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The 2012 reigning champion Lamar Williams

Oyster-Lympics Preparations Under Way

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is finalizing preparations for the 4th annual Oyster Eating Contest, part of the new and expanded event, now retitled Oyster-lympics 2013 to include an Oyster Shucking Contest, an Oyster Dive and other engaging and fun activities, all designed to help raise money to support the museum's educational and exhibition programs. The event will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Timbers.

The 3rd annual Oyster Eating Contest last year was a huge success. Lamar Williams successfully defended his title to remain the King of the Mollusk Munchers. There was some drama involved, as Williams and fellow competitors Ron Clayton and Chuck Woods finished in a three-way tie with 48 oysters eaten in one minute – the same number that won last year's competition. After a 30-second tie-breaker, Williams was declared the winner, having downed an additional 37 oysters.

There are several event sponsorship opportunities available. To learn more about sponsorships or to participate as a contestant, visit www.shellmuseum.org, or contact John Suau at 395-2233 or info@shellmuseum.org.

Beer In The Bushes Set For April 20

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) will host the 2nd annual Beer in the Bushes, a craft beer tasting on Saturday, April 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. The event will be held on the grounds of the nature center and will include craft beer, barbecue, live music, dancing, games and an island sunset.

Beer in the Bushes is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. Local distributor Red White & Brew is

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Uproot Hootenanny



Wildlife Drive will be open free to bikers and hikers

Earth Day At The Refuge

Talk trash, meet Bagzilla and create earth-friendly crafts at this year's Earth Day at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel on Saturday, April 20.

The refuge will celebrate the 43rd anniversary of Earth Day in partnership with Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and Tarpon Bay Explorers (TBE). The first 200 visitors to the refuge that day will receive a free reusable water bottle, courtesy of DDWS. Throughout the day, meet and greet "trashy" refuge educator Bagzilla, costumed in a year's worth of an average

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Operation Open Arms To Host Veterans On Captiva

On Friday, April 19, Operation Open Arms – a locally founded, nationally acclaimed military outreach program – will officially be eight years old. The brainchild of Captain John "Giddy-up" Bunch, Operation Open Arms is a not-for-profit organization that has a calling and reputation for providing much deserved vacations and R&R benefits to active duty U.S. military service people and their families.

To cite an example of OOA's works, on Thursday, April 18 representatives from the Lee County Sheriff's Office

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Queenie Viglione, USMC Nicholas Elliott and Dave Jensen



Mike Miller, left, of the Sanibel Bicycle Club listens to Keith Williams, the City of Sanibel's public works director, explain some of the East Periwinkle Shared Use Path & Road Improvement project highlights
photos by Jeff Lysiak



City employees, from left, Scott Krawczuk, Roy Gibson and Jim Jordan review the East Periwinkle Shared Use Path & Road Improvement blueprints

Details Of Path Improvements Shared At Open House

by Jeff Lysiak

Last week, members of the City of Sanibel's Public Works Department hosted an open house at MacKenzie Hall to share details of the East Periwinkle Shared Use Path & Road Improvement project, which is anticipated to improve both the safety and appearance of the island's bike paths and easternmost thoroughfare before the end of the year.

Plans call for the widening of the shared use path along Periwinkle Way, starting at the intersection of King's Crown Drive and concluding at the parking area for Lighthouse Beach. The path, which is currently six feet wide, would be extended to 10 feet wide.

In addition, a minimum five-foot vegetative buffer would be provided between the shared use path and the roadway, which would require some sections of Periwinkle Way to be shifted slightly to the north in order to accommodate the expanded barrier.

At present, some areas of the road are less than two feet from the path.

"We anticipate putting this out to bid by mid-April," said Keith Williams, public works director, who anticipates that bidding would be open for one month, reviewed by city staff and – assuming a qualified bid is received – submitted to city council at the June meeting. "In a perfect world, if council awarded a contract in June, construction would begin in July."

