retyped the screenplay to the 1942 film "Casablanca," changing only the title and one of the character's names, and submitted it to 217 agencies. Of the 85 who responded, only eight recognized it as "Casablanca," though it seemed familiar to another 25. Three of the agencies thought it might be commercially viable, while one thought it should be turned into a novel. The Oscar-winning screenplay was rejected outright by 38 of the agencies.

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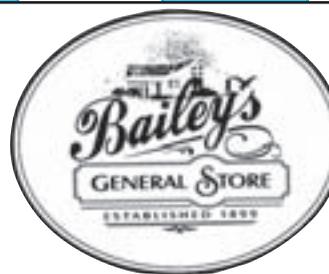
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2nd Jane Gould 56.13

Margaret Dwyer
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3rd Irmingard Markusch 57.32

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2nd Bill Hotchkiss 34.75

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2nd Joan Dyke 22.5

Nancy Hopkins

3rd Jeanne Mallon 23

Gerri Perkins

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Duplicate Bridge

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North/South

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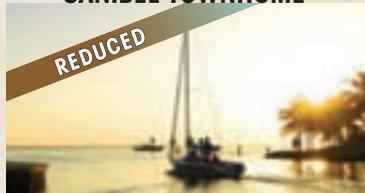
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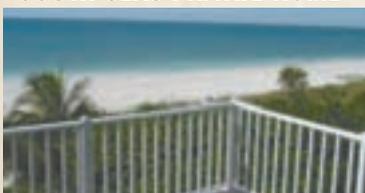
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Dressing Your Windows



by Jeanie Tinch

Dressing the windows in your home simply means providing some form of window treatment to your rooms. Although that sounds simple by definition, figuring out the best design

options for each of your windows is a bit more complicated, and depends widely upon what you want them to do for you.

Privacy, light control and beauty are the three major functions of window treatments. In addition, what you put on your windows may or may not provide thermal protection from heat. As you approach the issue of window treatments in your home, there are several key questions to ask yourself, in order to decide what is best for you.

First, consider the degree of privacy needed in each of your rooms. Bedrooms and bathrooms are the most obvious parts of our homes where privacy from outside viewing is required. Most people want the availability of a privacy treatment in the

more public areas of their homes as well, especially during nighttime hours.

Even those who live in secluded areas, where the issue of other people looking in is negligible, need to consider whether they want privacy treatments to block the cold-feeling "black hole syndrome" that occurs from looking out into dark nothingness at night.

Secondly, think about your light control needs. Most of us love lots of natural light in our homes, and the prevalence of huge, beautiful windows in today's architecture reflects that. However, there are times when that wonderful sunlight needs to be controlled.

Over time, the sun causes fading of your furniture and floor coverings, and

can dramatically increase your cooling bills in summer. It also interferes with computer work and television viewing by creating eye-straining glare on the screen. And, as great as sunrises and sunsets are to watch, we don't want them shining directly in our eyes when we eat breakfast or watch the evening news.

Thirdly, ask yourself what aesthetic role you need for your window treatments to play in your rooms. Window treatments are an important element in providing a balance of color, pattern and texture to your overall decorating scheme. They can also serve to create optical illusions of your windows being larger, your ceilings being higher or your room being more proportionally pleasing than it actually is.

Sometimes, clients tell me that they are reluctant to put anything on their windows. They are often thinking that "window treatment" means heavy occlusive draperies or yards and yards of fussy stuff at their windows. Although we can still do those things where it's appropriate, today's window treatment styles offer much more variety and excitement than in generations past.

Jeanie Tinch is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at jeanie@decden.net.✪



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Decorating Sense



by Bryan Hayes

Since I spend a lot of time talking about the mechanics of a/c and electrical units, I thought I would mix it up a bit and discuss how we can make them prettier or not as noticeable. Let's

face it, there are many different parts of an a/c unit that aren't exactly museum quality. There are, however, ways to hide the unsightly parts of an air conditioning system.

Air vents are usually covered by pretty standard metallic grates, but what if that grate could be replaced with something more decorative? Some people paint them to match their walls so they blend in. Some paint them in contrasting colors to give a somewhat funky look. I have also seen vent covers made of wood.

There are many options on the market in all sorts of custom designs. You can also make it a do-it-yourself project, or recycle something interesting into a unique, custom grate. Just make sure that you use something that will allow adequate air flow into your system.

Don't just stop with the air vents; you can also replace duct covers. There are even fun, creative ways to conceal thermostats if they clash with other design elements on a wall. And, if your outdoor unit doesn't add much to that coveted curb appeal, consider hiding it behind some decorative fencing or landscaping.

As always, thanks for reading.

Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at Bryan@Sanibelair.com.✪

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Use It Or Lose It?



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

Health experts often counsel that as we age, it is important to continually exercise our bodies. "Use it or lose it," they'll say, meaning that if we don't get off our fannies

to get our hearts beating and our lungs breathing, then our bodies will slowly deteriorate and we won't be able to do the things that we once did.

The same holds true for our current estate and gift tax exemption of \$5 million. Until the end of this 2012 calendar year, everyone has an exemption from the federal gift tax equal to \$5 million less any prior taxable gifts that have been made during your lifetime.

When you make a gift in excess of the annual exclusion amount (today that amount is \$13,000) then you are said to have made a taxable gift that requires the filing of a gift tax return. Taxable gifts generally do not trigger the actual payment of gift tax until you consume your total gift tax exemption. Consuming that exemption is something that you might want to consider while that exemption is high.

