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David King

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Community Players At The Strauss

Vic, Nadia, Christian and Daniela De Sanctis with Cody Crouch

Sanibel-Captiva Art League

Members Art Show At Library

For a cool respite during our lovely sunny afternoons you are invited to the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road, to see the Sanibel-Captiva Art League Annual Members' Art Show. There are over 50 original paintings by skilled artists in a variety of media with different interesting subjects and creative compositions. Featured are local scenes painted during the weekly paint-outs. Many artists new to

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by Di Saggau

A friendly crowd of tourists and residents flocked to The Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel to watch the second production put on this year by BIG ARTS Community Players. *The Star- Spangled Girl* by Neil Simon was presented following an opening night reception. The show, directed by June Koc, is a typical Simon comedy with some clever dialogue and a fun plot.

Kelly Greten is Andy Hobart, the more serious staff member of a struggling,

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Aerial Views Of Blind Pass Dredging

Blind Pass Bridge, with Turner Beach seen at right

Dredging barge off the Captiva coast photos courtesty of www.imagesforsuccess.com

Museum director Karl Rodman sits behind Clark Bailey, who is concentrating on keeping his well-behaved mules on course. Standing is museum manager Emilie Alfino

History Rides Sanibel Parade Route On The Fourth Of July

Surrounded by the trappings of modern life – Segways, people taking video on iPads, and even the electrical cable overhead – the original though much-repaired cart from the Sanibel Packing House, known as Bailey's General Store today, traveled the parade route pulled by mules Emma and Anna and driven by Clark Bailey.

The rest of the year the wagon sits outside next to the Packing House at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village. Clark Bailey, son of John Bailey and grandson to Bailey's founder Frank Bailey, traveled from Jacksonville with his family to drive the parade route. Riding along were museum board member Karl Rodman and museum manager Emilie Alfino.

"I enjoyed getting a perspective, as brief as it was, of what it was like to travel around Sanibel by mule power," Alfino said. "I can certainly understand now why trips to Captiva would have been few and far between."

The mules and their cargo had to take the back way home to Bailey's General Store, cutting over to ride on the shared-use paths when called for by traffic. Bicyclists and mules were equally courteous of each other.

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village is a 501(c)3 founded with the mission to preserve, protect and celebrate Sanibel's history. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to all buildings. Summer hours, which are now in effect, are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum will close for the summer on August 5 and reopen on November 7, when hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is $5 for adults (18 and over); members and children are admitted free. For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours.☼

Billy Kirkland on his Segway can certainly go faster than mules Emma and Anna, but children and history lovers along the parade route enjoyed the glimpse into the past

The historic wagon sits at the Packing House at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village

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Looking out toward the incoming surf on Sanibel during Tropical Storm Debby

Looking toward the lighthouse and the east end during Tropical Storm Debby

Tropical Storm Debby Impacts Local Sea Turtles And Shorebirds

submitted by Amanda Bryant, SCCF Sea Turtle Coordinator

Tropical Storm Debby arrived on Saturday, June 23, and appeared to be much like other tropical storms, until it stuck around. The high tides and winds associated with the storm wreaked havoc on the beaches and the timing could not have been worse for sea turtle nests.

SCCF monitors sea turtle and shorebird nesting on Sanibel and Captiva. This summer the islands – and the entire state of Florida – have seen higher than average sea turtle nesting.

Debby arrived just as the nests laid early in the season were beginning to hatch. At the time of the storm, there were 207 nests on Sanibel; the storm washed away 65 nests plus at least an additional 130 nests were washed over by high tides or had excess sand deposited on top. Of 86 nests on Captiva; 62 were washed away and at least 15 more were washed over by high tides or had excess sand deposited on top. If water sits over a sea turtle nest for too long at certain critical points of development, the turtles drown; if there is too much sand deposited on top of a nest, the hatchlings cannot make it out of the nest; if wet sand "concretes" over the nest, the hatchlings also cannot make it out.

One of the nests washed over by waves during Tropical Storm Debby

Seven of Sanibel's nests appear to have made it through the storm unscathed and five of Captiva's nests appear to have remained dry.

The silver lining is that while Tropical Storm Debby damaged many of the nests on the beach at the time of the storm, the storm occurred with two months left in the nesting season. Sea turtles wasted no time, returning to the beaches to nest as soon as the waves and water receded. Since the storm, an additional 42 nests have been laid on Sanibel and seven nests on Captiva, and nesting shows no signs of slowing down any time soon. Some of the nests washed over by the high tides have even hatched since the storm.

While the success of these nests is below what we would usually see, it is promising that some of the hatchlings survived and continued to develop despite the high tides.

The islands' shorebirds were also impacted by the storm, but not as severely. Two snowy plover nests and two chicks were lost. Luckily, six chicks survived the storm and are doing well. The brood of Wilson's plover chicks, already a few weeks old, survived the storm and will be flying any day now. Captiva's least tern colony also appears to have weathered the storm with few impacts.

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Team Big Smiles Wins Road Rally

The results of the 33rd annual Sanibel-Captiva Optimist's Club Road Rally are in. This year's 4th of July celebration Road Rally was a terrific success, with 41 cars/teams scouring the island for almost 100 answers to clever questions prepared by Rally Masters Richard McCurry and Randy Carson.

Capturing first place was Team Big Smiles. Second place went to Team Island Rats while third place went to Team The Munsters. Last place was held by Team Fab Four, who received a free entry into next year's race.

The best decorated car was Team Witches & Devil of Eastlake.

The full list of participants and their place at the finish will be published next week.

The highly successful fundraising event for the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist's Club Scholarship Fund was through the sponsorship of many fine local businesses and private donors. Most especially, they thank the Sanibel Grill/Timbers for providing the start/finish line and for hosting a fun "after glow" party at the Sanibel Grill for all participants.

The sponsors of the 2012 Road Rally are:

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Thanks are also due to the many volunteers and members of the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club who helped organize and run the Road Rally. Get ready for next year's rally... it ought to be a good one!☆

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PACE Center For Girls, Island Zonta Members Turning Young Lives Around

From left, Zontian and PACE volunteer Gari Lewis, PACE counselor and Z-Club advisor Katelyn Uhler, Zonta Club president-elect and Z-Club advisor Kritin Ritts, PACE volunteer coordinator Barb Stevens and Zontian and PACE volunteer Helen Ramsey

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas

Troubled girls get a fresh chance at creating productive lives for themselves at PACE Center For Girls of Lee County thanks in part to donations of time and funds from the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva and its sister Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, as club members learned at a recent breakfast meeting. Two staff leaders from PACE, one of the club's service partners, spoke to island Zontians on June 20 at The Community House on Sanibel about the center's efforts to help these teenagers redirect their lives.

PACE can be a school of last resort for many girls ages 12-18 who find themselves in trouble in the traditional school system, according to PACE counselor Katelyn Uhler. The school is accredited by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the Lee County School District.

At PACE, instead of expulsion, dropping out or even jail, the girls are given year-round academic and counseling services. These youngsters work to overcome a myriad of challenges such as domestic abuse, teenage motherhood, substance abuse and death or incarceration of a parent.

"If the girls meet their goals, then we can plan to transition them back to the public schools, seek their GED, or find other appropriate placement," said Uhler.

With the help of community groups like Zonta, PACE has served more than 300 girls in Lee County since opening its doors in 2007, according to PACE volunteer coordinator Barb Stevens. The center is one of 17 around Florida, the only state in the country to establish educational facilities of this kind dedicated to the welfare of teenage girls.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva has worked hand-in-hand with PACE since 2008, providing $40,000 in the form of foundation grants and volunteers who coordinate the center's Z-Club.

The Z-Club was established in 2009 to promote leadership skills and good character in the high school-aged girls while striving for scholastic achievement and the improvement of international understanding through service. The Z-Club's members have participated in service projects of their choosing, such as learning about human trafficking and organizing a Guatemalan beadwork sale. The girls recently have begun creating small fleece blankets to donate to young children sheltered in Lee County ACT facilities.

Island Zontians serve as advisors at twice-monthly, year-round Z-Club meetings. Stevens invited Zonta members also to volunteer their time as academic tutors and mentors. Zontians have also helped the girls to plant and cultivate a "Z-garden" on the grounds of the school.

"Zonta's partnership with PACE has been a privilege," said Kris Ritts, a Z-Club advisor and club president-elect. "Even though our Z-Club meetings may bring us only short periods with the girls, we try to create activities that bridge the girls' lives with Zonta's international mission. We often bring a world map to meetings, challenging the girls to find countries involved in what we're discussing."

Z-Club meetings have ranged from food-tastings to yoga exercises, from assisting with elementary school students to creating jewelry and craft projects, plus serious service work by Zonta International.

"Nurturing the girls and expanding their horizons all go into our reasons for partnering with PACE. We truly believe in their work," added Ritts.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. For more information, visit www.zontasancap.com.

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For more information and to purchase tickets, visit WineTrailandBeyond.com.☆

CROW Taste Of The Islands Logo Unveiled

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) announces the 31st annual Taste of the Islands, which will be held November 11 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at Sanibel Community Park.

This year's logo was designed by Dave Drotleff, a 30-year veteran graphic artist. Over the last couple of years, Drotleff has illustrated the site plan for the guests that have been used in the local papers and program.

"We were pleased when he offered to help with the logo for the 2012 event," said Melissa Congress, event chairperson. "Dave's style blended perfectly for creating a unique logo depicting the fun elements of our event while showcasing the more whimsical nature of the wildlife that we serve in the area." The logo is utilized in all advertising efforts and collateral sold at the event, especially the collectible CROW souvenir T-shirts.

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SCCF Marine Lab Hosts Gulf Of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System Workshop

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation hosted a Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System (GCOOS) Water Quality Monitoring Workshop on June 28 for Southwest Florida organizations that collect water quality data. The goal of forming a Southwest Florida stakeholders group with a dedicated page on the GCOOS website was the outcome of the workshop.

SCCF's Marine Laboratory has been a member of GCOOS since 2010, and SCCF's RECON (River, Estuary and Coastal Observing Network) sensor data is an exceptional example used as a model throughout the Gulf of Mexico. The SCCF Marine Lab is recognized by GCOOS as a pioneer of data-sharing in the region.

GCOOS provides timely information about the environment of the United States portion of the Gulf of Mexico and its estuaries including surface currents, harmful algal blooms, oxygen levels, water level changes, water quality and ecosystem health. GCOOS is one of a series of Regional Coastal Ocean Observing Systems which are part of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System, which is, in turn, part of the intergovernmental Global Ocean Observing System and a significant national contribution to the Global Earth Observing System.

GCOOS leaders Dr. Worth Nowlin, Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Dr. Matthew K. Howard, research scientist, both with Texas A&M University, gave an overview of program. Attendees then spoke about local current water quality monitoring programs. Guest speaker Dr. Gary Kirkpatrick from Mote Marine Laboratory

In front is Lisa Beever, Charlotte Harbour National Estuary Program. Second row from left is Barbara Kirkpatrick, Mote Marine Laboratory; Bridgette Froeske, USF; and Li Zhang, FGCU. Third row is Gary Kirkpatrick, Mote; Eric Milbrandt, SCCF; Matthew Howard, Texas A&M University/GCOOS; Mindy Brown and Erin Rasnake, Florida DEP. Fourth row is Jason Scolaro, USF; Jennifer Thera, Aquatic Preserves; Ray Leary, Gulf of Mexico Alliance; and Jay Leverone, Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program. Fifth row is Keith Kibbey, Lee County Environmental Laboratory; Alex Rybak, SCCF; Jon Perry, Sarasota County; and Lars Sorderquist, U.S. Geological Survey. Top row is Worth Nowlin, Texas A&M University/ GCOOS; Julie Drevenkar, Aquatic Preserves; Eduardo Patino, U.S. Geological Survey; Cheryl Clarke, Aquatic Preserves; A.J. Martignette and Erick Lindblad, SCCF

spoke about Mote's automated sea gliders (which are used to collect red tide and other data) and will be collecting more glider data off of Sanibel and Captiva this year.

More information about GCOOS can be found at http://gcoos.tamu.edu (or gcoos.tamu.edu).

As part of the SCCF Marine Laboratory's work, real-time water quality data from the RECON sensors can be found at www.recon.sccf.org. SCCF maintains a system of seven water quality sensor arrays that span almost 90 miles, from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico. Water conditions are sent hourly from each array to SCCF's web site, giving other scientific organizations, educators, policy makers and concerned citizens rapid, easy access to water quality data. The data helps them make informed decisions in the management of the health of the Caloosahatchee River, Pine Island Sound, San Carlos Bay, Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve, Tarpon Bay and Charlotte Harbor.

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Happy to be Fit for Life – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. This class is a combination of Happy Hour and Essential Total Fitness. Keep your heart, lungs and muscles strong and your brain fit with aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought.

Power Hour Fitness with Mahnaz Bassiri – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.

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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.

Tuesday Kayaking – July 24 and August 21, 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Everyone is encouraged to take a turn leading the group. The center supplies the kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is $5 for Island Seniors, Inc. members and $10 for non-members. Come by the center to sign up.

New Computer Class With Patty includes Windows 7. PC Savvy – News you can use – Wednesday, July 25, 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to use libraries, folders, flash drives, search options, desktop icons and other applications. Your paid reservation guarantees your seat. Cost is $30 for members and $45 for non-members.

Music Walk at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center – Friday, July 20. Meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Yanos First Street. Kevin Mauldin (bass player with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra) and his jazz trio will perform at 7 p.m. The art exhibit Reflections, The Art of Daniel J. Venditti and Lyle Bowen will be on display at the art center.

Page Turners Book Discussion – Wednesday, August 1, 2 p.m. Ann Rodman will lead the discussion on *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly. Books will be selected monthly for the 2012/2013 season.

Watercolor with Bea Pappas – Fridays, 12:30 to 3 p.m. If you have some painting experience and would like to work from a still life or photo, join the class. Cost is $20 per session for members and $25 for non-members. Class runs through August 31.

Discounted tickets to Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Naples Philharmonic or Florida Repertory Theatre for the 2013 season are available. Call the center for more information.

Games at the Center:

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Parrot Key Pirate Ship Cruise – Sunday, August 12. Second annual dinner and sunset cruise on the pirate ship. Dine at Parrot Key on Fort Myers Beach at 5:30 p.m., ship departs at 7:30. You must order an entree to take the free cruise. Members get $10 toward their entree. Parrot Key is at Salty Sam's Marina, 2500 Main Street. Carpooling will be available if needed.

Trash & Treasures – Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center is looking for gently used items for the sale. Suggested items include household furniture, home decor, glassware, fishing/boating supplies, hardware/tools, sporting goods, dishes and utensils, cookware, luggage, collectibles, toys, linens (bedspreads, drapes, table cloths), small appliances (blenders, mixers, coffee pots). Please, no clothes, shoes, computers, printers or TVs. Call Mary Ann Gilhooley at 472-3565 for more information.

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Resident Wants Answers On Raintree Place

by Anne Mitchell

As the planning commission reviewed the island's future land use maps on Tuesday, resident Steve Maxwell submitted a two-page letter seeking answers regarding a map of Raintree Place off Island Inn Road, where he lives.

Maxwell has long contended – and has pursued his case before the city council – that Raintree Place is an extended private roadway easement. City Attorney Ken Cuyler has said it was a typographical error and that no city documents exist to support the easement.

However, Maxwell maintains there are such documents that that they were prepared by the planning department and by Johnson Engineering between 1986 and 1997.