While Williams explained that his department was still fine tuning engineering estimates for the project – including how much asphalt would be required, how much



Ken and Nancy Sebree look at the Lighthouse Beach portion of the project



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earth needed to be moved and various labor costs associated with the plan – the East Periwinkle Shared Use Path & Road Improvement proposal is capped with a \$600,000 budget.

“We do have some flexibility to add funding through other resources for the shared use paths,” said Williams.

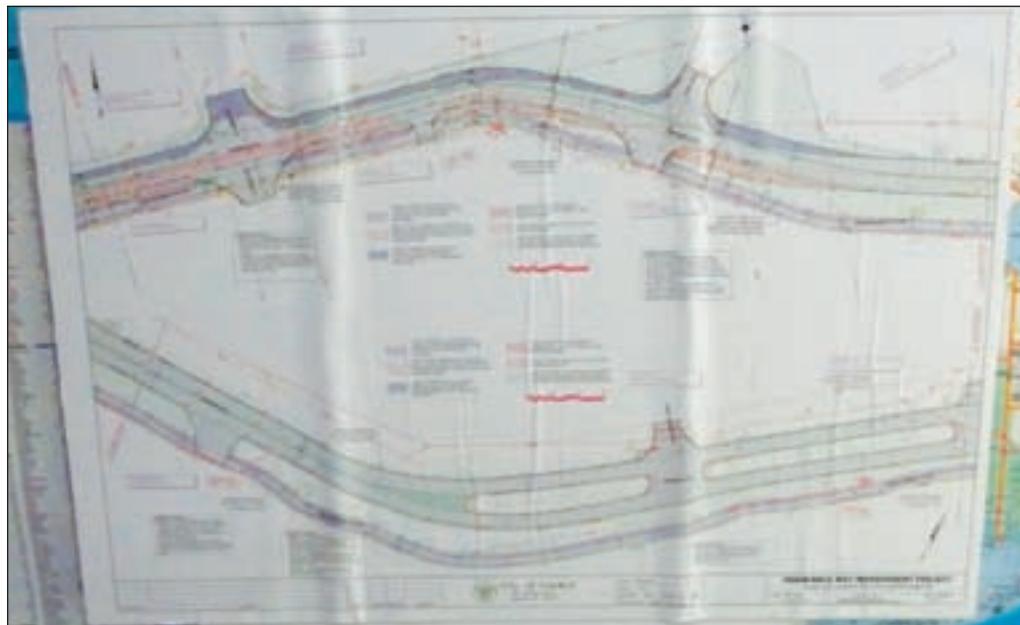
During the open house, islanders viewed a series of blueprints detailing individual sections of Periwinkle Way, where the shared use path will be widened and the roadway expanded and shifted.

“This project actually smoothes out Periwinkle Way,” added Williams, “which will make it safer for both bicyclists and automotive traffic.”