That's because unless Congress and the President sign new tax law before the

end of the year, that gift tax and estate tax exemptions falls from \$5 million to \$1 million. I would venture to say that legislation is unlikely in a general election year, so it appears likely that the exemption will indeed fall – at least until whoever wins the White House works with the next Congress to fashion new law.

"Use it or lose it" therefore becomes very important to those who have potentially taxable estates – amounts that exceed whatever the new exemptions are likely to be. Suppose, for example, you own two residences – one here on Sanibel or Captiva and another up north. If you want to make a transfer of one of those residences to your children while minimizing estate and gift taxes, then now is the time to use your exemptions before you lose them on January 1st.

There are a variety of techniques available to allow the transferor (you) to enjoy the use of the residence for a period of time before ownership transfers to your children. A Qualified Personal Residence Trust is one such vehicle. Unless you implement the strategy before year-end, however, you might lose the ability to make the transfer and not actually have to pay any gift tax.

Another "use it or lose it" transfer possibility rests with your life insurance. Many believe that life insurance is not taxable – but they're only partially right.

In most cases, life insurance is not taxed as income. Unless proper measures are taken, however, life insurance will be included in your (or your spouse's) estate for federal estate tax purposes. Transferring your life insurance into an irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT) is a method that is commonly used to exclude your policies from estate taxation.

The gift tax value of the transfer of a life insurance policy is generally its current cash value as opposed to the death benefit. Making the transfer now while we still have a large gift tax exemption available minimizes the possibility that the transfer will consume a large chunk of your available exemption upon your death. Again, time is running out before the available exemption decreases.

Those of you who have family limited partnerships already established might want to consider making additional transfers of the partnership interests to your children and grandchildren before the gift tax exemption falls. Similarly, families who have multiple generations working the family business could use today's high exemption rates to transfer shares of the business' stock.

One potential pitfall that I feel obligated to mention is with regard to something called a "claw back." There is the possibility that if one were to make transfers consuming the current gift tax exemption, and if at the time of that person's death the estate tax exemption is less than the amount of gift tax exemption consumed during that person's life, then there would be a tax on that prior gift at the time of that person's death.

In order to understand how this works you need to also understand how a federal estate tax return sets up. Without going into too much detail, the federal estate tax return starts with your current estate, adds back large transfers (prior taxable gifts) that you made during your lifetime, and then provides a credit for the estate tax exemption in place at the time of your death.

Experts point out that if the gift tax exemption you use during your lifetime exceeds the total available estate tax exemption at the time of your death, then your estate could end up paying estate tax on prior gifts that otherwise weren't taxable.

No one knows if this theory would hold true. A lot depends on how future law shakes out. But many estate planning specialists believe that the claw back would be practically difficult to administer and therefore unlikely to apply.

While we don't know what future tax law looks like, for now we do know that the \$5 million exemption will expire before the end of the year absent new legislation. So if you thought about implementing more advanced estate planning techniques beyond your revocable living trust to keep more of what you've earned in your family and less to Uncle Sam, now is the time to use it or lose it.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I will be attending an IEP meeting very soon for my child who has a learning disability. This is my second such meeting. I am nervous

about attending; what should I expect?

Tanya M., Fort Myers

Tanya, Official school meetings can be nerve wracking and it is wise to be prepared.

The IEP process is complex and can appear to be overwhelming at times. You may want to ask a friend, family member or the school's parent advocate to attend with you. Sometimes it's better to have two pairs of ears at a meeting. Remember that you will be meeting with a team of educators from the school who want to help your child.

Federal law regulates the IEP process. There are many safeguards in place for you and your child, so keep that in mind. I will provide you with a brief summary of the process and include additional links to use for further information.

First of all, you need to know that an Individualized Education Program sets learning goals for the student, and identifies the services that will be provided. It is updated yearly, or upon request, and/

or to incorporate new data. You should be notified of any IEP meeting at least 10 days in advance and receive quarterly progress notes about your child's progress.

IEP's should include a tremendous amount of information about your child. All IEP's should include the type of disability, level of intellectual/cognitive functioning, current levels of performance (including strengths and weaknesses), academic, developmental and functional needs, identified goals with statements of how progress will be measured for all areas of need, accommodations for state/district tests, modifications for the classroom, transition service needs, the type and quantity of services received and the least restrictive environment where they will be delivered. These service hours are based on the needs of the student and will include the number of hours that the student gets that type of service, i.e. speech, counseling and occupational therapy.

If you disagree with the IEP Team, here are some things you can request:

- Ask for more clarification
- Ask for some time to review and reflect
- Ask for support
- Sign the attendance but not the IEP document itself

If asking for more support and clarification does not result in your agreement with the team, there are more formal options for a dispute resolution. You can request a formal discussion or conference with various team members, another IEP meeting, formal mediation, a resolution

meeting and – if all else fails – you may request a Due Process Hearing or file a state complaint. These last two options usually require help from an advocate or attorney and are lengthy procedures.

This is just a brief summary of the basic IEP process. For more in-depth information on IEP rules and regulations, you can check the following websites for reliable information: www.wrightslaw.com and the Florida Department of Education's Exceptional Student and Services webpage, www.fldoe.org/ese.