He is seeking answers to several questions pertaining Cuyler's opinion and what documents he relied on to support that opinion. He also questions the legal status of the official street maps with respect to the Sanibel Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Maxwell said since the issue relates to city maps, it should be a part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), which the commission is updating for submission to the state, as required by law.☼

Cottage Up For Historic Status

by Anne Mitchell

The former caretakers cottage at Shore Haven may soon receive recognition as a historic building.

At its July 24 meeting, the Sanibel Planning Commission will consider a request to nominate the cottage for inclusion in the city's register of historic landmarks. The move is in response to a request last month by Eugene Gavin for recognition of the structure.

Shore Haven is already on the historic register and is scheduled to be moved in August to the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village. If the cottage is approved for historic status, it too will be moved, according to Jim Jordan, planning director.

Shore Haven is located at 1111 Bird Lane on Sanibel's bayside. Its owners are Terrence and Brenda Cassaday, who have donated it for preservation.

Jordan said through interviews with Michael Dormer, a member of the Mayer family that originally owned Shore Haven, and with Betty Anholt, a local historian, it has been determined that the cottage has some historical significance.

"It was used the house caretakers that stayed on site," Jordan said.

The cottage request was slated to go before the Historic Preservation Committee this week and, if approved, the planning commission will be asked to give its blessing. Finally, it will be up to the city council.

Once approved, the cottage will be moved by barge, along with the house, to the end of Dixie Beach Boulevard. From there, it will be trucked to the historical village on Dunlop Road.

The house originally was brought to Sanibel by barge in 1924 as a Sears Roebuck kit home.☼

Town Center Talks Continue

by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel Planning Commission, prompted by questions from member Tom Krekel, spent considerable time on Tuesday discussing and old topic: the town center concept.

This was a hot topic several years ago at which time a commercial aspect was included and there was talk of the city purchasing the Nave property, which stretches from Periwinkle Way to Dunlop Road. After months of discussions, and amid concerns about increased density and the city getting into the development business, the council dropped not only any thoughts of buying the land but also plans for a town center.

Still, the concept has not been forgotten and many residents would still like to see a cohesive plan for an area to gather and take part in communal events. The subject comes up quite often at city meetings and some months ago, the council authorized councilman Marty Harrity to conduct ongoing talks with BIG ARTS, Sanibel Community Association and other interested parties about ways to proceed. The move came as SCA was proceeding with a major renovation of The Community House.

Harrity was at the planning commission meeting Tuesday and was quizzed by Krekel.

"We have taken the approach of (pursuing) a cultural center based on feedback from organizations such as BIG ARTS, SCA and the library," said Harrity. "BIG ARTS have said they need more classrooms and display space, etc. The dialogue is (about) how can we give them what the community needs…"

He continued, "They have suggested one of the options would be to convert BIG ARTS into classrooms and meeting rooms… and perhaps, if all the codes are met, they can work with SCA to build another theater based on their studies that they need about 250 seats."

Harrity said SCA owns the development rights for all the land where the theater and parking is.

"So there has to be collaboration," he added.

Krekel said he was glad to hear that the idea is being pursued for a cultural and civic center, not one involving more retail. He maintains commercial space is overbuilt on the island.

Later, when the commission got into ongoing review of the Sanibel Plan, as mandated by the state every seven years, Krekel wanted to recommend to the council that a cultural center be included in the plan revisions.

However, Commissioner Chuck Ketteman said he was a long way from being about to make such a recommendation.

"There is an awful lot of work that needs to be done before we decide what

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Food Drive For FISH Of Sanibel

FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel has teamed up with R.S. Walsh, and will be running a FISH Food Drive from July 16 to 31. This food drive will help restock the FISH Food Pantry during its most demanding time.

Approximately 100 families are currently using the food pantry on a regular basis. Bring your non-perishable food items when you visit the R.S. Walsh Landscaping Garden Center, located at 3889 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel.

In addition to the food drive, R.S. Walsh Landscaping will also donate five percent of their In The Garden proceeds to FISH.

"We understand how challenging it can be to support a large client base during a difficult economy, and that is why we decided to lend our hand to help restock the FISH Food Pantry," said Kathy Boone, nursery manager for In The Garden. "We look forward to helping FISH and their mission of neighbors helping neighbors here on the islands."

The demand for the FISH Food Pantry is at its highest in the summer months, and FISH finds it hard to keep the pantry well stocked because many donors and supporters of FISH leave to go up north during this time. Please give generously to FISH during the R.S. Walsh Landscaping Food Drive.

American Legion Post 123 News

This Sunday, July 15, come to the American Legion Post 123 for a pork pot roast dinner served all day long.

Every Wednesday, a meatloaf and mashed potato dinner is served from 4 to 9 p.m., with Marty Stokes & The Captiva Band playing the blues from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Every Monday night, Post 123 hosts 9-Ball Pool Tournaments starting at 6 p.m. This week's winner of the first match was Joe Steamer while Desmond Fish took second. Peter Mindel won the second match, with Tom Schaner as the runner-up.

Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

Every Friday, a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is on the menu all day. Other items include a half-pound burger. Stop in and check out the daily special. Food is served every day and the public is welcome.

American Legion Post 123 is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m., located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-9979.

Crowds filled The Dunes on the 4th of July

photos courtesy of Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce

Island's 4th Of July Celebration Was A Huge Hit

Members and friends of The Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce were delighted with the amazing fireworks display seen at the 4th of July celebrations last week.

The chamber arranged the 4th of July fireworks to be sponsored by local individuals and businesses. The truly spectacular show was enjoyed by the many hundreds of people who gathered at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, along the causeway and in boats on the water. The fireworks show was presented this year by the Zambelli Brothers, whose long experience on Sanibel enabled them to create a show that was bigger and better than ever.

Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce members who were generous silver sponsors of the 4th of July Fireworks were present at The Dunes party. Local realtors Mary and Fred Bondurant and Anna and Jeff Turner, all of the Bondurant Realty Group, part of J R Wood, celebrated Independence Day with friends and family.

An estimated 3,000 people attended the fireworks party at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, which hosted the family fun event open to the whole community. The party included a wide range of grilled food, a full bar, a DJ and dance floor. Kids enjoyed face painting, a giant slide, pool party, games and raffles.☼

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Shells Found

Kristin Moon

Kristin Moon, visiting from Belleview, Florida, found two alphabet cones and a fossilized bone on the beach near Mitchell's Sandcastles on July 3.☼

Shells Found

JD and Jackson Moon

JD (12) and Jackson (10) Moon of Belleview, Florida found alphabet cones on Sanibel while staying at Mitchell's Sandcastles on July 6. They have been coming to the island for eight years.☼

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Shells Found

Olivia and Lisa Musgrave

Olivia and Lisa Musgrave of Orlando, Florida each found an alphabet cone on the beach by Mitchell's Sandcastles on July 6.☼

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Ruckman Makes Her Annual Birthday Donation To CROW

CROW veterinary intern Dr. Aundria West, left, and donor Lauren Ruckman

Every year during the month of July, Lauren Ruckman of Collierville, Tennessee vacations with her family for three weeks on Sanibel. This year on July 7, her 12th birthday, Lauren stopped in to the CROW Visitor Education Center to drop off her annual donation.

Throughout the year, Lauren saves up money from bake sales, lemonade stand sales and the baby-sitting and dog-sitting money she earns and gives it to CROW on her birthday. Last year on her 11th birthday, she donated more than $400 and set a goal of $500 for her 12th birthday. This year, she raised $650 from her efforts.

Ruckman was given the opportunity to visit the CROW hospital and donate the money directly to the medical staff, students and volunteers who were working that day. She gave her collection of bills and coins directly to CROW veterinary intern Dr. Aundria West.

Lauren has a life-long love for wildlife and is a life-long supporter of CROW's efforts to save animal's lives. She has set a goal of $1,000 for her 13th birthday and, based upon her past success, there seems little doubt that she will achieve her goal.

Everyone at CROW, and especially our wildlife friends and neighbors, would like to say thank you to Lauren Ruckman!☆

Shell Found

Belaal Hai

Belaal Hai, 9, of Canton, Michigan found an alphabet cone in the waters of San Carlos Bay on July 6. He was on Sanibel visiting his grandparents.☆

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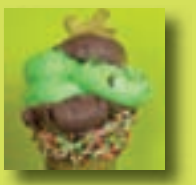

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"Ding" Darling ranks number three among 24 Sanibel attractions rated on TripAdvisor. Of its 560 reviews, 346 gave it an "excellent" rating; 135 rated the refuge "very good."

Out of TBE's 72 reviews, 45 said "excellent;" 17, "very good."

"'Ding' Darling is consistently in the top three vacation destinations in Lee County with nearly 800,000 annual visitors," said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland. "We are proud of our work protecting wildlife and educating and inspiring our refuge guests from around the world about the importance of conservation. We owe a debt of gratitude to our friends group, 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society, for their strong support of our efforts. Without their help, we could never maintain the high level of visitor satisfaction that won us this award."

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The next snowy plover program will be held on Thursday, July 19 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF Nature Center auditorium. Cost to attend is $5, with SCCF members and children free. Call 472-2329 for more information.☆

Rec Center To Close For Maintenance

The Sanibel Recreation Center will be closed from Monday, July 23 through Sunday, July 29 in order to complete numerous five-year maintenance projects. All of the major projects have been scheduled during the week of July 23 in an effort minimize the inconvenience to our patrons as many of the projects are odiferous and disruptive.

The youth summer day camp program will operate as scheduled and will be based out of the pavilion and ball fields.

The Center 4 Life, 2401 Library Way, offers fitness classes throughout the week that are available to Sanibel Recreation Center members as well. They include:

- Happy to be Fit 4 Life – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m.
- Yoga – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m
- Power Hour – Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m.
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Also, beach parking permits will be available for purchase Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27 from 8 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. at the pavilion. To qualify for any beach parking permit, please bring a valid vehicle registration for each vehicle and a valid state-issued identification or driver's license showing a Sanibel address or proof of Sanibel property ownership. Payment may be made via cash, check, MasterCard or Visa.

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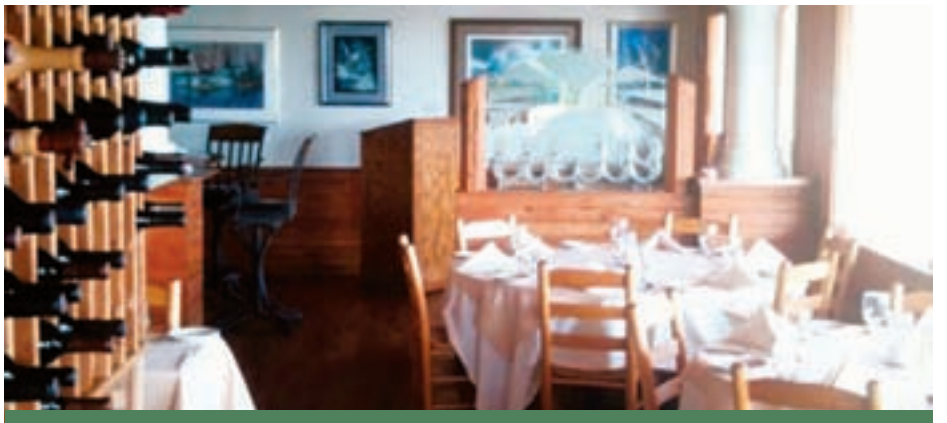

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Hook And Line Pelican

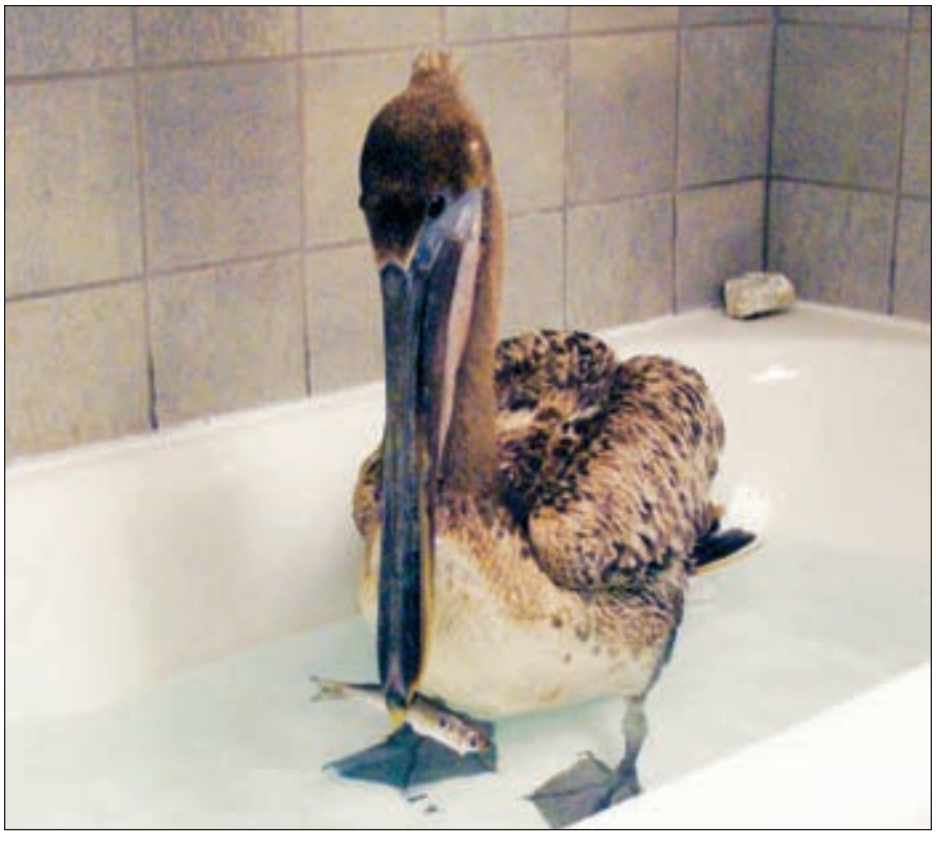
by Patricia Molloy

A Brown pelican *(Pelecanus occidentalis)* was found hanging under a dock on Sanibel, trapped by hooks and fishing line that entangled its head and beak. A concerned citizen cut it loose and promptly contacted CROW.

When the patient arrived, Dr. Heather found no signs of infection, but noted it was exhausted and dehydrated after struggling to free itself. Considering what it has endured, she was pleasantly surprised to find it bright, alert and hungry.

On the following day, however, its condition worsened, possibly from the trauma and pain or capture myopathy. It had become depressed and was no longer eating, as it had done so readily the day before.

Capture myopathy is a syndrome that can develop after restraint of a wild animal. Judging by the wounds, Dr. Heather surmised that it had been entangled for a very long time and had struggled violently. The byproduct of such extreme muscle exertion leads to depletion of the alkaline reserve which can make a patient very acidotic. The muscles become very sore as large amounts of mioglobin (a protein in the heart and skeletal muscles) are released. The resulting condition can lead to kidney failure.



Tub time also means meal time for this semi-aquatic bird

The patient was given plenty of fluids and spent additional time alone in one of the clinic's bathtubs. It ate one finger mullet but refused to eat the second one filled with medication. By evening, it was more relaxed and willing to eat its entire meal if fed in the tub.

One of CROW's wildlife rehabilitators injecting a fish with medication for the pelican

Once it regained some of his strength, Dr. Aundria West operated on the pelican in order to remove the multiple fish hooks imbedded in its beak.

After continued supportive care in the clinic, it was moved outside to the pelican complex where it made a full recovery. Upon release, it quickly took to the skies to soar again over the waters of Sanibel.