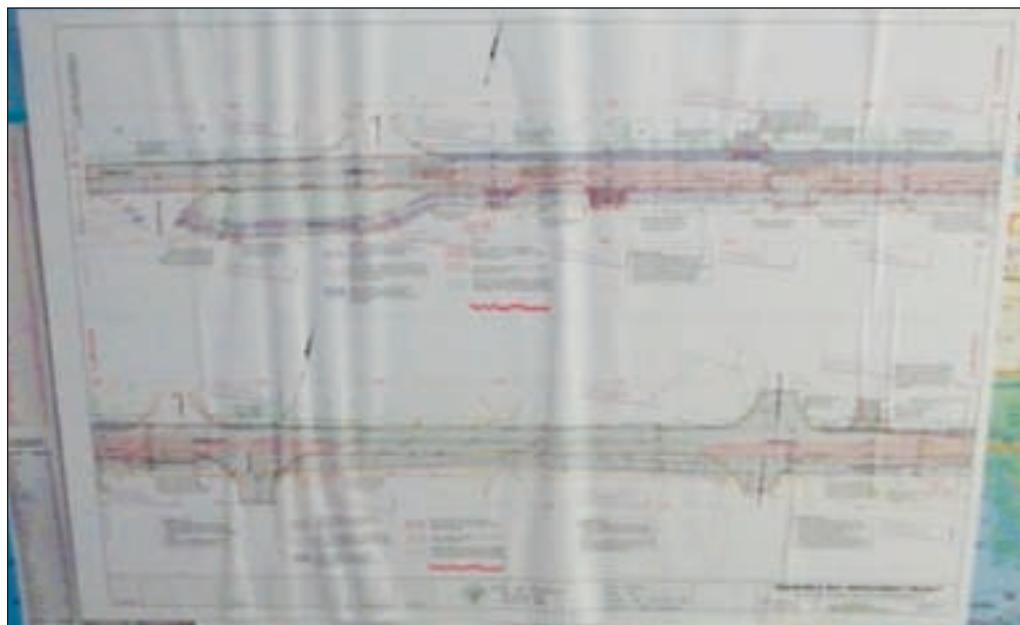
Also, at the easternmost terminus of the path, which currently dead ends at the Lighthouse Beach parking area, a new extension will allow bicyclists to travel to the park’s picnic area. Several members of the public who attended the open house spoke favorably of the extension, as well as the overall project details.

To review plans for the East Periwinkle Shared Use Path & Road Improvement project, contact Public Works Director Keith Williams at 472-6397 or email keith.williams@mysanibel.com.

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Blueprints showing where areas of Periwinkle Way will be adjusted to accommodate a wider vegetation buffer and where the shared use path will be widened from six to 10 feet



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Ken Reiskyti and Hope DeHaan found the Historical Village's hidden treasure using GPS in an outdoor recreational activity called geocaching. Museum Docent Blair Wyatt, right, assisted

A Different Kind Of Treasure Hunt At The Historical Village

A new kind of treasure hunt going on at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is similar in many ways to a game called letterboxing, played around the time the first settlers came to Sanibel.

It's called geocaching and was first played in May 2000. Participants use a global positioning system (GPS) and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "caches," anywhere in the world. There is no such thing as a "typical cache," as they may contain a logbook for the finder to write something, or plastic containers with toys or trinkets. The game's ancestor, letterboxing, used clues and references to landmarks embedded in stones.

Last week, museum visitors Ken Reiskyti of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Hope DeHaan of River Forest, Illinois, arrived independent of each other at the cache located in the village. DeHaan, a geocacher for one year, was hoping for some clues from Reiskyti, a much more experienced geocacher. But clues, apparently, are not allowed.

"I guess we will have to move our cache now, as its location has become obvious," said Emilie Alfino, museum manager. "While we strive to make the village a fun place for visitors rather than a frustrating one, I think the geocachers would like a little bit more of a challenge."

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is currently open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day throughout April. Beginning Wednesday, May 1, the village will switch to off-season hours, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum closes after August 3 and reopens November 6.

For more information, call 472-4648 or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.

Sanibel Community Association Annual Meeting Notice



The Community House

The Sanibel Community Association's (SCA) annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Learn the status of the Sanibel Community Association as well as The Community House. Appetizers and beverages will follow the report.

Reservations are necessary. Call 472-2155 or stop by The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

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Community House of Rhythm and Blues

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The last of the House Party Series is Saturday, April 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Community House. The band Uptown Express will take you back in time with hits from the '50s and '60s. Their material includes a blend of oldies from Chicago rhythm and blues, New York doo wop and Motown soul.

Guests are encouraged to dress in '50s and '60s attire. There will be pinball, hula-hoops and a jitterbug contest. Snacks and beverages for the evening will be in keeping with the theme. Alcoholic beverages will be available by donation.

Series sponsors are Billy's Bike Shop, Billy's Rentals, Joe and Marge Meek, Rosier Insurance and Mike Kelly. Party sponsors are A Better Bugman and West Wind Inn.