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Al Hanser The Definition Of 'Benefactor'



S. Albert D. Hanser

Websters' Dictionary defines benefactor as "a person who helps people or institutions (especially with financial help)". There should be a photo of S. Albert D. Hanser, founder, CEO and co-chairman of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, next to the definition.

Along with Amanda Cross, Hanser is chairing the \$10 million fundraising cam-

paign for the Children's Hospital adjacent to HealthPark. Lee Memorial has agreed to name the new Emergency Department for the Sanibel and Captiva community. The project to build a new freestanding Children's Hospital is expected to cost approximately \$191 million. Through the generosity of individuals and organizations in Southwest Florida, over \$40 million has been raised to date.

For the past nine years, the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company has been the Master Sponsor of Sanibel-Captiva Cares' island celebration to benefit the Children's Hospital. The event was held on March 18 at The Sanctuary Clubhouse, where over \$475,000 was raised, bringing a total of \$4 million raised toward the \$10 million goal.

Hanser, who serves on the Children's Hospital Advisory Board, said of the Trust Company's on-going commitment, "We choose to sponsor most events on the islands because we believe that being a major part of the fabric of the community is really important. We believe in giving back generously and supporting events like Sanibel-Captiva Cares that benefit children. It makes us proud because those children are the lifeblood of the community and the face of the future."

A board member of Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, Hanser served as chairman of the board for University Hospital in Minneapolis/St. Paul for six years and was chairman of the Cleveland Clinic in Naples for five years. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and philosophy from Brown University in Providence,

Rhode Island, after studying pre-med for three years. Hanser went on to earn a executive management degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance, which led him a 50-plus-year career in the investment and banking industries. He served as an Intelligence Officer in the Air Force during the 1960s. In 2001, he founded the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company after moving to the island with his wife, Sally, in 1997.

Hanser comes from a family dedicated to service as most were doctors and ministers - always giving back to the communities where they lived.

"Al's entire family were team builders ... always putting the best players in the right positions ... this is one of his inherited gifts ... and what he has worked so hard to accomplish at the Trust Company," said Sally Hanser.

Hanser is also chairman of the Charitable Foundation of the Island, and a former director of the Schoolhouse Theatre (now Herb Strauss Theatre), Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis, former direc-

tor of Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and a current board member of their planning committee. He has been vice chairman of the Sanibel Five-Year Budget Committee and serves on numerous public, private, civic and philanthropic boards in Southwest Florida.

The Hansers' have four children and eight grandchildren.

"As grandparents, this hospital is so important to both Sally and me because of a wonderful experience we had almost 15 years ago with Lee Memorial when our grandson was born with numerous health issues - the care and attention all the Hansers' received allows us to smile proudly at the outstanding young man our grandson is today. We can never say 'thank you' enough for those blessings," said Al Hanser.

Websters' Dictionary really should add his photo to the definition of "benefactor."*

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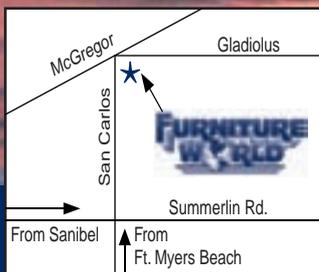
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Art By Kids With Cancer Exhibition



My Heart Is Yours, part of the Art By Kids With Cancer exhibition

Art By Kids With Cancer is a project of the Young Artists Awards, a not-for-profit organization benefiting children in the arts from throughout Southwest Florida, beginning its 10th year of programming. The organization works with the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology program at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, donating and delivering art supplies throughout the year for the children being treated to use in a therapeutic setting. Selected pieces of artwork are matted, framed and exhibited at various venues throughout the community. The proceeds are donated to the Family Emergency Fund, assisting families undergoing the financial challenges of childhood cancer.

This year, with proceeds from the sales of artwork and a silent auction held at the



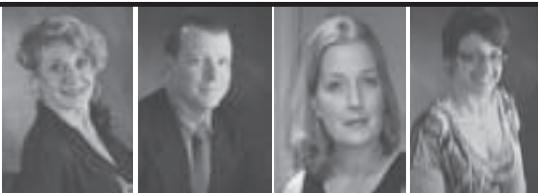
Dr. Dan Goldman of the Young Artists Awards, left, delivering art supplies to Child Life Specialists Stacie Margaritis, right, and Danielle Barth of the Children's Hospital

Young Artists Awards gala in March, the organization presented a check for \$5,000 to Dr. Emad Salman to assist the families of young cancer patients.

Upcoming sales and exhibits of Art By Kids With Cancer include the Foulds Theatre bobby at the Alliance for the Arts, now through April 30, with an opening on April 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers; May 4 to 24 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, with an opening on Sunday, May 6; and June 5 to July 1 at Harbour View Gallery, at 5789 Cape Harbour Drive #104 in Cape Coral, with an opening on June 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.



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Don DeLuca, broker of Royal Shell Real Estate, announced that top producing agents Sheri Delaney and Erin Simonson have joined Royal Shell Real Estate.

Delaney was previously affiliated with Amerivest and worked in sales and marketing.

Simonson is a 14-year veteran in the real estate industry and has been a licensed Realtor for eight years. ✨

Top Producers



Susan McCallion



Lisette Hitt

Susan McCallion is Pfeifer Realty Group's top sales agent for March. She specializes in Sanibel and Captiva real estate sales.