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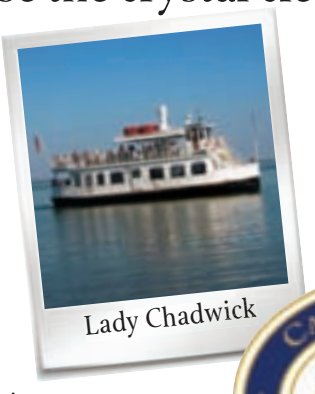

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by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Our regular summertime weather pattern is finally here – hot, sticky, calm mornings followed by blazing heat, then giving way to afternoon thunderstorms. Getting out early or late to avoid the baking mid-day sun and fast-building storms is without a doubt the best way to go. Choose the best stage of the tide for what species of fish you plan to target.

Summertime pass action has been great, with just about any species of fish you would want to catch being in or close to our passes. The catch-and-release snook action has been best on the lower stages of the tide, with a few redfish and trout in the mix, too. Moving out into the deeper water in the passes produced all sizes of gag grouper, with some keepers in the mix along with mangrove snapper and sharks. During just about any period of the tide, you can find something happening in the passes – just switch from fishing the edges to fishing the deeper areas.

Floating grass in the sound is making fishing some places almost impossible to fish. These big rafts of floating sea grass are a normal thing but can be tough to deal with as it tangles around just about everything. Several times this week, I had to forego certain areas as the grass was so thick.

Hunter Jolly with a Redfish Pass redfish caught with Capt. Matt Mitchell

Shark fishing in the sound is as good as ever, with small blacktips being found just about everywhere in open water. Anchoring up with a chum bag tied off the back of the boat on any deeper grass flat will have these hard fighters bouncing off the boat in no time at all. I enjoy putting clients on these three-foot speedsters on light spinning gear. I rig my trout/redfish rods with a two- to three-foot piece of 40- to 50-pound leader, a float and 5/0 circle hook. Once the sharks show up, a live pinfish with the tail cut off will have them circling the bait right on the surface before moving in for an easy meal.

Blacktip sharks – although far from a glamour species – make fast runs, quick changes of direction and often jump clear out of the water. They are a very underrated fish that is easy to catch all summer long. They often hang out on the surface when in the feeding mode, which adds a visual element to this fishery. When fishing slows during the heat of the day, these sharks always seem to cooperate.

The dredging of Blind Pass should be getting under way this week. Although the little pass between Sanibel and Captiva is still open and offers some of the fastest moving current and best fishing in our area, dredging it to make sure it stays open for another winter is a awesome thing. I'm am not a fan though of the beach renourishment they plan on doing with the sand that is removed as it simply buries all the sea life at the edge of the shoreline. Once you start changing the natural angle of a beach, it's a never-ending project.

What makes our beaches so desirable is the slow slope – white sand and series of sandbars that, once a beach is renourished, are gone forever. These beach renourishments over the years are the reason Blind Pass keeps closing up. Keeping the pass open is a great thing for the middle sound, Roosevelt Channel and Dinkins Boyou. Having it stay open gives us a much better flush of water, helping keep the bay cleaner and healthier in the long run.

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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Plant Smart

Norfolk Island Pine

by Gerri Reaves

Norfolk Island pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) can reach an impressive 200 feet in height and develop a base of up to 18 feet in its native habitat of – guess where? – Norfolk Island north of New Zealand.

Thank goodness it usually reaches no more than 80 to 100 feet in South Florida, for this is not a tree you want near your property in a strong wind storm or hurricane.

The tree has a propensity to lean and/or develops a split trunk. This top-heavy giant then becomes a threat to property.

Large surface roots can be a problem near paving or building foundations, and branch litter from wind is a maintenance concern.

Many of the Norfolk Island pines seen in South Florida landscapes began as small container plants, often adorable tabletop Christmas trees that were subsequently planted outside.

Years later, those former little ornamentals can result in a hefty tree-removal bill for property owners.

Much of the tree's aesthetic appeal is the symmetrical pyramidal or columnar structure. Tiers of five branches line the trunk every couple of feet or so.

The triangular branches are densely packed with fine-textured over-lapping dark-green leaves.

This leaning Norfolk Island pine could pose a threat to nearby structures in strong winds

Branches covered in soft scale-like overlapping leaves made this evergreen a popular ornamental photos by Gerri Reaves

Given the tree's South Pacific origins, it's no surprise that it evolved very high salt tolerance, another reason for its popularity in South Florida.

The tree produces insignificant catkins of flowers, cylindrical male cones and almost spherical female cones.

Not a true pine at all, it resembles a spruce or fir. It adapts to a range of soil and moisture conditions, thrives in full sun and suffers no pests in his non-native habitat.

Sources: *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau, floridata.com, and ifas.ufl.edu.

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SCCF Looking For Eastern Indigo Snakes In Pine Island Sound Area

An Eastern indigo, photographed by Dirk Stevenson, the head indigo researcher at the Orianne Society and one of the nation's leading researchers on indigos. Note the dark underside and the red under the chin and neck photo by Dirk Peterson

The black racer has small scales and a white underside

Notice the closed wounds after two months at CROW

photo by Rob Nimmo

The Florida watersnake has keeled scales and bright or dull reddish bands. Some adult specimens appear to be mostly black on top; the underside is whitish with black speckles

The first eastern indigo snake of the Pine Island Sound eastern indigo project, named Kurt. This photo was taken on February 6, the day the snake was brought to CROW and shows the open wounds on the snake

photo by Chris Lechowicz

Herpetologist Chris Lechowicz of SCCF inserts a pit tag into Kurt at CROW

photo by Jordan Donini

submitted by Chris Lechowicz, Wildlife Habitat Management Director

The eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon couperi*) is a large (up to eight feet in length, average length six to seven feet) bluish/black snake found in the extreme southeastern United States. Its range has been severely diminished. It is now only found in disjunct populations in the peninsula of Florida and southern Georgia. It is extirpated from southern Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida panhandle. Some repatriations have been conducted in the last few years in southern Alabama with moderate success. The eastern indigo snake has been a federal and state listed (protected) species since 1978.

The eastern indigo snake was once "common" on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. Observations really started to taper off in the late 1980s, and the last known indigo snake was hit by a bicycle on the Indigo Trail (a trail named after the indigo snake) on the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in February 1999. That snake died at CROW shortly after. Surveys, trapping protocols and educational programs asking island residents to document new specimens have failed in verifying any remaining snakes. The snake appears to be extirpated from Sanibel and Captiva.

The reason for its demise on our islands is mostly from getting run over by vehicles on roadways. The eastern indigo snake has the largest home range of any snake found in the United States. The home range of males can be up to two miles (females are a bit smaller). These diurnal snakes can travel a long distance in a given day and are prone to crossing roads frequently. One by one, these snakes were hit by vehicles while crossing or sunning on roads until there were not enough snakes to continue the race. Also, this snake is a winter breeder. Unfortunately, they are searching for mates and covering a lot of territory while traffic is at its peak on the islands.

Indigo snakes are fond of upland areas with gopher tortoise burrows. They tend to sleep and seek cover in gopher tortoise burrows. These sun-loving snakes are fond of open grasslands and the edge of hammocks. As the island became infested with exotic trees such as Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) and Australian pine (*Casuarina equisetifolia*) throughout the 1960s to 1990s, the once open landscapes were minimized and the snakes

Chris Lechowicz and Jordan Donini measuring Kurt just prior to release on North Captiva

photo by Rob Nimmo

Herpetologist Chris Lechowicz preparing to release Kurt back into the wild

photo by Kristie Anders.

began spending more time in the remaining open and sunny areas along the roads.

SCCF has partnered with a non-profit organization called the Orianne Society – an organization dedicated to the conservation of the eastern indigo snake – to help assess the remaining populations of the eastern indigo snake in Pine Island Sound. The Wildlife Habitat Management staff at SCCF has begun inventorying eastern indigo snakes in the area. The "Ding" Darling NWR and the Florida State Park System are collaborating with this research. Residents of Upper Captiva have lent their enthusiasm for the project, with volunteer time and covering the expenses through SCCF's North Captiva Conservation Fund. Most have come to realize how fortunate they are to live on an island where this animal's population is still viable.

The snakes are being pit-tagged and measured so a population estimate can be made and movements can be documented. Indigo snakes are still present on North Captiva, Cayo Costa, Pine Island and possibly elsewhere. These populations appear to be the last barrier island populations known to science. The main reason that indigo snakes are able to survive on North Captiva and Cayo Costa is the lack of busy roads and full-size vehicles, with most of both islands held in state park land with large, unbisected tracts of land.

The first eastern indigo snake from North Captiva (and the first of this project) was brought to CROW by SCCF staff on February 6, 2012 because of unknown injuries. After a remarkable recovery at CROW, it was released by SCCF on April 19, 2012 back to its site of origin. The Orianne Society asks that indigos be given names, so the person who found the injured snake on North Captiva chose the name Kurt.

We are looking for people to take pictures of any indigo snakes that they observe in the area (without disturbing them of course) and to record their location and report them to SCCF. Indigo snakes resemble the very common southern black racer snake (*Coluber constrictor priapus*) and dark specimens of the Florida watersnake (*Nerodia fasciata pictiventris*), so be aware that there are other black snakes in the area.

For more information or to report a sighting, send an email to indigo@sccf.org or call the SCCF Wildlife Habitat Management office at 472-3984.☼

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Town Center Talks

is appropriate," he said. "I would like to see some facts before I reach the conclusion that we are overbuilt (commercially).

Ketteman added that negotiations were under way with SCA and BIG ARTS, saying, "We don't want to jump in the middle of that."

Commissioner Phillip Marks said earlier concepts for a town center included mixed use commercial, below market rate housing and a group of citizens wanted to build some high-end condos in walking distance of doctors' offices and the library.

Krekel responded, "There is nothing wrong with making a recommendation (in the EAR). The council can change it. There is nothing wrong with saying the town center is being planned to be a cultural center. That is what the whole plan (revision) is about. It's about planning our town."

He added that a cultural center is what the council wants anyway.

Chairman Mike Valiquette said that Sanibel's founding fathers talked about a center of town with mixed use, but there were some amendments to the zoning code that made it impossible.

He also said although cultural and commercial are to be kept separate, "you still have the issue of Palm Ridge Road and unbuildable lots." This area is dilapidated and can only be renovated if building codes are changed, Valiquette added.☼

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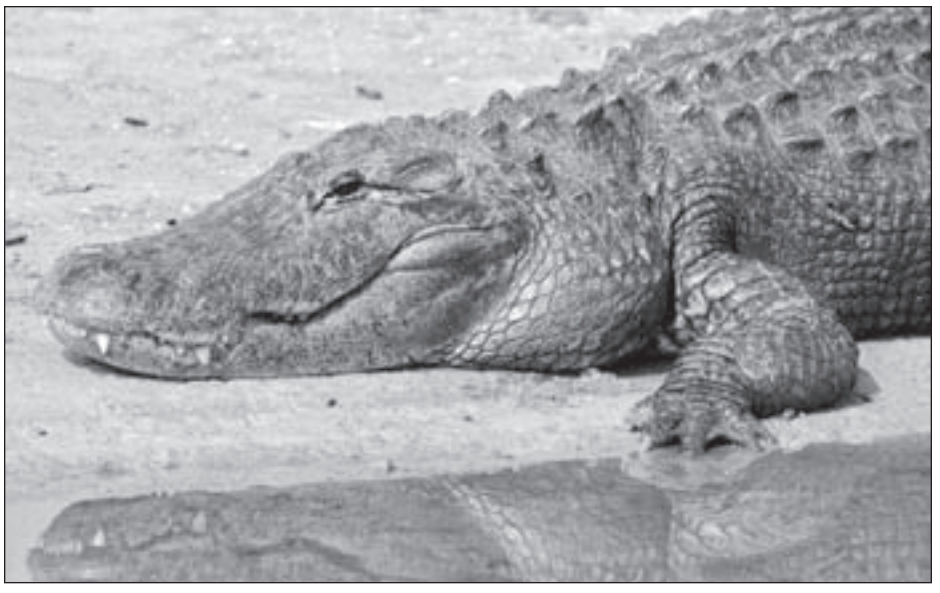

Alligator

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The biology of alligators and crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival. On Wednesday, July 18 at 10 a.m., come to the SCCF Nature Center and learn about these living dinosaurs to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. Following the program, take a walk on the trails to see an alligator nest that hatched this summer. Yes, the female crocodile released on Sanibel last summer is still here. Did she nest this summer? Like all reptiles, eggs can be laid even if they have not been fertilized.

Cost to attend the Alligator And Crocodile Tales program is $5 for adults, with SCCF members and children admitted free.

The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information.☆

Downtown Urban Birding Tour

On Friday, July 20, many folks will flock to downtown Fort Myers for live bands at Music Walk, while a group of the Audubon of Southwest Florida (ASWF) members will simultaneously be in search of music of a different kind – the chirp of the purple martin.

ASWF is hosting a free urban birding field trip in Fort Myers. This two-part journey through the historic downtown district will connect participants to the vivid history of the area and an informational session on landscaping and wildlife of the city.

The urban birding program will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Fountain of the Three Friends as participants embark on a historical and architectural walking tour of downtown Fort Myers. The tour will conclude at the Fountain of the Three Friends at 6:30 p.m.

This will be followed by a twilight urban birding tour, which ends at the mahoganies on Main Street in search of Southwest Florida's amazing birds. According to ASWF board member Wayne Daltry, the group hopes to spot a purple martin swirl.

The urban birding tour departs from the Fountain of the Three Friends at 7 p.m. The tour will be conducted by, Roger Clark of Lee County, landscape architect Joe Beck and historian/Audubon past president Gerri Reaves.

Registration is not required, although an RSVP is encouraged through the group's Facebook page: search Audubon of Southwest Florida. Recommended attire and equipment includes a shading hat, cotton clothes, good footwear, binoculars and a camera. No tour will be held if rainy conditions are prevailing.

For more information, contact Carla Ulakovic at 826-8160.☆

Red Snapper Season Closes

The 2012 Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational harvest season will close on Tuesday, July 17 in state and federal waters; the last day of harvest is July 16.

This year's 46-day state season, which is the same as the 2012 federal recreational red snapper season in the Gulf of Mexico, was set in May at a meeting of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The season was extended at the end of June, because bad weather led to decreased fishing opportunities. The season started on June 1.

Florida state waters in the Gulf extend from shore to nine nautical miles; federal waters extend beyond that line to 200 nautical miles.

More information about red snapper fishing is available online at www.MyFWC.com/Fishing (click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and then "Gulf Red Snapper").☆

Bird's Eye View

Environmental Ethics And The Old Way Of Thinking

by Mark 'Bird' Westall

When I first started visiting Sanibel, the island had a "rougher edge" to it than today. Yes, today Sanibel has become a paradise resort recognized around the world for its expensive homes and environmental ethic; and the community is a nice place to live.

But sometimes, I miss the "old" Sanibel.

We used to joke that all the locals on Friday night went up to Timmy's Nook on Captiva to have some freshly caught grouper and wait around to see who got into a fight with whom. That way we'd all have something to talk about for the next week. Of course, there were always the visiting tourists and an ever-increasing number of well-to-do people looking for paradise that had "discovered" our little island and bought homes here, but many of the locals still had to work for a living. And some of them were quite "colorful."

Now for me, I had been attracted to Sanibel for its environmental ethic. There was a group of local naturalists that became my mentors and I learned a lot from them (some of them quite "colorful" in their own right). But I also learned a lot from some of the locals who probably didn't think of themselves as "environmentalists." As a matter of fact, they probably thought the refuge was just another way for the government to get control over their way of doing things. Many were born here and made their living from the surrounding gulf and bay waters, and they weren't too crazy about a bunch of "outsiders" coming around and telling them what to do.