SCCF is the nonprofit partner that will benefit from this event.

Make reservations by calling The Community House at 472-2155. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ticket price includes the show, dancing and appetizers.

For more information, visit online at www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net.✱

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Operation Open Arms

will provide an honor escort for Lance Corporal Christian Brown, Lance Corporal Jonathan Carnes and Brown's mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, as they travel from Southwest Florida International Airport to Jensen's Twin Palm Resort on Captiva. The combat-wounded USMC's veterans will be on Captiva for five nights and currently have plans for fishing with local guides and a wild hog hunting trip, coordinated by Lieutenant Tim Barrett of the Sanibel Fire Department.

In December 2011, while in Kajaki, Afghanistan, conducting combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom, Brown was leading his squad on foot patrol when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) and was seriously injured. In November 2011, while on his first active-duty deployment in Sangin, Afghanistan, Carnes was also seriously injured by an IED. The two Marines met during an extensive period of recovery at Walter Reed Medical Center. Operation Open Arms believes these honorable young men are more than ready for some good, old-fashioned, Southwest Florida R&R.

Along with contributions by Southwest Airlines, Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina, YOLO Watersports, RC Otters and The Green Flash restaurants, to name just a few, Operation Open Arms will participate in a sunset parade with Captiva's Marching Mullet Band on Friday, April 19 in recognizing the service of Christian Brown and Jonathan Carnes. The parade will start at Jensen's Twin

Palm Resort and Marina at 7:35 p.m. All are welcome to participate in this event and applaud these fine young men.

To learn more about Christian Brown, you can go to the informative Facebook page which is hosted by Lyn Braden-Reed and updated frequently about her son's progress. On Facebook, search for "Support LCPL Christian Brown, USMC, Combat Wounded."

For more information, contact www.operationopenarms.org, call Dave Jensen at Jensen's Twin Palm Resort at 472-5800 or visit www.marchingmullet.com.✱

Theological Studies Part II

April Theological Studies Part II, entitled Mother Earth: A Theological Exploration of Environmental Literature, will be held on consecutive Wednesdays - April 17 and April 24 - at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. (identical sessions) at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Poets and writers have often written about nature, and many of the resulting poems and stories have theological significance. This two-session lecture/discussion course will focus around the writings of several such writers, including Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Flannery O'Connor and Mary Oliver. There will be short advance reading assignments, brief lectures and guided discussion.

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'Canal-De-Sac' Dock And Lift Receives Variance

by Anne Mitchell

Having a home located at the end of a "canal-de-sac," as a dock contractor called it, presents challenges for Sanibel property owners who want to construct docks. That's what William and Julie Hayles had to contend with at the 5230 Caloosa End Lane home they purchased last July.

The couple needed a variance just to replace an aging dock that was built in 1999, also with a variance. It is part of a 1984 minor subdivision of a large existing parcel, owned by Karl A. and Mary Lee Wightman from 1969 through the time the City of Sanibel implemented its land development regulations. The way the parcel was subdivided, the subject property received a relatively short frontage along the canal.

However, the Sanibel Planning Commission on Tuesday – acknowledging the hardship that such lots present – voted unanimously to allow them to replace their dock and boat lift even though it encroaches on their neighbor's side yard setback.

City planner Ben Popple told the commission that the neighbor to the west has no objection to the Hayles' plan and that no other owners have opposed it.

Planning staff recommended a 4-foot wide dock, but the planning commission voted to allow the Hayles to have an 8-foot wide dock after a lengthy discussion with Brent Stokes, their dock contractor. Stokes said he needs the 8-foot width to properly brace the elevator lift for structural strength.

Boat lifts contained within four pilings are more commonly seen on Sanibel, but an elevator lift – while more costly – will take up less room and minimize the visual impact and more encroachment, Stokes said.

The configuration will require trimming mangrove shoreline vegetation, but Natural Resources Director Jim Evans was reported to have no objection.