Also, Lisette Hitt was the top listing agent for Pfeifer Realty Group last month. She has more than 16 years of sales experience in Southwest Florida. ✨



Jennifer Berry



Denise Chambre

Top Producers

Premier Sotheby's International Realty of Sanibel and Captiva announced top marketing and selling agents for March. Denise Chambre was top marketing agent and Jennifer Berry was top selling agent. ✨

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Island Realtors Attend Meeting

More than 75 members of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors attended their monthly membership meeting held on March 22 at association headquarters, 2353 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Professional Development committee chair Diane Stocks conducted the business meeting and Murty and Monk, PA Attorneys at Law, generously sponsored it.

During the meeting, Steve Greenstein, executive director of the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife, discussed a little of the history of CROW and then updated members as to the hospital, education center, student housing and volunteers. Further, he invited members to visit the facility.

Following Greenstein's presentation, committee chair Art Corace gave an MLS and internet committee report.

After the business meeting, Judie Anderson led the MLS Caravan Tour.*



Steve Greenstein

Firefighters And Paramedics Collect Funds To Find A Cure

The Southwest Florida Firefighters and Paramedics, IAFF Local 1826, worked hard over the weekend of March 23 through 25 but it was not a typical day on the job. Many of these local heroes spent their weekend collecting donations from generous motorists throughout Lee County for the annual Fill-the-Boot campaign.

Their relentless spirit and determination helped the firefighters of Local 1826 collect just over \$81,000 for the families on Lee County served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. A special thank you goes out to the following departments that participated in the drive (in order of money raised): City of Fort Myers, Tice, Pine Island, Estero, Lehigh, Fort Myers Beach, North Fort Myers, Iona-McGregor, San Carlos Park, Bayshore, Fort Myers Shores, LC CFR and South Trail.

IAFF Boot Drive Coordinator Ryan Gagnon said, "The firefighter Fill-the-Boot drive has been a tradition for over 55 years. As firefighters, we are put in a position to help those in need on a daily basis. The Southwest Florida Professional Firefighters and Paramedics are an amazing group of men and women that always step up when called upon. This weekend we witnessed the community stepping up to help us. Thanks to all that stood on the street collecting and thanks to those that donated to help find a cure."

MDA helps children and adults who are affected by any of 43 neuromuscular diseases through comprehensive medical services and research programs. MDA receives no government funding and charges no fees to those served by the Association. Funds collected by IAFF Local 1826 will remain local and help members living here in Lee County.*

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Brightman Receives NATE Certification

For nearly 10 years, Christopher Brightman has been part of the Sanibel Air Conditioning team, contributing to its record of great service in the island community. His most recent achievement was receiving his North American Technician Excellence (NATE) certification. NATE is the leading non-profit certification program for technicians in the heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration field and the only test supported by the entire industry.*



Christopher
Brightman

Small Business Workshops, Seminars At FGCU

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Florida Gulf Coast University hosts several workshops April through June to assist small business owners with social media, getting certified as a minority business, and networking with other professionals about finance, law and insurance.

"The SBDC offers educational seminars and workshops for small business owners from the latest in technology, finance, accounting, to doing business with the federal government," said Trish

Leonard, marketing director for the SBDC. "Our goal is to provide the best resources available for business owners to succeed in their business. We look for the best presenters to help orchestrate and teach the seminars so that attendees will walk away with good content that they can apply in their business."

Most programs are no cost or little cost to attend. In addition to the workshops and seminars, the SBDC provides no-cost confidential business consulting by certified business analysts.

To register for the many programs scheduled, visit www.sbdccseminars.org or call 745-3700.

For further information, contact Trish Leonard at 745-3706 or tleonard@fgcu.edu.*

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Herbal Tea For Your Health



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers, The most wonderful thing about our planet is that it grows good medicine. Making herbal teas is one of my secret passions. You can drink teas, and in some cases

apply them to your skin. I've been playing with herbs for years, it's fun and I honestly think it's a wonderful adjunct to your other medical treatments.

Here are the basics. Use one tablespoon of herbs per cup of water. Consider brew time; you will lose some health benefits over brewing certain herbs. An "infusion" is best when using delicate parts of the plant, like the leaves, flowers and aromatic aerial portions (I'm thinking rose petals or wood betony). Infusing means you steep the herbs in hot water for 20 to 30 minutes, as opposed to simmering them. Some herbs take a cold water infusion versus boiled water.

Roots, bark or seeds are tougher parts of the plant and therefore, require a "decoction." You simmer them for 20 to 45 minutes in gently boiling water.

Experiment with combinations of various herbs to find the best taste and physiological effect. Herbs are medicine, so research what you learn today and make sure they are safe for you.

It's amazing that some herbal teas improve heart rhythm, reduce blood pressure, clear brain fog or ease hormonal concerns. Most herbal teas are safe for people with kidney stones. My favorite book on teas is Rosemary Gladstar's *Herbal Recipes for Vibrant Health*.

Health food stores sell herbs, or look online or Google "herbal apothecary." I insist on organic herbs. Here's a recipe for "Tummy Tea." I make this in bulk so "one part" equals one cup. Mix all the herbs together in a big container. When you actually make the tea, put one tablespoon (total herb) per one cup of hot water. You can make a few cups at a time, and store in the fridge.

One part Mint – Provides awesome flavor, plus it's carminative, meaning it's high in volatile oils which soothe the digestive tract; may help with gas and nausea. This is a "bitter" herb, so it stimulates bile secretion.