Shortly after I started monitoring the ospreys on the island, I fell about 25 feet out of a black mangrove while looking for a nest in the middle of the refuge. Of course, I survived the fall, but decided that I now needed an assistant (at least to have someone report to the proper authorities where my body was). I heard there was a young man who might be interested in volunteering to help. He was the manager of a local business and one day, I stopped by to talk to him.

He wasn't there, but the owner of the business was. The owner was one of the "colorful" locals and had a reputation for giving the new "animal-lovers" on the island a hard time. As I walked into the store, I noticed it was a nicely maintained old building with wood floors. I told the owner I was monitoring the ospreys and had heard his manager might be interested in assisting me.

He looked like a NFL linebacker and gave me a cold stare that made me freeze. The next thing I knew, he came right up to me, pulled out a big knife and placed it against my throat saying with a very deep voice, "You know, we have ways of dealing with your kind!"

I didn't know what to do. I was just a dumb kid from a small town in Indiana. I had never had to deal with that kind of confrontation before. He was much bigger than me and there was no way I could run. But then, I remembered his nice wood floors. Thinking what a mess I would make of his shop if he slit my throat, I decided he was just bluffing.

So I weekly smiled and said, "Well, I guess you gotta do what you gotta do." He looked at me a second… and smiled. And we've been friends ever since. In his rough way, he just wanted to see what I was made of.

I learned a lot from him over the years about how the Caloosahatchee/Pine Island Sound estuary worked. And today, he is one of the most ardent supporters for better environmental management of that system. I say this with a smile on my face, because he might just put a knife to my throat if I called him an "environmentalist." But he has been connected to the Pine Island Sound ecosystem his whole life, making a living from it, and he knows that how humans are treating it is wrong. He understands that that ecosystem cannot survive with all the insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers we humans insist on dumping in it through runoff so we can have a pretty lawn. And he has seen, first hand, how all the freshwater coming down the Caloosahatchee from Lake Okeechobee (and the nutrients that come with it) is unsustainable.

Maybe he's not an "environmentalist," but I'm glad he is on our side.

If Sanibel is going to continue being the paradise community that is world-renowned, everyone has a responsibility to do their part. We can't just use Sanibel and its surrounding environs for our own personal enjoyment. We have to give back. We have to get involved. In that sense, we should all be "environmentalists."

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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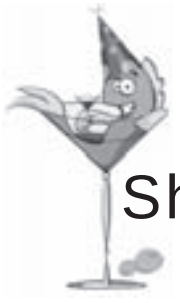

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Youth Fishing Day At Tarpon Bay

A very excited group of 20 teens and 'tweens from the Boys & Girls Club of Lee County ventured out to Tarpon Bay Explorers on June 30 for a day of fun by land and by sea. This event was the refuge's celebration of National Fishing & Boating Week. The kids were able to learn about fishing skills, basic boater safety and the marine life that inhabits the bay by visiting different learning stations.

Prior to heading out on the water, the children were able to obtain skills they needed for their fishing excursion. In the Touch Tank Exhibit, naturalist Jessica DeGraw taught the kids about the marine life that lives under the sea out in Tarpon Bay. Being able to handle sea stars, horseshoe crabs and predatory sea snails was a major highpoint for many of the children.

One of the most important aspects when you are out on the water is safety. The next station was where Dave Johns instructed kids wearing PFDs (personal flotation devices). He made this activity fun by incorporating the safety lesson into a relay race. Becky Wolff, a refuge ranger, gave the group further guidance on properly fitting and wearing their PFDs.

Learning to tie knots, casting techniques and throwing a cast nest were the other skills taught by Steve Maddix, Steve Yetsko and Wally Mulka. STAR teacher Jillian Meek worked with Steve Yetsko

Captain Steve Yetsko demonstrated how to tie a knot

teaching the kids how to tie an easy but strong Palomar knot in their fishing lines.

Once all the skills were mastered, the group split up among the captains and hopped aboard the pontoon boats with their fishing captains.

The conditions were ideal, with clear skies and calm seas. Now it was time to test all the skills learned. Captains Johns, Maddix, Yetsko, Mulka and DeGraw, along with refuge volunteer Tom Bredhal, Wolff and Meek accompanied the kids on their two-hour fishing excursion. Each captain fished several areas throughout Tarpon Bay to target various species of fish. Live shrimp, donated by Shallow

Teens and tweens with Tarpon Bay Explorer's staff and refuge employees

Bait and Dale Shirley, was used while fishing. Species of fish caught out in the bay included trout, ladyfish, catfish, needle fish or hound fish, bonnethead shark and mangrove snapper. The kids were fortunate to experience some other wildlife sightings consisting of manatees, Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, brown pelicans, double crested cormorants and stingrays.

Once back on dry land, the fish stories began to fly; smiles and laughter was abundant. All together, the kids caught 109 fish. Some of the boats got creative and named themselves the Sharks while another group dubbed themselves the Needlefish.

George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille sponsored a hot dog and chips lunch for the hungry anglers. Charlie Frese manned the grill and cooked over 75 hot dogs.

Before departing, every participant received their very own fishing rod to take home, which the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society donated. When asking the kids what the highlight of their day was, Yaniya said "best part was seeing Aniya scared of the shark she caught." Vann said it was "seeing how cool the needlefish was."

Thanks to all the sponsors, which included Tarpon Bay Explorers, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille, Sanibel Island Fishing Club, The Bait Box, Caloosa Wholesale, Shallow Bait and Dale Shirley, who support connecting children with nature and made this gathering possible.☆

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Sunset over the Gulf as seen from the *Lady Chadwick*

Captiva Cruises, an excursion boat company, offers lunch cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island and Boca Grande as well as beach and shelling trips to Cayo Costa State Park, Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure Cruises with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and sailing adventures on their 24-passenger sailing catamaran. Additional information and reservations for any of Captiva Cruises tours and programs, call 472-5300.✵

The Wondrous World Of Plankton

Lily Grace Pennington checks out the plankton she caught in her tow

submitted by Jenna Sullivan

This week at Sanibel Sea School, campers discovered a whole new world, an entire community as bustling and crowded as New York City, which exists in the waters around Sanibel – a community of plankton.

The next time you dive into the Gulf, consider this: you are surrounded on all sides – above and below – by plankton. When you surface, you have plankton clinging to your face, inside your nose. When you leave the beach at the end of the day, there are dried plankton stuck on your eyelashes. These plankton are a little too small to see, but they are incredibly important.

Phytoplankton produce nearly half of the world's oxygen. The copepod, a zooplankton, accounts for what some scientists call the largest biomass of any animal on earth. As campers got to know these creatures, they truly began to see the ocean in a whole new way.

In a bright bit of serendipity, Plankton Week coincided with the 4th of July. Each year, our campers construct a float for Sanibel's Independence Day Parade – and what better theme for a float than plankton, ocean drifters that rely on their buoyancy to stay afloat. Campers created papier-mâché plankton and draped them all over our float and carried posters with fun facts about plankton to inform onlookers as we drifted along the parade route.

Along with the catch from our usual cast- and seine-netting, campers filled our tanks with filefish that they caught by hand. The filefish are planktivores – those animals that eat plankton – and they were hiding in clumps of sargassum in the Gulf. Throughout the week, the filefish could be seen nabbing a copepod or other small meal from the water in our tanks. Campers were amazed by the different way these fish experience the ocean. It is incredible to imagine being able to see well enough to consume a tiny copepod or other zooplankton as it passed by.

Jack Pennington, Austin Desiderio-Taub and Rachel Gerson during the July 4 parade

Campers played games that helped them understand what it means to be a plankton. A predator-prey game illustrated how important plankton are as the bottom of the ocean food-chain. In "meroplankton match-up," campers learned about what meroplankton look like in their adult forms – did you know that large animals such as many fish, crabs and lobsters begin their life as tiny plankton? A boat trip into the Gulf ended with campers floating in what they now knew was an ocean full of plankton.

After all of this learning and experiencing, campers actually got to tow a plankton net through the water and observe their tiny, but numerous, catch under the microscope back at Sanibel Sea School. As huge copepods or rotifers whizzed past diatoms or dinoflagellates, campers began to understand just how numerous, intricate and wonderful plankton really are.

Our earth is an ocean planet, the ocean is a plankton world!✵

Bella Stripay frolics in a sea of plankton after the surf races

Campers stage a flash mob

Marshmallows, Music And Flash Mob Fun At BIG ARTS Summer Arts Camp

Summer Arts Camp at BIG ARTS is an excellent way for children to get creative and keep engaged during the summer. In the past few weeks, campers staged a flash mob, learned Irish Step Dance and made 3-D structures out of marshmallows and spaghetti. Arts camp runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through July 27.

Campers build a 3-D structure out of spaghetti and marshmallows

Activities include acrylic painting, ceramics, dance, photography, performing arts, music appreciation, film editing, folk art and general arts and crafts.

Tuition for campers entering kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall is $130 per week. If attending three weeks, the cost is reduced to $115 per week.

Middle and high school students have the option to attend camp solely as a student or select to participate in the fine arts apprentice program, spending half the day as a student and the other half assisting instructors of K-5 classes as a volunteer to receive community service hours. Middle and high school tuition is $80 per week. Courses include film editing, painting, and writing.

Tuition assistance is available; contact BIG ARTS for an application.

Sponsor Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Foundation, L.A.T. Foundation and Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank.

For further information on registration for Summer Arts Camp or to become a member, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel; call 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

Shell Museum Announces Visiting Curator

Dr. José H. Leal, director/curator for The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, announced that Dr. Eugene V. Coan was awarded the 2012 R. Tucker Abbott Visiting Curatorship. The curatorship, originally established in accordance with the wishes of the late Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, founding director of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, is awarded annually to enable malacologists to visit the museum for a period of one week. Abbott fellows are expected to assist with curatorial responsibilities of the museum's collection by performing collection-based research and providing one lecture to the general public.

Coan holds a PhD from Stanford in malacology, co-authored *The Bivalve Seashells of Tropical West America* and has authored many papers in malacology. He has also specialized in the history of malacology, with biographical papers, lists of taxa and types, and collations. Coan has worked for the Sierra Club, an environmental organization, since 1970 in various capacities, currently as senior advisor to the executive director. He holds research associations with the California Academy of Sciences, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. He was president

Eugene V. Coan

of the American Malacological Society from 1996 to 1997 and received an honorary life membership in 2008. He has been co-editor of *Malacologia* since July 1988. Coan currently resides in Palo Alto, California.

Coan will be at the museum in October, working to further develop skills in digital macrophotography to document the findings of museum research. Microphotography skills will provide him with another tool to analyze subtle characters of these often very small shells.

The museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Video Contest Celebrates Lee County Parks

Lee County Parks & Recreation is now accepting entries from amateur videographers to showcase its parks on YouTube with its second annual Video Contest in celebration of National Park & Recreation Month and Lee County's 125th anniversary.

Festivities this month also include free parking one weekend at county-owned regional parks, boat ramps and pools as well as the announcement of winners to the Lovin' Your Parks Quiz, which challenged park patrons to a 70-plus question trivia contest.

Video Contest

Participants can feature themselves, their family or friends participating in an activity or just enjoying the facility. In the video, make sure to mention the name of the park and tell us what you love about Lee County Parks & Recreation.

Entries are due on or before August 1. Winners will be announced August 13, and their videos will be featured on Lee County Parks & Recreation's YouTube channel. Visit www.leeparks.org for contest rules and prizes and to submit your video. Email leeparks@leegov.com with any questions.

Free Parking

County commissioners have designated Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29 as dates during which parking fees will be waived at Lee County-owned and operated boat ramps, pools and regional parks. For a list of pools and parks included in this annual event, visit www.leeparks.org.

Lovin' Your Parks Quiz

For the quiz marking the 125th anniversary of Lee County, there were two versions. Online contestants duked it out over a 73-question quiz, which involved questions and trivia about baseball, beaches, boating, fishing, regional and neighborhood parks and even preserves. Those who submitted a completed quiz and provided complete contact information were entered into a drawing to win a year-long parking sticker to Lee County Parks & Recreation's regional parks, boat ramps and other facilities.

The winner was Nathan Reece of Fort Myers. The department's 10-question version of the quiz for library patrons resulted in a free pool pass for winner Vinicius Intravartola of Cape Coral. Answers to the long version of the quiz are now posted at www.leeparks.org.

Lee County invites the community to join in its year-long 125th anniversary celebration. The county – named in honor of Civil War General Robert E. Lee – was carved from Monroe County and incorporated on May 13, 1887. Visit www.lee-county.com/125th for a schedule of events throughout 2012 as well as a recommended reading list, historical photo gallery, trivia questions and more.

Family Fun Race

Next up for Parks & Recreation's 125th events is the 125th Family Fun Race, planned for noon on Sunday, November 4, for canoeists, kayakers and Stand-Up Paddleboarders. The race will happen during the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival staged along the Sanibel Causeway. For additional details, go to www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com.

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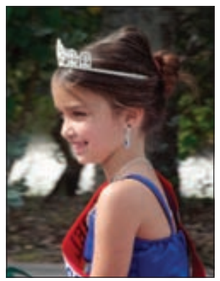

My Stars ★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JULY 16, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor socializing with family and friends, but an irksome workplace situation could intrude. No use grumbling, Lamb. Just do it, and then get back to the fun times.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There's still time for you Ferdinands and Fernandas to relax and sniff the roses. But a major work project looms and soon will demand much of your attention through the 23rd.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your enthusiasm persuades even the toughest doubters to listen to what you're proposing. But don't push too hard, or you'll push them away. Moderate for best results.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are rising, and you feel you can handle anything the job requires. That's great. But don't isolate yourself. Keep your door open to your workplace colleagues.

LEO (July 23 August 22) A workplace change could lead to that promotion you've been hoping for. But you'll have to face some tough competition before the Lion can claim his or her share of the goodies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your rigidity regarding a difficult workplace situation could be the reason your colleagues aren't rushing to your assistance. Try being more flexible in your demands.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That uneasy mood could be your Libran inner voice reminding you that while it's great to be with your new friends, you need to take care not to ignore your old ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A sudden spate of criticism could shake the Scorpion's usually high sense of self-confidence. Best advice: You made a decision you believed in -- now defend it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your reluctance to help restart a stalled relationship could be traced to unresolved doubts about your partner's honesty. Rely on a trusted friend's advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The capricious Sea Goat is torn between duty and diversion. Best advice: Do both. Tend to your workaday chores, then go out and enjoy your well-earned fun time.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cutting back on some of your activities for a few days helps restore your energy levels. You should be feeling ready to tackle your many projects early next week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker might be secretly carping about your work to mutual colleagues. But associates will come to your defense, and the situation will ultimately work to your advantage.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ambition makes you a success at whatever you choose to do -- especially if it's in the world of the performing arts.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the Stationers' Register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.

• On July 19, 1799, during Napoleon Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign, a French soldier discovers a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing near the town of Rosetta, about 35 miles north of Alexandria. Called the Rosetta Stone, the artifact held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.

• On July 18, 1925, Volume One of Adolf Hitler's philosophical autobiography, "Mein Kampf," is published. It was a blueprint of his agenda for a Third Reich and a clear exposition of the nightmare that will envelope Europe from 1939 to 1945.

• On July 16, 1935, the world's first parking meter, known as Park-O-Meter No. 1, is installed on the southeast corner of what was then First Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City, Okla. Parking cost a nickel an hour. By the early 1940s, there were more than 140,000 parking meters operating in the United States.

• On July 17, 1955, Disneyland -- Walt Disney's metropolis of nostalgia, fantasy and futurism -- opens. The $17 million theme park was built on 160 acres of former orange groves in Anaheim, Calif. Today, Disneyland hosts more than 14 million visitors a year, who spend close to $3 billion.