Commissioners Holly Smith and Chuck Kettman questioned Planning Department Director Jim Jordan as to why it has taken since last December, when the application was filed, to bring it before the commission.

Jordan said there was "a lot of back and forth" between the applicant and the city. "The application never got advertised because it was not completed." He added, "Our goal is to try to serve the public as best we can. Some applications are easy and some are harder."

Said Commission Chairman Mike Valiquette, "The staff is governed by the Land Development Code and they do their best to uphold it. They do the best they can."*

Community Alert On Auto Burglaries

The Sanibel Police Department has alerted the public that on April 2, there were 10 reported vehicle burglaries on the east end of the island at the condominiums at 210, 255 and 303 Periwinkle Way and 1101 Seagrape Lane.

Chief Bill Tomlinson said, "All the burglarized vehicles were unlocked and advises all to keep the windows rolled up and the cars locked, even if it's parked at your own

residence."

Remove anything that looks valuable from the passenger compartment and put it in the trunk to keep them hidden. That includes backpacks, briefcases, cell phones and laptop computers.

If you have any information that can assist the Police Department with this investigation, contact Detective Mark Steele at 472-3111 ext.237 or anonymously report information with a text message through Crime Tips C-R-I-M-E-S (274637).*

New Signs Part Of Eagle Scout Project

by Jeff Lysiak

The message is simple: Be Smart. Be Clean. Enjoy.

However, the background that went into assembling Kenny DiBiase's Eagle Scout Leadership Project – a three-tiered venture which began last summer – has been building for longer than the Life Scout himself can remember.

"I grew up on Sanibel, and I spend a lot of time on the water," said the 17-year-old. "I do a lot of fishing, and there's a big issue with water quality and stormwater runoff, so I wanted to do a project that would work to improve water quality in our canals, estuaries and beaches... everywhere where people are enjoying it."

The three elements of Kenny's Eagle Scout Leadership Project, which began in June 2012, include:

- Strategically-placed Protect Our Waters signs positioned in key locations around the City of Sanibel
- Educational speeches with PowerPoint presentations at Sanibel City Hall, at the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club and the Shell Harbor Homeowner's Association. A future speech is planned at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club.
- Distribution of materials (educational brochures and bumper stickers) at the

Sanibel Island Farmers Market, Bailey's General Store, Jerry's Market, Island Cow and Whitney's Bait & Tackle as well as the City of Sanibel's email distribution list.

In his brochure, Kenny explains why water quality is important, lists the major threats to water quality (including septic system discharges, fertilizers, pet and yard waste, red drift algae along local beaches as well as other pollution/hazardous materials) and offers several ways to protect local waters. They include proper disposal of waste materials, protecting storm drains, planting native plants and embracing recreational conservation (including catch-and-release fishing and supporting local groups such as SCCF, CCA, Snook Foundation and Leave No Trace).

The brochure also includes specifics of Sanibel's fertilizer ordinance, details of the Eagle Scout Leadership Project as well as special acknowledgements from Kenny. The son of Tony and Donna DiBiase, Kenny has two brothers and one sister.

"Every action we take in our homes and yards affects our water and wildlife resources," Kenny notes in the full color, tri-fold brochure. "As individuals, and collectively, we can protect Sanibel's fragile estuaries and wildlife, and continue to enjoy our sanctuary island."

The most visible portion of Kenny's project includes the seven Protect Our Waters signs, which were erected around the island earlier this year. Asked for his reaction to seeing the fruits of his labors, the Canterbury School junior smiled modestly.