One part Fennel – A warming herb good for bloating, gas and liver support. It may relieve intestinal spasms and inflammation. Stimulates milk secretion in nursing moms.

One-half part Meadowsweet – A fabulous pain reliever, it contains salicylic acid (related to aspirin); this has anti-rheumatic and anti-inflammatory properties and may relieve nausea.

One-half part Chamomile – So strong that one of its extracts (apigenin) helps with pancreatitis. It relieves intestinal inflammation, improves spasms while inducing a sense of calm.

One-quarter part Marshmallow root – This is a demulcent so it adds moisture to the mucus membranes. It is cooling and soothing to the mouth, esophagus and digestive tract; great for people with heartburn.

One-quarter part Calendula – Offers lymph support, this anti-inflammatory, antispasmodic herb acts as an astringent and anti-fungal for the body. May help with leaky gut and irritable bowel.

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.dearpharmacist.com.

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The Springs, Shell Point's New Assisted Living Facility, Completes Construction



The Springs A1 studio apartment

The management of Shell Point Retirement Community has completed the construction and renovation of the community's newest assisted living facility (ALF) called The Springs at Shell Point.

The Springs, which was formerly The Country Inn & Suites, is located at the corner of Shell Point Boulevard and McGregor Boulevard in South Fort Myers. The recent renovations included the construction of a full kitchen on the main floor, the construction and creation of additional common meeting spaces and offices, as well as targeted renovation in guest rooms. The new recreation rooms include, but are not limited to a cinema, arts and crafts studio, and game parlor.

From start to finish, the renovations took approximately four months to complete. The overall cost of the renovation was \$2 million, and the facility has 105 units ready for occupancy.



The Springs D one-bedroom suite

The facility has passed all final inspections with the Lee County Building Department, The Lee County Health Department and the Iona-McGregor Fire Department. Once The Springs successfully completes the licensing inspection by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, residents will be able to start the move-in process.

"The Springs assisted living product provides a wonderful opportunity for residents to receive the care, service, and support that is needed in order to help them live with the greatest level of independence and dignity that their health will allow," said Peter Dys, president of Shell Point. "In addition to the presence of 24-hour on site nursing and concierge services, residents enjoy a great dining experience with wholesome meals of dietary delight that serve to improve socialization. In addition, scheduled activities stimulate the mind and enhance physical strength, and when coupled with housekeeping and support staff assistance, residents enjoy greater security, support, and independence."

The Springs is the third ALF at Shell Point. The community opened the King's Crown on The Island at Shell Point in 1987, and added The Arbor in The Woodlands at Shell Point in 2005.

"We are excited about the upcoming opening of The Springs," said Rita Southern, director of assisted living and resident support services for the community. "Both the King's Crown and The Arbor remain almost fully occupied and with the increased population of aging retirees in this area, there is a growing need for additional high quality assisted living options in Southwest Florida."

The Springs all-inclusive monthly rate, excluding personal laundry, helps residents and their families plan for the most effective use of their resources while also providing the added security of access to the network of quality health care services provided by the Shell Point health care team, when and if those services are needed.

"The Springs assisted living facility and services have been priced with monthly rates that are very competitive to the local marketplace and are not subject to daily rate adjustments based on special needs or fluctuating health conditions," said Dys. "Additionally, Springs residents will have access to our daily pharmacy delivery services, physician services, and other benefits associated with Shell Point Retirement Community that have become a hallmark of our community."

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Causeway. Priority reservations are being taken to allow individuals to reserve a unit and plan ahead for their move into The Springs. Representatives will be available to assist individuals or families through the steps involved in making the transition as smooth and simple as possible.

For more information about The Springs at Shell Point or to request a brochure, call 454-2077, e-mail thesprings@shellpoint.org or visit www.shellpoint.org/assistedliving.



The Springs pool area



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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 am told that I am a very well functioning senior woman. Every two years for the past 25 years, my husband and I have gone to a well-known hospital as part of a research study. This year it was not convenient for us to go together, so I decided to go alone and fly up rather than drive. I was told by the facility that I would be met at the airport.

When I arrived, no one was there so I waited and waited and finally went up to the airport information. Three women were at the counter and I asked if I was in the proper area, and they

said, "Yes." I waited some more as I had no contact number with me. Finally, I went up again to get information and inquired if anyone had called. They said, "No."

The three women looked at me and asked if I knew where I was, because I was probably in the wrong city. The facility I was going to did not exist and since no one had called, I was so furious I asked for their phone book and telephone and they very reluctantly gave them to me.

Of course, I was in the right city. The name of the facility I was going to had been changed and the women did not know the new name. I was definitely in the right place, the driver had gone to the wrong place and he had been too involved talking to his friends.

I was furious. All of these people had immediately assumed, because I was older, I was confused, disoriented and impaired. There was never a thought that the driver could be confused or the three people at the airport information desk lacked knowledge.

Before you make hasty conclusions about a person's mental abilities, be sure you know exactly what you are talking about and the information you have is correct.

I would like you to share my experience with your readers.

Josie

Dear Josie,

Ageism, like so many other "isms," are still very much a part of our everyday experience.

Younger people are always very quick to evaluate the mental functioning of anyone over 50, frequently making the wrong conclusions.

What you experienced is common and is resented by the victims. Some

older people are impaired but with better health we hope it will become less of a problem.

Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.*

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: I have been under tremendous stress lately and I am getting sick a lot. What can I do to boost my immune system?

A: We know that stress can take its toll on the immune system. First of all, begin taking a healthy dose of vitamins if you are not already doing so. Become aware of your diet. Eat plenty of green vegetables like kale, bok choy, spinach, broccoli. Research shows that small chemical compounds assist in boosting the immune system. Very importantly, start working on ways to lower your stress levels. Examine what is making you so stressed and see how much of this you can reduce and eliminate in your daily life.

Practice meditation, quieting the mind at least 10 minutes a day. Practice deep breathing daily. Listen to soothing music. Exercise is a great way to get out the stress and tension in the body. Make yourself a priority and consider talking with a counselor to get some additional guidance.

Letter Carrier Food Drive

Letter carriers are gearing up for the nation's largest single-day food drive, called Stamp Out Hunger, which will be held on Saturday, May 12. This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes. Food collected in Lee County goes to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other food banks.

Northerners who are returning home prior to May 12 may drop off their contributions at any post office. Food may also be left at Uncle Bob's storage areas at 3780 Central Avenue, 4400 Solomon Boulevard or 6600 Industrial Drive in Fort Myers.

Businesses can set up collection boxes for employees and customers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Volunteers are needed to assist carriers on May 12. Contact Debi Mitchell at 573-9638. Volunteers are also needed to assist with preliminary food sorting. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at the Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007 or Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.*

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feline for just \$25. Child stars (puppies and kittens) will be just \$50 and veteran stars (6 yrs+) are only \$20. Among the stars are Grace Kelly, Elton John, Jack Black, and Willie Nelson.

The reduced adoption fee will include a celebrity gift pack of services consisting of sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heartworm test for dogs, feline AIDS and leukemia

test for cats, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Hill's Science Diet dog or cat food. The adoption package is valued at over \$500

The famous line-up of pets waiting to be adopted can be viewed online at www.LeeLostPets.com or visit the shelter at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Celebrity viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You can submit your adoption application online before you come to the shelter.

Volunteers and staff are available to help you find the pet star that is best suited for you and your lifestyle. For more information call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). If you are inquiring about a pet you have seen online, please have the animal ID number ready for faster assistance. ✨

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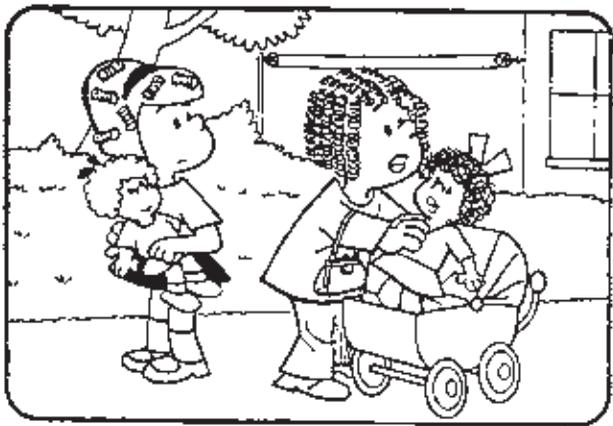
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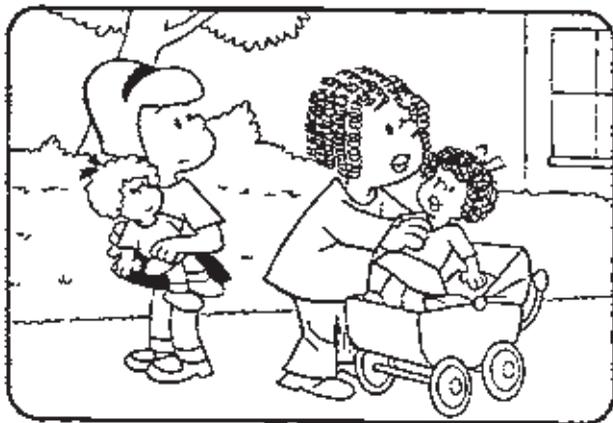
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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 43B