• On July 20, 1969, at 10:56 p.m. EDT, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

• On July 21, 1973, "Soul Makossa" is the first disco record to make the Top 40. It is now best remembered as the source of the rhythmic chant that appears in Michael Jackson's "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" in 1982.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was beloved cowboy humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "Nobody wants to be called common people, especially common people."

• Do you think you could eat 80 pounds of chicken? If you're like the average American, that's how much you will consume this year.

• You've probably heard or even used the term "fly off the handle" to describe someone losing their temper. You probably don't realize, though, that the handle referred to was originally an axe handle. Sometimes the blade of such a tool would be improperly fastened to the handle, and would therefore be sent flying when the axe was being used.

• The composer who wrote the famous song "Que Sera, Sera" also wrote the theme song to the 1960s TV show "Mr. Ed."

• Those who study such things say that England's Elizabeth I owned 3,000 dresses.

• If you make a trip to Venice to see the famous canals, keep an eye out for any gondola not painted black. If you see one, you can be sure that it belongs to a high official in the government; they are the only ones permitted by law to have gondolas in any other color.

• The world's single largest consumer of fossil fuels is the United States military.

• You might be surprised to learn that, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, half of all American children suffer at least one dog bite before the age of 12. The ASPCA also says that most of those bites aren't from strange animals; rather, it's the family pet or a friend or neighbor's dog that does the biting.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Where we have strong emotions, we're liable to fool ourselves." -- Carl Sagan

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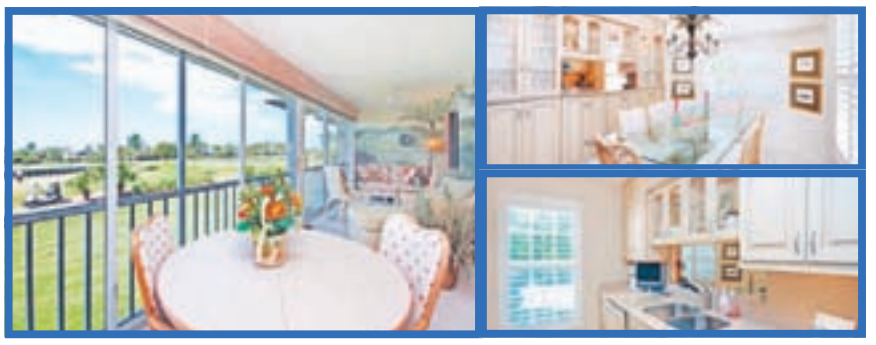

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America's Darling Making Progress

Production continues on Marvo Entertainment Group's latest national television project, *America's Darling*, the true story of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling (1876-1962), a small town cartoonist who changed America by influencing her presidents, shaping her landscapes and winning the hearts of her people.

Last week, Marvo introduced their newest partner organization, Friends of Des Moines Parks, who have been working to help develop the project in Iowa.

"The Friends of Des Moines Parks Foundation is pleased to be a supporter of the upcoming documentary, *America's Darling*. This film will celebrate the life and legacy of twice Pulitzer Prize winner Jay Norwood 'Ding' Darling," said Friends of Des Moines Parks president Jane Hein. "He lived in Des Moines most of his life where he donated land for Prospect Park. The Friends is proud to carry on his tradition of support for parks in Des Moines."

The Marvo team recently traveled to Iowa to film interviews and footage, connect with friends of the project and continue to conduct research. Interviewees included Des Moines artist Maynard Reece, Florida artist Christopher Still, playwright and songwriter Dan Hunter, editorial cartoonist Brian Duffy, "Ding" Darling Award Recipient Paul Skrade and former leader of the Iowa Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit at Iowa State University, Dr. Erwin Klaas.

Darling's grandson, Christopher "Kip" Koss, was delighted with the preview of the Maynard Reece interview.

"I found the interview with Maynard Reese magical," said Koss. "Maynard captures so well my memories of my grandfather, 'Ding' Darling. Maynard says Darling was 'gruff' in appearance and voice. I fondly remember those characteristics as 'crusty.' Maynard's recollection of being told if he would 'sketch five drawings a day for five years and you will become an accomplished artist' fits right in with Darling's work ethic. He firmly believed that a person could achieve whatever he or she wished in life, 'so long as they worked hard and kept at it.' I might add that Darling was not talking about eight-hour days and five-day weeks. He thought a forty-hour week was downright irresponsible and seriously wondered how anything worthwhile could be accomplished with such little effort."

Marvo also welcomed three new Iowa partners in underwriting, the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, the City of Des Moines, and Humanities Iowa. Funding for the documentary is now completed as preparations are made to finalize production and move toward the project's edit phase.

Community Foundation board chair Allison Fleming discussed the importance of preserving Darling's legacy.

"The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines is honored to be a part of preserving the history and legacy of 'Ding' Darling who spent his childhood living in Iowa," said Fleming. "He was an early leader in the areas of wildlife restoration, conservation and environmental issues. We are proud to support this documentary that will inspire future generations to continue 'Ding' Darling's passion for the conservation of our nation's natural resources."

Humanities Iowa executive director Chris Rossi feels it is important to create awareness of Darling's life and achievements.

"The Humanities Iowa Board is very excited to support America's Darling, the story of J. N. 'Ding' Darling," Rossi said. "Darling was not only a great Iowan, but a great American. We share the enthusiasm that is moving across the country as production continues and look forward to the fall release and premieres of the documentary."

In addition, Marvo announced the date for the Des Moines premiere of *America's Darling*. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 23 and is being sponsored by the Iowa History Center at Simpson College.

Other premieres around the country are being planned and will be announced in future press releases as well as an upcoming event page on the Marvo website.

Marvo executive producer Samuel Koltinsky was thrilled with the team's time in Iowa.

"Informative, inspirational and iconic – this is what we found in Iowa," he said. "In a spirit of enthusiasm and support which I believe matches Ding's drive and candor, we captured some of our most outstanding material for our project. And why wouldn't we? We were once again on Darling's turf and with some of those who knew him as a friend and mentor. *America's Darling* has truly led me on a path with Darling's footprints which is allowing me to know some of the best that this planet has to offer. Does this not speak volumes on his work and the "new Darlings" that continue his work today?"

For more information, visit www.marvoentertainmentgroup.com. Marvo has also added a Facebook page, found by searching "America's Darling: The Story of Jay N. 'Ding' Darling."

Captiva Library July Programs

On Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m., teens will enjoy an Art Studio with Divitto Kelly at the Captiva Memorial Library. Participants will make a firefly using styrofoam, tissue paper and glow in the dark paint. When completed, their fireflies will glow in the night.

Kids and families are invited to the library on Thursday, July 19 at 3 p.m., when a representative of the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will present Creatures of the Night. While you were sleeping, you missed a lot. When the sun goes down, many animals are just starting their day. Become a night watcher and see how our five senses compare to those of nocturnal animals. Learn about Florida owls and dissect an owl pellet.

For those who are signed up for summer reading and your assigned lucky number comes up on the library display, you win a special prize.

For a complete schedule of events or more information about summer reading, family fun and teen programs at the Captiva Memorial Library, go to the Lee County Library System's website at http://library.lee-county.com, visit the Captiva Memorial Library or call 533-4890.

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selected by Don Brown

One Last Dance Of Gratitude

by Sidney B. Simon, in memory of Anne Sirota, Allderdice High, 1944. (Died in 2008)

I am at the age, when the next email
brings in the grim reaper's news of
the most recent death of someone I once knew.

My Pittsburgh high school class, slowly, relentlessly,
decimates, one by one, regardless of their grade-point average,
class rank and Ivy League conquests.

The most recent, the lovely girl who taught me to dance.
She taught me to dance. She taught me to dance.
Awkward step by 7th grade step, we waltzed around her basement.

Anne Sirota was born to teach. Never criticizing, boundlessly affirming.
And I clumsily two stepped with her, counting out loud, one, two, drowned out by the noisy new-fangled Iron Man stoker,
banging and clanging it's coal into the furnace, almost deafening our Glenn Miller 78's.

She taught me to dance. She taught me to dance. To a 7th grader,
it was better than teaching me to fish or algebra. Anne taught me –
How to hold a girl-woman, sometimes close, tight, and how to twirl and oh to dip.

And, by God, I learned it. Dipped through high school and then took it with me,
into the Navy, on luxurious dancing weekend leaves from Great Lakes Navy Base,
I danced her dances with all those Polish girls in Milwaukee, late Saturday nights.
And slept where I slept.

Now, there is one deep burning regret.
I wish I had found my dance teacher, my Anne Sirota, once before she died,
so I could dance just the last dance of the night, a dance of gratitude
in her silken arms.

Sidney B. Simon is Professor Emeritus, University of Massachusetts. His books on Values Clarification made him internationally famous, and took him to The Oprah Winfrey Show *and got him on* Phil Donahue. *This poem is from Sid's book,* Living And Loving In That Condo, *published in 2011. It's all about people in some mythical Florida condo, growing old, and sometimes with all their values clarified. On the island, Sid is active in the Island Writers Group. He has been a member of Art Poems from the beginning. Simon was honored as Literary Artist Of The Year, 2011 at the Alliance for the Arts.*✡

Volunteers Needed At GOP Office

The 2012 Lee County Republican Victory Office is now open and seeking volunteers.

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Heights Foundation Community And Cultural Arts Center Enters Final Phase

Children from The Heights Foundation summer program with Heights Foundation VIPs

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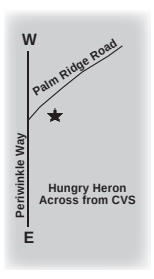

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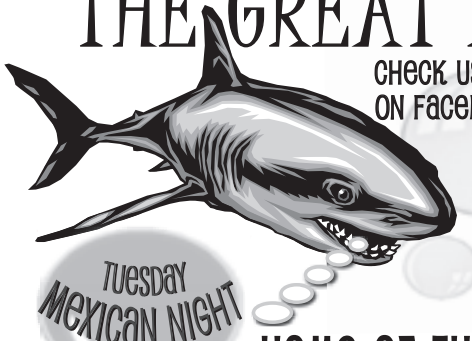
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The cast of *Grease* at Broadway Palm performs *Greased Lightning*

Big '50s Fun At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

In telling the story of a high school romance between Greaser Danny Zuko (Jamey Isenor) and wholesome summer fling girlfriend Sandy Dumbrowski (Adrienne Griffiths), the musical *Grease* captures the rock 'n' roll spirit of the 1950s. The score includes such memorable songs as *Summer Nights, Greased Lightning, Look At Me, I'm Sandra Dee* and *Beauty School Dropout*.

For most *Grease* fans, Danny Zuko will forever be tied with John Travolta's portrayal, and everyone who has played Danny since must endure the inevitable comparisons. Isenor captures the too-cool-for-school attitude of the character without trying to mimic Travolta's mannerisms. He is extremely likable as an overgrown kid not entirely sure of himself.

Griffiths also has great stage presence, especially when she learns a thing or two about being a tough chick from the Pink Ladies. Laura Wright is Rizzo and plays her to perfection with a brash edginess and a touch of sentimentality. Robert Conte nails the role of Kenickie.

There is a multitude of talent on stage. The entire cast shows boundless energy and skill in each of their respective numbers.

The *Greased Lightning* number was brimming with youthful testosterone.

The pre-show warm up by Kacie Phillips and RJ Magee was a definite highlight and set the mood for a trip back in time. I also loved John Ramsey's rendition of *Beauty School Dropout*. There's a lot to love in this show. I heard some say they thought it was the best they've seen at Broadway Palm. But we hear that often.

Playing through August 18, *Grease* is a real audience pleaser with its nostalgia and catchy tunes taking you back to the days of saddle shoes and poodle skirts. I remember them well. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.☆

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Around The Islands With Anne

Salon's New Pedicure Chairs Offer Luxury; Barbecue Restaurant Is Remodeled

by Anne Mitchell

At **Sanibel Beauty Salon**, take a seat in one of the new "power chairs" for a luxurious pedicure experience.

Salon owners MaryAnne and Deana Banta recently purchased two state-of-the art reclining massage chairs that come with not one but two drink holders, pop-up supports to keep your legs elevated during the pedicure and a seven-color light show that makes the water glow.

With the push of a button, the pedicurist fills the bowl to the proper level and temperature.

"It's probably overkill," said MaryAnne Banta, laughing, "but it's a lot of fun. We have always been known for our spectacular pedicures. We like to take 45 minutes to an hour because we like to pamper you."

The massage system utilizes three separate motors to provide hand-like massages from neck to lower back. Clients can select from several massaging styles including kneading, compression and rolling. These chairs could be described as "the Cadillac of salon seating."

The salon carries the newest collections of OPI nail polishes.

Another new treatment that's available is the Brazilian Blowout, a frizz-eliminating, hair smoothing process that takes 60 minutes for those with slightly wavy hair and 90 minutes for people with extremely curly and frizzy hair.

Banta said unlike keratin smoothing treatments, Brazilian Blowout doesn't use chemicals but rather relies on a super nutrient complex – including acai – to seal the cuticle, strengthen the hair and add shine. There is no down time. The minute you leave the salon, you can swim, work out and wash and dry your hair. The results last up to 12 weeks with the use of aftercare products.

Sanibel Beauty Salon is at 2330 Palm Ridge Road, phone 472-1111.

Holy Smoke Heavenly Barbecue on Captiva has been remodeled and now features a game arcade with billiards and an indoor/outdoor bar surrounded by flatscreen televisions. Table service is available and the expanded menu includes healthier options and new signature burgers and cocktails.

The restaurant, in Chadwick's Square at the entrance to South Seas Island Resort, retains its laid-back, casual atmosphere. Phone 472-7501.

Sunset Grill is offering an early bird special from 5 to 6 p.m. every day featuring a select bottle of wine with the purchase of two entrees.

The grill specializes in prime steaks and fresh seafood and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is located at 6536 Pine Avenue, Sanibel (near Blind Pass), phone 472-2333.

One of the two new pedicure chairs at Sanibel Beauty Salon

Continuing through July at Palm Ridge Plaza is a poker game in which a $100 prize is up for grabs each week for four weeks.

Anyone who spends at least $5 in five different stores and businesses receives one playing card per purchase. All the hands played are posted weekly on the window of the **Island Book Nook**. There are more than a dozen businesses in the plaza at 2330 Palm Ridge Road.

Turn your hand in at the Island Book Nook by 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Sweet Melissa's Café features Michael David playing light acoustic background music Wednesday through Saturday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sweet Melissa's is at 1625 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-1956.

Traditions on the Beach at the Island Inn has live entertainment most nights. This week's lineup includes: Friday, dancing to Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, Joe McCormick and singer Marvilla Marzan; Sunday, closed; Wednesday, Woody Brubaker on the piano, saxophone and vocals; Thursday, dancing to Joe McCormick with popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille has live entertainment as follows: Friday, July 13, The Troublestarters; Wednesday, July 18, Bill Metts; Thursdays, Karaoke. The restaurant is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

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, accoustic 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.

Michael David plays Wednesday through Saturday at Sweet Melissa's Café

Traders Store & Cafe 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.

The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, features music by Mark Dupuy on Mondays; Rich Lancaster, Wednesdays; Gene Federico, Thursdays and Saturdays; and Buckeye Ken, Fridays.

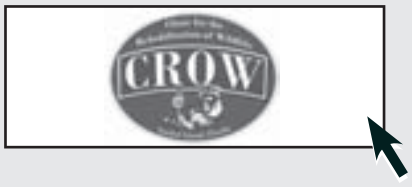
The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn will present 14,000 Views on Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Taylor Stokes will play Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays. The Crow's Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Dan Confrey; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Buckeye Ken. Phone 472-0606.