"Yeah, I was really happy to see it



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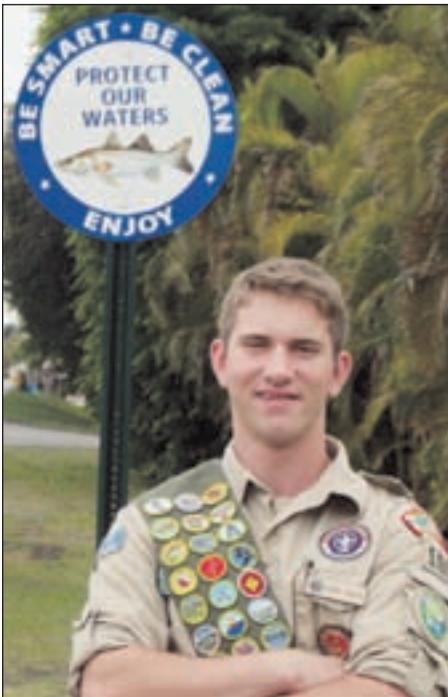
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Life Scout Kenny DiBiase stands in front of a Protect Our Waters sign, one of seven signs erected across Sanibel as part of DiBiase's Eagle Scout Leadership Project

Kenny DiBiase with another version of the Protect Our Waters sign

photos by Jeff Lysiak

all come together," he said. "It does feel nice to see one of my achievements finally come to completion. It's been a lot of work."

But just because the signs are up and more than 1,000 brochures have been passed out doesn't mean that his work is done.

"My Eagle project is ending soon, but my efforts with this aren't going to end," said Kenny. "I plan to continue my efforts protecting our waters. It's vital that island residents take an active role. We have to do what we can to protect what we have." ❄️

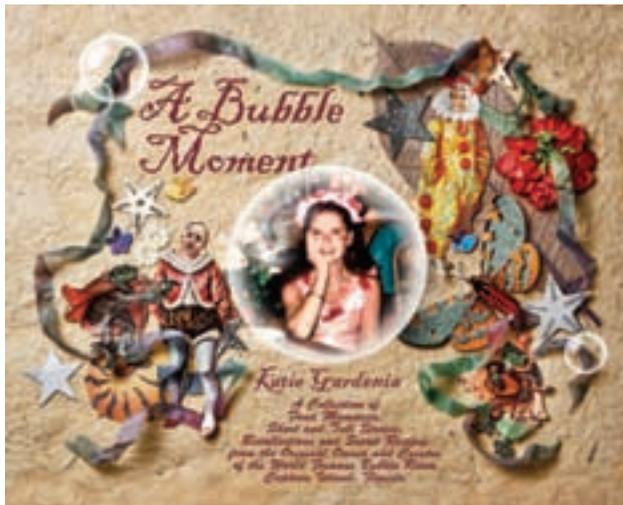
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Phoebe Sterner cuddles with the Easter Bunny



Audrey Mulka lets the Easter Bunny know what she hopes for

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Lee Republican Women Meeting

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One of the many family crafts at the Spring Festival



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Sophia Carter is all smiles



Pony rides were huge hit for the little ones

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The Children's Education Center would especially like to thank Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane and the *Island Sun*.*



The kids were all ears at the Bunny Hop

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Eric and Christine Staubs

Just over three years after meeting on a bike ride on A1A in Palm Beach County, Christine Donovan and Eric Staubs tied the knot on March 11, 2013. They were married on a beach off of West Gulf Drive on a breezy evening with a beautiful Sanibel sunset as the backdrop.

Their honeymoon in Puerto Rico included hiking in the El Yunque rainforest, a nighttime kayak trip, and a day-long caving expedition which included rappelling 150 feet off a cliff into mid-air, ziplining and exploring a mile inside the Rio Camuy cave system.

If you see them out on their bikes, congratulate Eric and Christine Staubs on their commitment to each other and a life of love, health, happiness and adventure.✧

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



George Brinson and Jennifer Muench

Jerry and June Muench announce the marriage of their daughter Jennifer "Jenni" Jane to George Brinson Jr. on April 16, 2013 on the waters off Captiva Island. Muench was born and raised on Sanibel and Brinson is a lifelong resident of Fort Myers. Muench is a wellness specialist for Lee

Memorial Health System and Brinson is an engineer with RHA Engineers. The couple plan to continue their life together in Fort Myers. ✧

A Bloomin' Good Tea Benefit Show

Sanibel Congregational Women In Mission will present a "A Bloomin' Good Tea," a fashion style show and silent auction to benefit local charities that serve families on Monday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Contributions to CCMI, Brightest Horizons and PACE Center For Girls will be given at the event. The Sporty Seahorse on Sanibel will show fashions for men, women and children.