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

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Woodrings Subdivision	Sanibel	1991	4,690	2,799,000	2,300,000	386
Shadow Wood At The Brooks	Bonita Springs	2004	4,635	1,795,000	1,695,000	92
Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	2002	5,491	1,625,000	1,575,000	82
Shell Mound Park	Fort Myers Beach	1977	2,770	1,350,000	1,200,000	4
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2010	3,290	1,198,000	1,125,000	200
Shadow Wood Preserve	Fort Myers	2005	4,384	1,150,000	1,099,000	141
Tidewater Island	Fort Myers	2000	5,450	1,000,000	847,000	696
No Development	Cape Coral	2006	3,983	850,000	830,000	18
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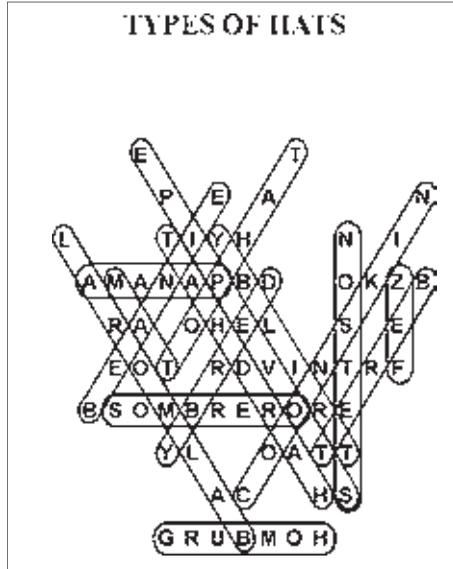
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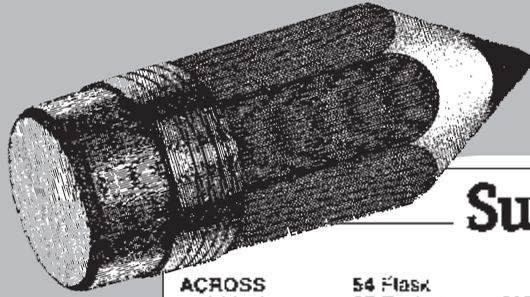
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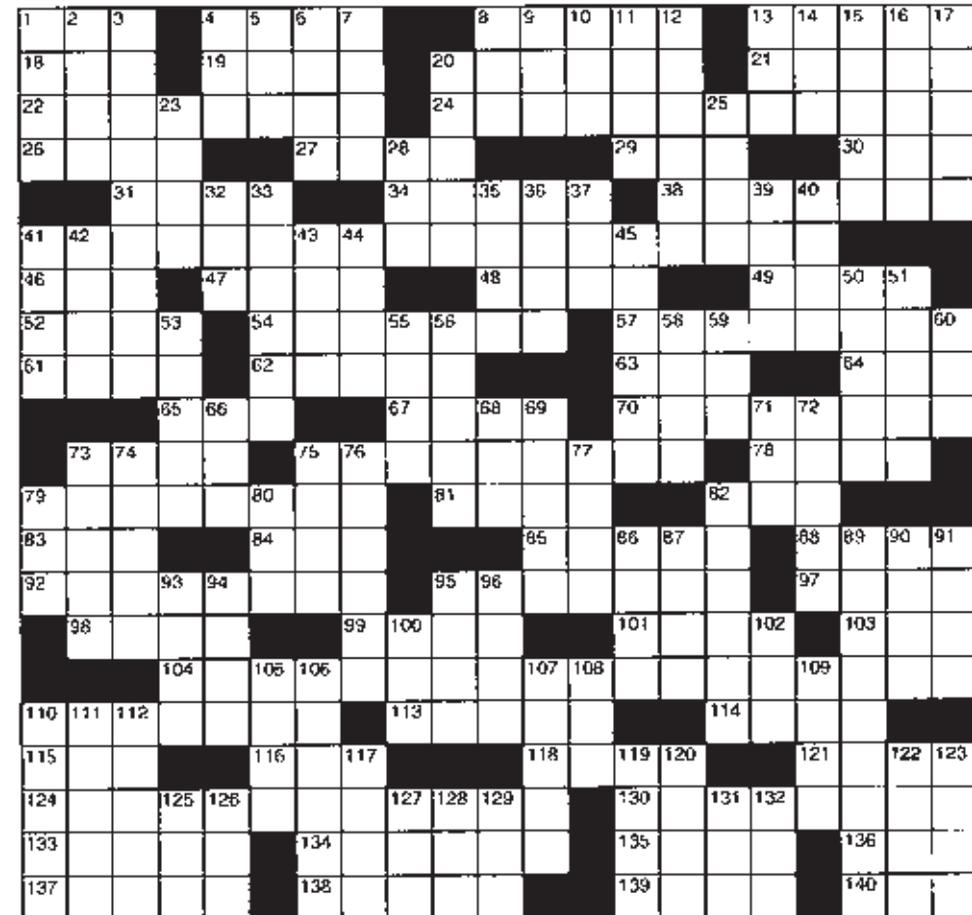