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

Keylime Bistro features live music days and nights seven days a week. New to the lineup is Ken Limeri playing jazz sax from 6 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. The bistro is at 11509 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, phone 395-4000.

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



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Star Spangled Girl

radical, liberal magazine. His roommate and partner, Norman Cornell, is played by Jason Boeckman, who has a lot of fun with his role. Norman is a neurotic young man who falls head over heels

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in love with their new neighbor, Sophie Rauschmeyer, played by Bianca De Sanctis. Sophie is a pint-size ball of energy who rejects Norman's affection and ends up falling for Andy. That's when the fireworks begin and the men's friendship is threatened.

The Star-Spangled Girl continues July 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For more information, visit BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, 900 Dunlop Road, call 472-6862, 395-0900 or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.☆

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PGA Tips

Stretches For Golf

by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional

As we age, keeping our bodies physically able to play golf is as important as getting that fancy new driver you see on TV. Golf is a game that can be played for a lifetime if we keep our instrument (our body) finely tuned for a sport that requires flexibility.

Here are some tips for keeping your body flexible:

Hamstring Stretches

Before we do any type of stretches, it is important to warm the body up. A few jumping jacks, running in place or riding a bike for a few minutes will get you ready to stretch.

Our hamstring flexibility is vital to being able to obtain and keep a good golf posture and hit solid shots on the clubface. The more flexible they are, the better you will be able to stay in the shot and not lift up and top the ball.

Stand with your feet about shoulder width apart and gently bend down towards your toes. After a few weeks of stretching, you will be able to touch your toes if you can't already. After that, you will be able to touch the floor and eventually you will be able to put your hands on the floor. Gary Player was able to play competitive golf until well into his 70's by being the most flexible player on the Champions Tour.

Shoulders/Back Stretches

Take a golf club and place it behind your back parallel to the ground with both hands on the club at about waist height, one on the left side of you and one on the right side of you. Slowly twist your shoulders without letting your belly button move until you can get the shoulders to turn to 90 degrees from the starting point in both directions. This will increase your shoulder turn which will increase and maintain distance throughout the years.

Forearm/Finger Tendon Stretches

Stand with your right hand raised to chest level with the palm facing away from you like you are making the "stop" sign. Then, grab the fingers of your right hand with the fingers of your left hand and gently stretch them towards you and hold for 30 seconds. Then, repeat with the left hand. This will allow the tendons in your forearms, fingers and wrists to release the club through the shot.

Secondly, take a golf club in both hands, holding the club up to chest height at the middle of the shaft almost like holding a baton. Half of the club will be on one side of your hands and the other half will be on the other side of your hands. Then, twist the club up and down, which will stretch your forearms which also helps release the club in the shot.

Neck Stretches

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart. Grab the top of your head with either hand and tilt your head in all four directions 30 seconds at a time (right, left, up, down). This will help your posture and help your ability to stay down through the shot.

Please stop by The Dunes Golf Shop and have one of our golf professionals explain the types of stretches you should choose to improve your game and allow you to play golf for life.☆

Hurricane Quiz

The Atlantic is the busiest place on earth for tropical cyclones.

FALSE: It's not even close. The Western Pacific holds the record for most storms in a year (39), the most intense storm (190 mph), the wettest (91 inches of rain) and the deadliest (with fatalities estimated at 100,000). It also has recorded storms in every month of the year, although the peak remains aligned with the Atlantic in August and September.

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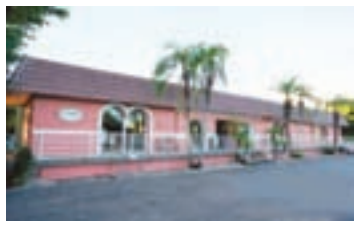
SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the last pitcher to have at least four shutouts and an ERA of more than 4.00 in the same season.
2. True or false: Phillies slugger Mike Schmidt never had a .300 or better batting average for a season.
3. Who was the first player to score a touchdown in both the Rose Bowl and the Super Bowl?
4. In the 2009-10 season, Chauncey Billups became the oldest person (33) in NBA history to average at least 19 points per game. Who had held the mark?
5. During the 2011-12 campaign, Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick set a team mark for most shutouts in a season (10). Who had held the record?
6. From what college is the wrestler who holds the record for most number of weight classes with NCAA championships?
7. Who holds the record for most victories on the PGA European Tour?

ANSWERS

1. Minnesota's Geoff Zahn, in 1980. 2. False -- he hit .316 in 102 games during the strike-shortened 1981 season. 3. Rob Lytle (Michigan in college, 1977; Denver in the NFL, 1978). 4. Atlanta's Kevin Willis was 31 when he did it in the 1993-94 season. 5. Rogie Vachon had eight in the 1976-77 season. 6. Cornell junior Kyle Dake has won titles in three weight classes. 7. Seve Ballesteros, with 50.



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A Disastrous First-Half Season For The Red Sox And Twins

by Ed Frank

When the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins left here following spring training, even the most cynical baseball fans did not envision the miserable first-half season both teams encountered.

Boston was considered a legitimate contender in the always-tough American League Eastern Division, and Minnesota certainly would improve over their disastrous 99-loss season a year ago.

But as the Major Leagues took a four-day break this week for the annual All-Star Game, Boston – tied for last place in the AL East with a 43-43 record – trailed their hated rival, the New York Yankees, by 9 1/2 games after dropping three of four to the Yankees last weekend.

Already, the doubters are questioning whether Bobby Valentine was the right choice as Red Sox manager.

As for the Twins, who recently had a five-game winning streak and are 6-4 in the last 10 games, they entered the All-Star break at 36-49, dead last in the AL Central. They are 11 games back of the first-place Chicago White Sox, and only Seattle has a poorer record in the American League.

The pundits can come up with all kinds of reasons for the poor showing of the two teams, but you need only look at one basic statistic – pitching – for the principal reason.

Boston pitching, with a team ERA of 4.22, is 21st among the 30 Major League teams. And Minnesota pitching is 29th of 30, with a whopping 4.86 ERA.

The collapse of Twins' pitching is bewildering when you consider that up until last year, they normally ranked near the top in both starting and relief pitching. Three of the last four years, they have selected pitchers as No. 1 picks in the draft, so perhaps improvement is on the horizon.

Despite the poor first-half, there are some positives for the Twins from these first 85 games. Joe Mauer has returned to his All-Star status after last year's injury-plagued year. He is fourth in the American League with a .326 batting average and was named to this year's All-Star team.

Outfielder Josh Willingham, who was acquired in the off-season, has proven to be an effective cleanup hitter and Ben Revere, who played for the Fort Myers Miracle in

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Superior Interiors

A Heavenly Haven

by Cindy Malszycki

In today's busy world, everyone needs an escape. That's why your master bedroom should be more than just a place to sleep. Why not create a serene retreat where you can get away from the noise and bustle of your daily activity? Your master bedroom needs a special touch of elegance to make it feel different and special. Whatever your personal style – traditional, English country, contemporary or 18th century – now is the time to really give this room the thought it deserves.

In this decorating project, your first decision is to lock down your color scheme and anchor print. Perhaps a fabric featuring a spring bouquet of flowers in yellows, raspberry, cornflower blue and soft green is your choice. Or maybe a geometric patterned fabric colored with warm tones of taupe, brown, burnt orange and black might be to your liking. Be sure to utilize your anchor print as much as possible – perhaps in your bedding ensemble and even your window treatment. Coordinating prints and solids can then easily be added to your design treatment. These supporting fabrics are best used as accents in your room – dust ruffles, chair upholstery, pillow shams and decorative throw pillows.

Master bedroom window treatment selections and designs can be a bit tricky. Naturally, you'll want to insure that your window design includes a privacy undertreatment – perhaps a pleated or cellular shade. You might even want to utilize products that will actually "black-out" the window light. Over treatments can be beautifully created; let your imagination soar. From balloon shades, to swags and cascades, to a wide variety of custom designed top treatments, your windows will most certainly set the stage for your "dream bedroom."

Cindy Malszycki is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at cindy@decden.net.☆

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The Bus Driver

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

Estate planning lawyers get used to the vocabulary that they use every day. It becomes second nature. We throw around words like "grantor," "trustee" and "beneficiary" assuming that whoever we happen to be talking to knows what we mean.

But many times, folks don't understand the terminology.

I was reminded of this not too long ago during a recent doctor appointment when my doctor reviewed blood work results with me. Doc said something about my cholesterol counts, using medical acronyms such as HDL and LDL. He even threw in the word "statin" for good measure. Mirroring his expression, I nodded my head with a serious a look on my face as if I understood what he was saying.

When I arrived home that evening for dinner, Patti asked me if my checkup went okay.

"Honestly, I don't know!" I replied, shaking my head.

So it occurred to me that when I use legal terms, not everyone will understand.

When I say the word "trust," what does that really mean?

A trust is really nothing more than a contract between the "grantor" – the person who dictates the trust terms – and the "trustee" – the person who has the responsibility to carry out the trust terms.

This "trust" – or "contract" – tells the trustee how he or she is supposed to hold the assets or property that the trust owns, how the assets are to be invested and sold, to whom the trustee should make distributions and when.

In most revocable living trusts, the "grantor" is also the initial "trustee" meaning that the person who dictates the trust also controls its investments and distributions.

When the original grantor gets sick or dies and can no longer serve as trustee, then someone else serves as trustee.

The analogy that I like to use is to imagine a trust as a bus route. A city planner designs a bus route by mapping where it will go and where it stops. He draws lines on a map that route the bus north on Main Street, east on First Avenue for three blocks then south on Lincoln Boulevard.

The city planner is the same as the grantor of the trust. Just as the city planner maps the bus route, the grantor maps the trust's route. The grantor of the trust directs the attorney to write the words that results in what the trust says and does.

The bus driver is the trustee. Like the bus driver, the trustee should not deviate from the planned route. Just as the bus driver is charged with the responsibility of driving the bus safely, the trustee navigates current conditions to ensure that the grantor's intentions are carried out for the benefit of the beneficiaries.

Just as there are different shifts of bus drivers who drive the same route – the morning shift, afternoon shift and night shift – there could be different trustees. The first trustee might be the grantor herself, but when she gets sick, the next trustee steps in.

So who are the beneficiaries? These are the people who receive the bounty from the trust. In my bus analogy, these are the passengers. They benefit from the creation of the bus route and bus driver's work to get to where they wish to go. The bus driver, you will note, is not a beneficiary. He has a job that he has to do.

So, when you create a trust and name your brother Jim as the trustee but your daughter Suzie as the beneficiary, Jim doesn't get the bounty from the trust. He has a job to do. Jim must make sure that the trust assets are held and invested wisely for the benefit of Suzie. Jim is the bus driver who gets the bus to where it is supposed to go.

Sometimes, the trustee is also a beneficiary. Here that person is said to be wearing two "hats." They have the responsibility to carry out the trust functions, but they also benefit from the trust. Where there are multiple beneficiaries and if the trustee is also one of the beneficiaries, then that person has to be careful to carry out his duties for the benefit not just of himself, but for all beneficiaries.

This is like the bus driver who makes sure that all of his passengers exit the bus first in the event of an emergency. He doesn't run off the bus first and hope that all his passengers know to escape the danger.

As for my doctor, it turns out that I had nothing to worry about. Patti was a dietitian in a former life before we had children. She spoke to my doctor and was able to translate the terminology for me into language I understand.

But she did warn me to lay off the junk food. Rats!

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School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Readers,

Occasionally, I share important press releases with you about children and their unique needs. Next week is National Parenting Gifted Children Week, and I wanted to provide some information about gifted children from an organization that I hold in high regard. This press release has excellent resources about the gifted population and ideas on educating and parenting your gifted children.

The fifth annual National Parenting Gifted Children Week is July 15 to 21, according to the national nonprofit organization SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted), official sponsor of the week. National Parenting Gifted Children Week was established with the National Special Events Registry in 2007 to celebrate the joys and challenges of raising, guiding and supporting bright young minds.

This year, SENG begins its celebration with its SENG 2012 Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Shining Light on Giftedness: Empowering Families and Communities will be held on July 13 and 14. The conference features keynote

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School Smart

speakers and authors Michael Piechowski, Rosina Gallagher and Joy Lawson Davis, as well as nearly 50 different sessions designed for grandparents, parents, educators and mental health professionals; continuing education credit options for psychologists, health professionals and educators; and programs for children and teens. Register online at www.sengifted.org/programs/conferences/milwaukee-2012-conference/registration.

To learn more about the SENG conference, visit www.sengifted.org and read a recent interview with SENG Founder James T. Webb, "Organization Rallies for Gifted Children" (www.examiner.com/article/organization-supports-gifted-children).

In 1981, SENG was formed to bring attention to the unique emotional needs of gifted children. Its mission is to empower families and communities to guide gifted and talented individuals to reach their goals: intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. SENG is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization led by a highly dedicated volunteer board of directors to provide free and low-cost programs to address the social and emotional needs of gifted children and the families, educators and health professionals who serve them. SENG envisions a world where gifted, talented and creative individuals are supported to build gratifying, meaningful lives and contribute to the well-being of others, and, to this end, reaches out to diverse communities that share our mission across the nation and the globe.

What can you do to support NPGC Week?

• Register for the SENG 2012 Conference: Shining Light on Giftedness.

• Download SENG's FREE ebook, The Joy and the Challenge: Parenting Gifted Children, published to celebrate NPGC Week 2011, available for Kindle, Nook and from Smashwords.

• Sign up for SENG's free newsletter to be among the first to receive information about our new 2012 NPGC Week eBook.

• Encourage organizations, schools and businesses in your area that provide resources for families of gifted children to publicize information.

• Join SENG on Facebook and Twitter, and post information on your own social media pages.

• Watch and share SENG's YouTube video The Misdiagnosis of Gifted Children and the MSN video report "Is My Child Gifted?"

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Children's Center Summer Camp Is Fun For The Little Ones

Circus Day

The Children's Education Center of the Islands Summer Camp is open to all kids up to five years old. The camp continues its summer with a week of All Those Animals. The children put on an animal puppet show, brought in photos of their pets and learned about jungle animals.

The week themed Under the Big Top was a huge success with Robbie the Ringmaster and his Magic Show. The children dressed up as members of the circus, complete with a strongman and acrobats. For the week of July 4, the kids participated in Field Day Olympics and were in the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Independence Day parade.

Every Thursday and Friday, it's water day at the school, where the kids play with misters, buckets and lots and lots of water. Each week is a new experience with lots of imagination and creativity for all the little ones to enjoy.

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Disastrous First-Half Season

the 2009, can hit.

Clearly, injuries have decimated the Red Sox. At one time or another in the first three months of the season, they were without three starting pitchers, their closer, left fielder, center fielder, second baseman and two relievers.

Then just last week, Dustin Pedroia, the Red Sox most valuable player, went on the DL with an injured thumb.

Jacoby Ellsbury, the runner-up form the American League Most Valuable Player Award last year, has missed almost three months with a shoulder injury.

And the Red Sox injury list goes on and on.

The Red Sox Nation, however, should not lose hope. Phil Rogers, the respected baseball writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, selected Boston as the team likely to have a hot second-half. Here's what he wrote this week:

"The Red Sox will rebound. Playing for Bobby Valentine is never easy, but that's because he pushes his teams. I'm a believer, and I think Boston fans will see what I mean when July turns to August and the Red Sox start getting healthy. It may take a trade or two – the bullpen is an area of concern – but the Red Sox are going to step it up after a chaotic, disappointing first half."