Tickets are \$25 each, made payable to SCUCC. Space is limited. Call 472-0497 for more information.

The Tea will be held in Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.✧

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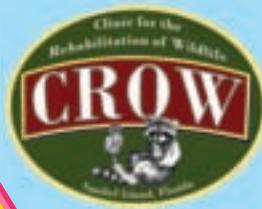
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General William G. Boykin

General William Boykin To Speak

On Sunday, April 14 at 6 p.m., retired Lieutenant General William G. Boykin will be coming to Sanibel Community Church. General Boykin was one of the original members of the US Army's Delta Force. He was privileged to ultimately command these elite warriors in combat operations. Later, General Boykin commanded all the army's Green Berets as well as the Special Warfare Center and School.

In his 36 years in the army, Boykin also served a tour with the CIA. He has participated in clandestine operations around the world and served his last four years in the army as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

General Boykin served as the commander of the battle of Mogadishu (Black Hawk Down), as well as the attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran in 1980. He has played a role in almost every recent major American military operation over the past four decades.

He now teaches at Hampden-Sydney College and serves as an ordained minister. General Boykin will share a stirring testimony of how faith has sustained him through some difficult situations.

A love offering will be received for General Boykin's ministry.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, next to Jerry's market. For more information visit www.sanibelchurch.com or call 472-2684. ✨

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The Myakka River Bluegrass Band At Sanibel Congregational Church

The Myakka River Bluegrass Band will appear at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Sunday, April 14, performing at 9 and 11 a.m.

The Myakka River Bluegrass Band (MRBB) has been performing bluegrass music in the Southwest Florida area for several years. All members are accomplished musicians who have played in various other bands before coming to MRBB. Most performing events have been in the Southwest Florida area and include such events as the opening of the restored Historic Charlotte County Courthouse, Stevest, Lemon Bay High School featuring Sheriff Bill Cameron, Cracker Cookout, the Empty Bowls event, the North Port Library 1800s event and many more.



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OBITUARY



GERALD A. "JERRY" PAULSEN

Jerry Paulsen, 89, of Edina, Minnesota and a long-time winter resident of Sanibel, passed away peacefully in his sleep in Edina on April 5, 2013. He was born on May 1, 1923 to Kitty (Damuth) and Arnold Paulsen in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Following graduation from South High School in 1941, he was awarded a scholarship to the Minneapolis School of Business. His education was interrupted by his service in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he fought in Belgium and Germany with the 69th Infantry Division. Within a few months of returning from the war, Jerry married Shirley Ann Lund on June 15, 1946.

In 1947, he joined Grandview Market in Edina, working part-time as a butcher while he completed his degree in business from the University of Minnesota. In 1950, he purchased the store and moved to the other side of Vernon Avenue and opened Jerry's Lucky Dollar near the site of the current Jerry's Foods store and corporate offices. From these humble beginnings as a butcher and his lifelong love of high quality meats and foods, Jerry's Foods has grown to today's expansive corporation that consists of 37

stores including Cub, County Markets, Save-a-Lot and Jerry's Foods, as well as various other commercial and real estate interests.

He opened Jerry's Foods of Sanibel in October 1983. Jerry was ever thankful for his "extended family" of over 3,400 dedicated employees. Two family members hold key positions with the company: Son-in-law Bob Shadduck is corporate president. Shadduck's daughter, Melissa Shadduck Schaefer, is corporate project manager.