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Answers on page 43B

Super Crossword ART WORK

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mushroom part
 - 4 Demonic
 - 8 Vatican-related
 - 13 Hens on the ice
 - 18 Hasten
 - 19 Pianist
 - 20 Venus' sister
 - 21 Speak one's mind
 - 22 Art Carney role
 - 24 Art Tatum recording of '49
 - 26 Paper quantity
 - 27 — the Hyena (Capp character)
 - 29 Two — kind
 - 30 Organ of equilibrium
 - 31 South American capital
 - 34 Laotian native
 - 38 Wholly
 - 41 Art
 - 42 Rooney's team
 - 46 Palindromic dictator
 - 47 Wing-ding arena?
 - 48 Croquet
 - 49 Model
 - 52 Pub orders
 - 54 Flask
 - 57 Zimbabwe, formerly
 - 61 Celebratory suffix
 - 62 Alliance
 - 63 Tropic of tennis
 - 64 61, to Cicero
 - 65 Hosp. areas
 - 67 Stable
 - 70 Casino worker
 - 73 Italian statesman
 - 75 Art
 - 78 Travelers' aids
 - 79 Food fish
 - 81 Lhasa --
 - 82 Drink like
 - 81 Across
 - 83 Business abbr.
 - 84 Conger or moray
 - 85 "Jeepers!"
 - 88 "Back in the --" ('68 song)
 - 92 Composer
 - 95 Ms. Van Tassel
 - 97 Yeast
 - 98 "Hook" heavy
 - 99 Chutzpah
 - 101 Watch pts
 - 103 "Bah --"
 - 104 Art Maik series
 - 110 Annoying
 - 113 Depart
 - 114 Tabriz currency
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 - 116 Claire or Balin
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 - 121 Kite part
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- DOWN**
- 1 "Dark Lady" singer
 - 2 Helper
 - 3 Gridiron calls
 - 4 Drop a brick
 - 5 Tub
 - 6 Superstar
 - 7 Debussy's "Clair de --"
 - 8 Schoolboy's shot
 - 9 Joan Van
 - 10 Mile High Center
 - 11 Part of A.O.
 - 12 Permissible
 - 13 Dovecote sound
 - 14 Mid address
 - 15 More
 - 16 Actor
 - 17 Suspicious (of)
 - 20 Reduce to smitherens
 - 23 Skip
 - 25 Abominate
 - 28 Say please too often?
 - 32 Flavor enhancer
 - 33 Problem solver?
 - 35 Tropica spot
 - 36 — enpasse
 - 37 Fresh
 - 39 Walked
 - 40 Ferrara first family
 - 41 Chantreuse
 - 42 Enc of "Nuns on the Run"
 - 43 — Balor
 - 44 Hampur royalty
 - 45 Fermi or Caruso
 - 50 Long Island resort
 - 51 At — and sevens
 - 53 Baby bird?
 - 55 Soybean product
 - 56 "— Gay" chem
 - 58 It holds plenty!
 - 59 Lennon's wigow
 - 60 Tune
 - 66 Caviar
 - 68 Nite
 - 69 Composer
 - 71 Actress
 - 72 New Guinea
 - 73 Franzed
 - 74 Take place
 - 75 Nest noise
 - 76 Accuse tentatively
 - 77 "Wuthering Heights" setting
 - 79 Russian pet
 - 80 Agl.
 - 82 Head
 - 86 Fade, as a flower
 - 87 Move like molasses
 - 89 Academic
 - 90 "The Young Lions" author
 - 91 Harness part
 - 93 Tipters
 - 94 Canyon sound
 - 95 Swiss artist
 - 96 — breve
 - 100 Shoemaker's tool
 - 102 Biol or
 - 105 Mideastern title
 - 106 Decathlete
 - 107 Tower material?
 - 108 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
 - 109 Pro — (proportionately)
 - 110 Foreword, for short
 - 111 Change for the better
 - 112 New Hampshire city
 - 117 Soprano
 - 119 California resort
 - 120 Try again
 - 122 Concept
 - 123 Actress
 - 125 Encore exclamation
 - 126 "— Bad Apple" ('71 song)
 - 127 Select, with "or"
 - 128 — mo
 - 129 Tons of lime
 - 131 Garage supply
 - 132 Child welfare org.
 - 134 Data —
 - 138 Iraq War hel copter
 - 140 Notre dome home
 - 142 Id counter part
 - 143 Cincinnati team
 - 144 1960s singer
 - 145 Hm
 - 147 Run away
 - 148 loop co
 - 149 Catch sight of
 - 152 Massachusetts cape
 - 153 Pe'ling?



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Vary's pet
 - 5 Sheepwear, for short
 - 8 Commotions
 - 12 Brit's exclamation
 - 13 Debtor's letters
 - 14 Domestic
 - 15 Face moist
 - 17 Song forth
 - 18 Lance
 - 19 Crochets
 - 21 Line of fashion?
 - 24 Boom times
 - 25 Auction actions
 - 28 Asian desert
 - 30 Animation frame
 - 33 Historic time
 - 34 Boy in city
 - 35 Guitar's cousin
 - 36 Jewe
 - 37 War god
 - 38 Cruising
 - 39 Pick a target
 - 41 Profound
 - 43 Jamaican music style
 - 46 B under
 - 50 Satan's specialty
 - 51 Greek threatened by a sword
 - 54 Flintstones' pet
 - 55 Wildebeest
 - 56 Aud
 - 57 Lily variety
 - 58 Jackle's teammate
 - 59 Sithery
 - 8 Enjoyed thoroughly
 - 9 Synar city
 - 10 Leave out
 - 11 Collections
 - 16 Before
 - 20 Classroom surprise
 - 22 Culture medium
 - 23 Segway alternative
 - 25 Plead
 - 26 Hagg
 - 27 Harmful
 - 29 Diamond corner
 - 31 out a living
 - 32 Meadow
 - 34 Data —
 - 38 Iraq War hel copter
 - 40 Notre dome home
 - 42 Id counter part
 - 43 Cincinnati team
 - 44 1960s singer
 - 45 Hm
 - 47 Run away
 - 48 loop co
 - 49 Catch sight of
 - 52 Massachusetts cape
 - 53 Pe'ling?
- DOWN**
- 1 Covers
 - 2 Now, on a memo
 - 3 Jerry Herman musical
 - 4 Circumvent
 - 5 Wrestling win
 - 6 Scarborough of MSNBC
 - 7 Lather

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

- Balmoral
- Derby
- Panama
- Tam
- Beret
- Fez
- Sombbrero
- Top hat
- Coonskin
- Hard hat
- Stetson
- Tnby
- Homburg
- Stovepipe

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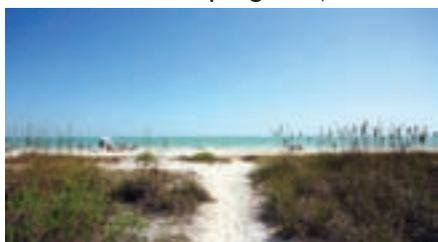
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