Let's hope he's right.

Miracle .500 In Second Half

The Class A Fort Myers Miracle baseball team began the week with a 9-9 record in the season's second half, just two games out of first place in the Florida State League's South Division.

The Miracle are home at Hammond Stadium beginning Sunday for four games against the Dunedin Blue Jays. Sunday's first pitch is at 4:05 p.m., the Monday and Tuesday games at 7:05 p.m. and a Wednesday matinee at 12:05 p.m.

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Chamber of Commerce Visitor Staff setting out to tour Shell Point Retirement Community earlier this month

Chamber Of Commerce Staff Tour Shell Point Retirement Community

The Shell Point Retirement Community recently hosted a Chamber Day, where the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce staff toured the property and amenities and were also treated to lunch at their open-to-the-public Palm Grill.

Shell Point Retirement Community is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway. To learn more about Shell Point, visit www.shellpoint.org or call 1-800-780-1131.

ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

June Top Agents

Denise Chambre

Jennifer Berry

Premier Sotheby's International Realty of Sanibel and Captiva announced that Denise Chambre was named their Top Marketing Agent and Jennifer Berry was selected their Top Sales Agent during the month of June.

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Maybe You Don't Really Have Rheumatoid Arthritis

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I've tried everything for rheumatoid arthritis and I'm still disabled, worse now than several years ago. I've spent thousands on Enbrel, Humira, Remicade and Cytoxan. Any advice?

SC, Miami, Florida

I'm sorry for your anguish and expense. Because you're "worse now," I question your diagnosis.

With the exception of the immunosuppressive chemo drug Cytoxan, the other three medications you tried are self-injected DMARDs, for "disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs." They relieve joint inflammation and damage and usually help people with RA, severe psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis or ankylosing spondylitis. All the meds work by suppressing your immune system which explains their side effect of increased frequency of infections.

Now, if you have an auto-immune disease (and rheumatoid arthritis is thought to be an auto-immune disease), then DMARDs are reasonable because they calm the hyperactive immune response. This is why most people with true RA respond.

But what about the non-responders to medication, like yourself, the ones who get worse? What if all that swelling, tenderness, pain, deformity and reduced range of motion was not truly RA? For some of you, those RA symptoms may be driven by a Lyme-related organism called Bartonella, and suppressing your immune system is precisely the wrong thing to do because it worsens symptoms. With infections, one needs to rev immune function, not smack it down. Suppressing your immune system allows the bugs to have a wild party in you, which means pain and swelling.

Bartonella is best known to cause "cat scratch fever." Infections cause chronic fatigue, joint pain, rheumatoid-like symptoms as well as anxiety, agitation, seizures, psychosis, bipolar, panic and other mental/cognitive problems. Bartonella is considered a Lyme co-infection organism and is transmitted by ticks, fleas or bites and scratches from cats or dogs. A study published in the May 2012 issue of *Emerging Infectious Diseases* sampled 296 patients. Of those, 62 percent had antibodies to Bartonella and 41 percent had remnants of bacterial DNA from the organism strongly indicating that exposure to Bartonella is associated with RA. The researchers stated, "However, our results thus far do implicate Bartonella as a factor in at least some cases. If the link between Bartonella and rheumatoid illnesses is valid, it may also open up more directed treatment options for patients with rheumatoid illnesses." What they mean by "directed treatment options" is antibiotics that kill this bug. The specific offending Bartonella organisms include B. henselae, B. kohlerae and B. vinsonii subsp. berkhoffii.

Testing for Bartonella or Bartonella-like organisms (BLO) is a huge challenge. If you do test, I urge you to use Igenex Labs (www.Igenex.com) or Fry Labs (www.frylabs.com) because other labs commonly produce false negatives, thus prolonging your suffering. Physicians should diagnose you based upon symptoms, your failure to respond to standard RA treatment, Igenex or Fry lab results, and elevated blood levels of "VEGF" (Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor) which Bartonella microbes produce. Antimicrobials (herbal or prescribed) help eradicate the organism.

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.

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy

Q: My boyfriend of seven months broke it off with me about a month ago, and I am still reeling over this. I am so angry because he completely lied to me about why he called it off. I found out later.

My friends tell me I need to get over him and I want to, but I think about him all the time. How can I get over him?

A: It's totally understandable why you are angry as his lies left you feeling betrayed and vulnerable. While your friends don't like to see you hurting, has anyone mentioned to you that forgiveness can be quite powerful? It's especially hard to forgive when angry.

Anger is a stage of the grief process, and you are grieving the loss of this opportunity to have developed this relationship with someone you obviously cared for. Forgiveness is a component of the human spirit that acts as a bridge to connect the mind and body. If unresolved anger is a toxin to the human spirit, then forgiveness is an antidote.

If you choose to hold on to the anger, know that it is only hurting you. Try sitting down and writing a letter to this guy. The letter is for you, so you can tear it, burn it, bury it or tuck it away somewhere.

You can start out with all you are angry about and how much you dislike his behavior and what he did. Then write about all the good things you got from the relationship, including the lesson you learned. While it may take time to let go of your resentment and animosity, it will be in your best interest to transcend your anger into forgiveness so you can be clear and move on. Otherwise, you will hold on and not be able to move forward.

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Dr. Dave

Bladder Matters

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

"Hey, you're in town?"

"Well, the Beerfest Olympics are on and…"

"No, *You're In Town* is the name of a play, a comedy. Lets go."

And so I sashayed down to the fee-ate-her to watch... WHAT!?!

Urinetown, a dripping saga about… well… actually. it'd spoil the show if I let it leak out.

Urologists live in the real life of Urinetown. Heck, they live in Urineworld (not unlike Kevin Costners' *Waterworld*, but with more scopes and nurses, less shooting).

Poor urologists get to address not only urological problems but also must endure questions about strokes and headaches after having been introduced at the golf club social as "a neurologist." As Dr. Pete "The Plumber" Pommerville, "an urologist" extraordinaire, sums it up, "Just call us a peeologist and be done with it but quit calling me at 3 a.m. about Mrs. Hornwiggle's nervous twitch." I sat down with Dr. Pommerville to discuss the world of snakes and bladders.

Me: "So, big Peter, you and I hail from the same hometown of Carleton Place, Ontario. How come our paths deviated so widely... I'm a GP while you ended up in urology?"

PP: "Well, I'm smarter than you. Now let's talk about incontinence. OAB (Over Active Bladder) is a bladder matter easily identified by the OAB victim carrying a GPS with all bathrooms accurately marked within three square miles of wherever they'll be. This dastardly drip can often be plugged quite effectively with one pill a day. But for those who don't want to pop pills there is a new technique I'm using injecting Botox into the bladder wall."

Me: "To relax the bladder tension?"

PP: "No, for cosmetic purposes, you pecker head (classic urologist's insult). Of course, its to relax and soothe the spasticity of the bladder and makes life flow with ease. I do a lot of these primarily because left over Botox I get to use on my crow's feet. A different but often simultaneous problem is "stress incontinence" which refers to the stress the woman has each time she laughs or coughs and ends up knocking out someone's eye. Urine leakage can get so bad that Depends are at the top of the grocery list. If Kegels exercises (which entails screaming "KEEEEGLE" every time you tighten your pelvic floor) don't work, then this condition is corrected by means of a simple bladder suspension.

"The suspense is killing me. I hope it'll last." – Willy Wonka

ME: "What about bladder infections?"

PP: "When we as urologists say 'OK girls, front-to-back' we aren't talking about car seats. Girls and bladder infections are like tax season or dentists. Unpleasant events that come around all too often.

Men have a built-in urethral defense mechanism known as length, put there deliberately by that great urologist in the sky because he knew men wouldn't go to a doctor with a bladder infection until their kidneys were floating somewhere up by their Adam's Apple.

But women have short urethras, which bacteria delight in zipping up wherein they find a huge inviting pool of urine and dive right in. They have a party, invite friends, make new friends (literally make them) and the poor host – irritated by all this partying – feels a sense of urgency, frequency of urination, discomfort and sometimes even blood in the urine.

As gals age, they make less estrogen, a hormone that normally stands guard over the urethra like a reform school nun. It turns bacteria away when they come knocking on the urethral door. I often give an estrogen cream to postmenopausal women with recurrent bladder infections. Makes 'em feel like an Olympic athlete... at least at the Beerfest.

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane)*, available at Sanibel Island Books & Gifts. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.*✲

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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,

My daughter must have been born bossy, and her personality has never changed. She demanded and forced me into an assisted living community, which I cannot afford. I needed a little help, but not this lack of independence. In order for my insurance to pay, I have to just give up and let others do all of my care – care that I could do myself.

What can I do to get out of this mess?

Miriam

Dear Miriam,

You are a competent adult. As such, you can make your own choices regarding where you want to live.

My experience has been that well meaning adult children err on the part of safety for their parents without understanding the serious consequences on independence and happiness for their parents. I believe that there is a place for assisted living, however, it must be the right time, and sometimes that time never comes for many older people.

Discuss with your physician his or her perspective of your health status and ability to be independent in the home. Then, pick up the phone and start locating needed services for your home. The trend is for older adults to live in their own homes. There are many companies in the business of providing in-home services.

Pryce

Dear Miriam,

I was always under the impression that living communities checked out the person's ability to pay, first and foremost.

I would call my attorney and tell him your problem. Does your daughter have power of attorney? If not, you can make your own decisions and find out your options. Are there other family members who could help you? Maybe this daughter could get advice from them.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✲

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Art Show At Library

Florida soon learn they must modify their paint palette and change to "Florida colors" because the light and hue here often appear more vibrant than in northern states.

Outdoor paint-outs are always a favorite among the participating artists, members and guests alike. Other meeting places include Bowman's Beach, Blind Pass, the Sanibel Lighthouse and JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Tourists enjoy observing the artists create extraordinary interpretations of local scenes. Seasonally each Thursday morning, the artists meet at a different island location to paint and then gather for lunch and a critique. The variety of individual styles fascinates everyone at these encouraging critiques. Many of the scenic paintings are shown in local galleries throughout the year and are favored by viewers who wish to purchase a "little of the islands to take back north."

The Sanibel Public Library welcomes residents and visitors to check out their facilities and see what they offer including computers and internet access. For more information, call 472-2483 or log on to www.sanlib.org. For Art League information, write to P.O. Box 1192, Sanibel, FL 33957 or log on to www.sancapart.com.

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Stump
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Amble
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Pierce
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Dream
PHOE

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 51

SUDOKU

	8	9	6					5
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To play Sudoku: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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As Mother Nature was sprinkling the island with rain on Friday afternoon, scramble golfers gathered in the clubhouse to plan their strategy. And as the 5:30 starting time approached, the rain stopped, the skies cleared and golfers were treated to another beautiful Sanibel evening. The top team this week, winning by one stroke, was John Vaughn, Mike McDaniel, Chip Wolfe and Eric Carlson.

The Timbers/Sanibel Grill closest to the pin contest was won by first-time scramble player Mark McCloskey.

Beachview Golf Course hosts the Friday Scramble each week. Cost is $30 per player and includes golf, dinner and prizes.☆

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Mark McCloskey

The top team this week was John Vaughn, Mike McDaniel, Chip Wolfe and Eric Carlson

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
The Sanctuary	Sanibel	2001	4,845	2,298,500	2,030,000	177
Cases	Fort Myers Beach	2006	2,961	1,595,000	1,400,000	28
Cases	Fort Myers Beach	2007	2,961	1,495,000	1,300,000	27
The Sanctuary	Sanibel	1993	4,428	1,199,000	1,199,000	56
West Bay Club	Estero	2000	3,716	1,249,900	1,150,000	150
Gulf Harbour Yacht & CC	Fort Myers	1997	3,744	799,000	750,000	360
Indian Bayou	Fort Myers Beach	2004	3,763	674,900	630,000	0
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1993	2,293	624,900	598,000	24
Gulf Harbour Yacht & CC	Fort Myers	1996	2,536	569,000	565,000	161
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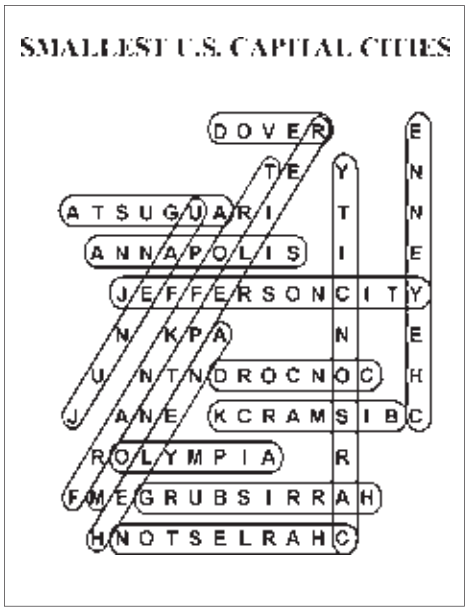

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by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.
- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back are forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.
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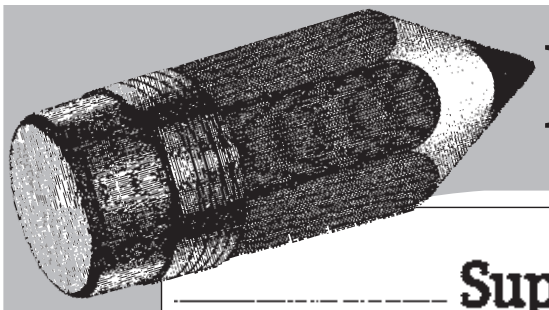
Sanibel Police	**472-3111**
Lee County Sheriff's Office	**477-1200**
On Call Captiva Deputy	**477-1000**
Fire Department	
Sanibel	**472-5525**
Captiva	**472-9494**
Florida Marine Patrol	**332-6966**
Florida Highway Patrol	**278-7100**
Poison Control	**1-800-282-3171**
Chamber of Commerce	**472-1080**
City of Sanibel	**472-4135**
Administrative Office	**472-3700**
Building Department	**472-4555**
Community Housing and Resources	**472-1189**
Planning Department	**472-4136**
Library	
Sanibel	**472-2483**
Captiva	**472-2133**
Post Office	
Sanibel	**472-1573**
Sanibel (toll free)	**800-275-8777**
Captiva	**472-1674**
Sanibel Community Association	**472-2155**
Senior Center	**472-5743**
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	**332-4488**
Art League Of Fort Myers	**275-3970**
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	**395-0900**
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	**278-4422**
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	**472-0168**
Gulf Coast Symphony	**472-6197**
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	**939-2787**
Naples Philharmonic	**597-1111**
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater	**472-6862**
Sanibel Music Festival	**336-7999**
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	**472-4258**
S.W. Florida Symphony	**418-0996**
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	**472-2929**
American Legion Post 123	**472-9979**
Angel Flight SE	**1-877-4AN-ANGEL**
Audubon Society	**472-3156**
Sanibel Bike Club	**sanibelbicycleclub.org**
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	**274-5900**
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	**472-3644**
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here)	**472-0404**
Sanibel Island Fishing Club	**472-8994**
Horticultural Society of the Islands	**472-6940**
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	**472-8334**
Kiwanis Club	**472-2121**
League of Women Voters	**472-6689**
Lions Club (Tom Rothman)	**395-3248**
Master Gardeners of the Islands	**472-6940**
Newcomers	**472-9332**
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida	**768-0417**
Optimist Club	**472-0836**
PAWS	**472-4823**
Rotary Club	**472-7257 or 472-0141**
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	**470-2866**
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	**472-6940**
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	**472-3828**
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	**395-1770**
Sanibel Youth Soccer	**395-2040**
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Assc. of America (MOAA, Alex MacKenzie)	**395-9232**
United Way of Lee County	**433-2000**
United Way 211 Helpline	**(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900**
Zonta Club	**671-6381**
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	**395-2233**
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	**472-1100**
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	**472-4648**
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	**472-2329**



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Super Crossword

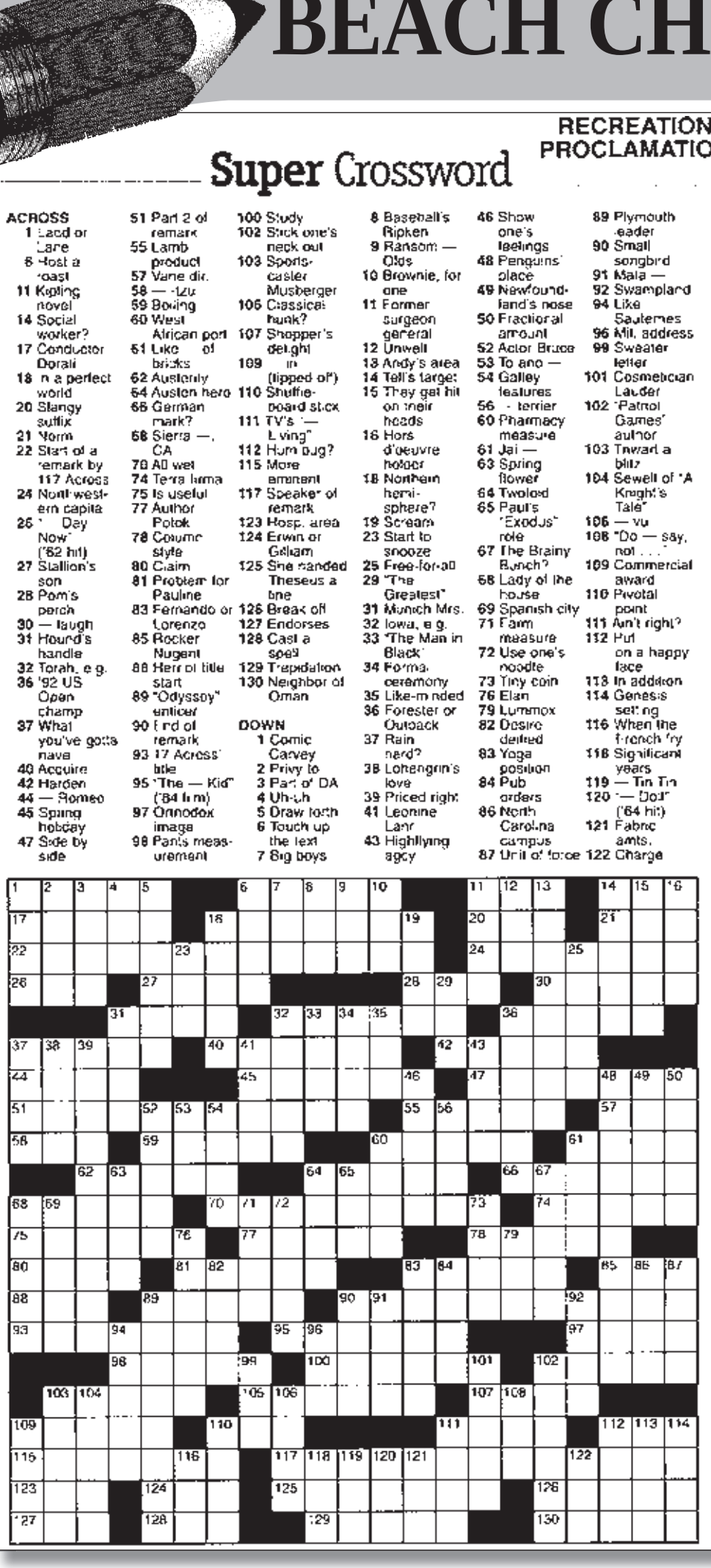
RECREATION PROCLAMATION

ACROSS

1 Lead or Lare
6 Host a roast
11 Kipling novel
14 Social worker?
17 Conductor Dorati
18 In a perfect world
20 Slangy suffix
21 Norm
22 Start of a remark by 117 Across
24 Northwestern capital
26 " Day Now" ('62 hit)
27 Stallion's son
28 Pom's perch
30 — laugh
31 Hound's handle
32 Torah, e.g.
36 '92 US Open champ
37 What you've gotta have
40 Acquire
42 Harden
44 — Romeo
45 Spring hobday
47 Side by side
51 Part 2 of remark
55 Lamb product
57 Vane dir.
58 — -tzu
59 Boxing
60 West African port
61 Like of bricks
62 Austerity
64 Austen hero
66 German mark?
68 Sierra —, CA
70 All wet
74 Terra lirma
75 Is useful
77 Author Potok
78 Cosume style
80 Claim
81 Problem for Pauline
83 Fernando or Lorenzo
85 Rocker Nugent
88 Herr of title start
89 "Odyssey" enticer
90 End of remark
93 17 Across' title
95 "The — Kid" ('84 film)
97 Orthodox image
98 Pants measurement
100 Study
102 Stick one's neck out
103 Sportscaster Musberger
105 Classical hunk?
107 Shopper's delight
109 in (tipped off)
110 Shuffleboard stick
111 TV's "— Living"
112 Hum bug?
115 More ambient
117 Speaker of remark
123 Hosp. area
124 Erwin or Gilliam
125 She handed Theseus a bne
126 Break off
127 Endorses
128 Cast a spell
129 Trepidation
130 Neighbor of Oman

DOWN

1 Comic Carvey
2 Privy to
3 Part of DA
4 Uh-uh
5 Draw forth
6 Touch up the text
7 Big boys
8 Baseball's Ripken
9 Ransom — Olds
10 Brownie, for one
11 Former surgeon general
12 Unwell
13 Andy's area
14 Tell's target
15 They get hit on their heads
16 Hors d'oeuvre holder
18 Northern hemisphere?
19 Scream
23 Start to snooze
25 Free-for-all
29 "The Greatest" Munich Mrs.
31 Munich Mrs.
32 Iowa, e.g.
33 "The Man in Black"
34 Formal ceremony
35 Like-minded
36 Forester or Outback
37 Rain nerd?
38 Lohengrin's love
39 Priced right
41 Leonine Lahr
43 Highflying agcy
46 Show one's feelings
48 Penguins' place
49 Newfoundland's nose
50 Fractional amount
52 Actor Bruce
53 To and —
54 Galley features
56 - terrier
60 Pharmacy measure
61 Jai —
63 Spring flower
64 Twoiced
65 Paul's "Exodus" role
67 The Brainy Bunch?
68 Lady of the house
69 Spanish city
71 Farm measure
72 Use one's noodle
73 Tiny coin
76 Elan
79 Lummox
82 Desire deified
83 Yoga position
84 Pub orders
86 North Carolina campus
87 Unit of force
89 Plymouth leader
90 Small songbird
91 Mala —
92 Swampland
94 Like Sauternes
96 Mil. address
99 Sweater letter
101 Cosmetician Lauder
102 "Patrol Games" author
103 Inward a blitz
104 Sewell of "A Knight's Tale"
106 — vu
108 "Do — say, not . . ."
109 Commercial award
110 Pivotal point
111 Ain't right?
112 Put on a happy face
113 In addition
114 Genesis setting
116 When the french fry
118 Significant years
119 — Tin Tin
120 "— Doll" ('64 hit)
121 Fabric amts.
122 Charge



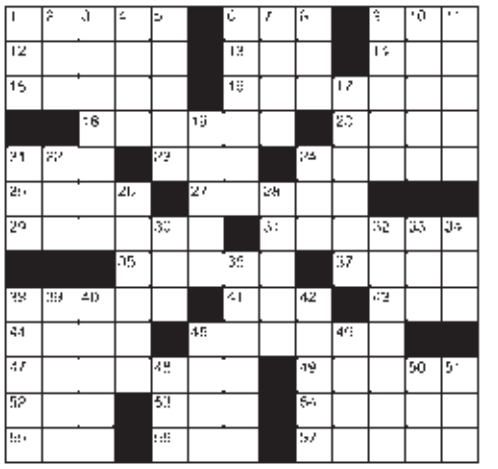
King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Superheroes' garments
6 "Wham!"
9 Noun following a prep.
12 Tequila source
13 pro nobis
14 Macabre author
15 Riddle
16 Wine experts
18 Family-related, in a way
20 Raw rocks
21 That girl
23 Corpulent
24 Don't blink
25 Wine, partially
27 Winter warmer
29 "Raging Bull" star
31 Claim
35 Comes to earth
37 Take to the seas
38 Bread
41 Symbol of intrigue
43 Crafty
44 " — for All Seasons"
45 Most contemptible
47 Skill
49 Winning
52 "Eureka!"
53 Scooted
54 Trunk
55 Mineo of movies
56 Get on
57 Feel

DOWN

1 Upper limit
2 Back
3 Part of a horse's leg
4 Always
5 Letter line
6 Spud
7 Exam: formal
8 Existed
9 "Tosca," for one
10 Hole making bug
11 Ventura or Eisenberg
17 Comes to
19 Breakfast strips
21 Turf
22 Color
24 Scale member
26 Mum
28 Docket entries
30 Shaft of light
32 Oriental
33 Hodges of baseball
34 TV Tarzan player
36 Wrestler turned-actor Johnson
38 Half a 1960s quartet
39 Nebraska city
40 Twangy
42 Triumphs over
45 Boast
46 Loafer, for one
48 Historic time
50 Nincompoop
51 Buck's mate



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N R O L Y M P I A E R R E I P
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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BEACHWALK-LOT D

WE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST!!! This is the last building site in the Beachwalk Development, a large corner lot in a great near beach location bordered by a conservation area. Package includes a larger, upgraded 3 bedroom 2 bathroom floor plan with metal roof, concrete board siding and impact windows, granite countertops and raised wood panel cabinets. **Offered for $795,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597.**

MAGNIFICENT GULF FRONT HOME WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS

Absolutely gorgeous Gulf Front home with expansive views. Enjoy magnificent sunsets from the vanishing edge raised pool, surrounded by lush tropical vegetation. Only the finest amenities used in this home with gourmet kitchen, wine room, Travertine flooring, granite, extensive molding work, oak flooring, private elevator, detailed beamed ceilings, fireplace, paver stones, outdoor kitchen with additional fireplace, pass thru pantry and many more extras. This home is truly exceptional and must be seen. **Offered for $5,995,000. Contact Ralph Galietti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galietti 239/826 -5807.**

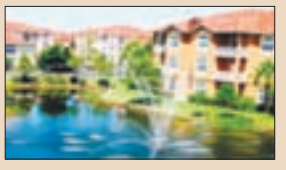
BEACHWALK OF SANIBEL

Preconstruction opportunity in Beachwalk Lot A, an exciting new subdivision on east end just steps from the beach access. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath floor plan with metal roof, concrete board siding and impact windows, granite countertops, raised wood panel cabinets on the near beach lot. Act soon and pick your own interior and exterior appointments! **Priced right at $679,900. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597**

LOGGERHEAD CAY #521

Look no further for the perfect vacation home or investment property! This ground level condo is located in the popular Loggerhead Cay complex and is only ONE UNIT back from the beach! Enjoy amazing sunsets and breathtaking views of the ocean. This 2/2 is tiled throughout and features updated bathrooms. Easy access to the pool and beach through the screened in lanai helps keep the sand and mess to a minimum! **Offered $615,000. Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540**

GARDENS AT BEACHWALK



This turn-key, fully furnished and accessorized waterfront two bedroom condominium is set amidst a community of 320 condominium residences. The split floor plan offers en-suite bathrooms in both bedrooms which exemplifies amply privacy. With the fully equipped kitchen, dining and living it makes condominium ownership simple and hassle free! Take pleasure in the view off the open porch overlooking the water display in the lake and sandy lake front beach just below the pool vicinity. The Gardens at Beachwalk is centrally located Ft Myers gated community which is Mediterranean inspired. Close proximity to hospitals, shopping, library and beaches of Ft Myers Beach and Sanibel. **Offered for$140,000.00 Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**

SLEEK UPSCALE GATED COMMUNITY IN SOUTH FT. MYERS

6801 Stony Run has it all and more. Peaceful serene oversize lake front lot with room to stretch out, relax and enjoy Florida at its best. Tennis, boating, shaded family outings and golf all within easy access. Enjoy your private pool/hot tub while you watch eagles fly overhead. This spacious one floor 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath home is professionally designed to flow from the family room, to the oversize eat in kitchen, formal dining room, office, den, king-size master bedroom and bath all surround by the sheltered screened enclosed pool and entertainment center. All this comfort and privacy, yet minutes from all Ft Myers has to offer. **Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565/8805.**

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME IN GULF RIDGE

Beautifully vegetated lot very close to beach in prestigious Gulf Ridge. Last lot on right before Joewood, with adjacent community pool and tennis. Just steps from deeded beach access. Over one acre of land. **Offered for $495,000 Contact Loretta Geiger 239/980-2298.**

UPPER CAPTIVA

This tropical gem features two lots. The Bay front lot features a brand new boat dock extending into the bay with deep water dockage (6-10') Great for the boating and fishing. The Gulf front lot offers incredible views of the Gulf on pristine white beaches. The exterior of the home is complete, the interior is not. A perfect opportunity to finish the home to your own tastes and specifications. Only 1/2 mile from South Seas plantation. The perfect retreat for anglers and beach enthusiasts. **Offered for $895,000 Contact Tracy "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms. Listr" 239/841-4540.**

LOGGERHEAD CAY #462

Updated, furnished condo with beautiful courtyard views with an East end location. On-site management with amenities including a community pool, tennis courts and shuffleboard. Easy access to the Sanibel Causeway. **Offered for $499,000. Contact Sharon Wise 239-849-9121.**

SOUTH SEAS BAYSIDE VILLAS

#5136

Renovated and updated, this 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo capitalizes on waterfront views across lush green foliage with eastern exposure. The great room combines the living, dining and kitchen maximizing for a feeling of spaciousness and great light. The kitchen includes granite countertops and white cabinetry. The master suite is updated with West Indies flair. This bay front condominium located in South Seas Island Resort. With the investors or vacation home in mind, this condominium offers a strong monthly income. The water's edge Bayside Villa community has under building parking, pool, spa, bbq's along with separate storage lockers. Welcome to the Islands! **Offered for $280,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**

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SHORT SALE

Spacious villa located at the south end of South Seas Island Resort. A short walking distance to the beach, restaurants, shops and markets. Easily accessible to village of Captiva. From the screened balcony, enjoy ocean breezes and the serene stillness of Pine Island Sound. Villa offers full kitchen, private screened balcony, washer, dryer, fully furnished 2 story with master suite on second level. Renovated and refurbished with impeccable detail; spectacular view of Pine Island Sound. South Seas Island Resort… "offers a quiet refuge with secluded luxury, exclusive amenities, and abundant nature. **Offered for $507,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**

#5344

Private, distinguished, and elegant modern Bermuda style 2 story condo. Melodramatic waterfront views across Pine Island Sound leading to the Gulf of Mexico. Picturesque sunrise while listening to the sound, blending with the beauty of nature. Flawlessly appointed features; main floor offering bedroom with en-suite bath, state-of-the-art appointments in kitchen dining and living area perfectly balanced with a gracious second floor master bedroom. Comfortable casual living is found in this three bedroom corner residence. Indigenous plants border the property beyond the large inviting community pool and hot tub. Many additional amenities offered with Resort Membership. **Offered for $699,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**

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