He was active for many years with the Zurah Shrine, Edina Rotary, Salvation Army and the United Way. Jerry spent much of his time in the summer at his hobby farm on Clearwater Lake near Annandale, Minnesota, where he enjoyed playing tennis with his family, golfing, walking and tending to his extensive flower beds and gardens. He spent many winters at his home on Sanibel Island and enjoyed walking the beach with his family, golfing and fishing. No matter where he was, Jerry enjoyed and appreciated all aspects of food and its preparation. He had a collection of thousands of cookbooks, and he owned at least one of every kitchen gadget ever invented. Above and beyond all of his other interests, Jerry was most happy when he was surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he took great pride in their accomplishments.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years Shirley; daughters, Charlotte (Robert) Shadduck of Annandale, Minnesota, LuAnn (Brian) Cornell of Minnetonka, Minnesota, and Cheryl (Peter) Sullivan of Edina, Minnesota; grandchildren Melissa (Jonathan) Schaefer, Kristin (Marc) Fahey, Amy (Jim) Miller, Adam (Aubrey) Cornell, Sarah (Joel) Ihrle, Allison (Ted) Bickel, Brett Cornell, Kelly Sullivan, Monica Sullivan (fiancé Max Hintz), Michael Sullivan; nine great-grandchildren; nephews Kenneth (Diane) Lund, Jerry Brunskill, and niece Victoria Brunskill; and his beloved dog, Charlie. Preceding him in death were his parents and sister, June Brunskill.

Memorial services were held April 10 at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Memorials are preferred to the charity of the donor's choice.*

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On behalf of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, it is with deep regret and profound sadness

that we inform you of the passing of Harold "Hal" Pilcher. Hal passed away on Saturday, March 30 at his home in Fort Myers. He is survived by his wife Marguerite and grandson Derek of Annapolis, Maryland.

Hal was a dedicated member of a small group of founding volunteers with our organization, having served since the museum's opening in November 1995. He assisted the museum for almost 18 years, both as a great hall docent and as a collection assistant. Hal enjoyed his different volunteer duties equally: "The two are symbiotic," he said, "because I learn about shells upstairs and I can relate to them down here (in the Great Hall of Shells)." His wife, Marguerite, joined him in service to the museum in 1996 as a collection assistant. Hal and Marguerite managed the global School Shell Kit Program for many years.

A retired air force colonel, Hal attended the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He moved with Marguerite to Sanibel in 1992 from Bowie, Maryland. After their move to Sanibel, Hal became an avid sheller and joined the Southwest Florida Conchological Society (Fort Myers). More recently, he was an active member and past board member of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club. Hal's love and dedication to our organization were emblematic of the best that volunteerism can elicit from people. In all that he did in his multi-faceted activities, Hal became a true asset to the museum and will be sorely missed and remembered fondly.*

CARD OF THANKS

As the Executive Director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, I would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their amazing support of our first annual Bling Bash To Smash Slavery held on April 6.

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Art – Lucas Century Studio
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A special thank you to the following groups for their logistical and volunteer help – Bailey's General Store, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Project HELP, Inc., FGCU students, Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva.

And especially – Forever Green Shops, Ace Hardware, Eileen Fisher, Cip's Place Restaurant and to all the people who donated previously loved jewelry and everyone who came, enjoyed and showed their support.

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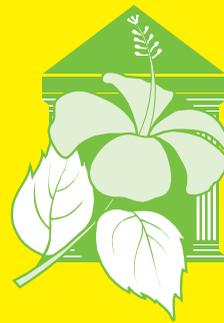
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Holocaust Memorial At Temple Bat Yam

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Temple Bat Yam of Sanibel joins with Jews and others all over the world every year to bear witness to the crimes against humanity perpetrated by Hitler's regime during World War II. Six million Jews and millions of others suffered and perished in the concentration camps in Czechoslovakia, Poland and other countries which were occupied by the Nazis.

During the planned extermination of the Jewish population, homes and synagogues were looted by the Nazis, who took thousands of Torahs, the scrolls containing the first five books of Moses, the Hebrew Scriptures. Many of the torahs were found after the war in a warehouse in Prague by an English businessman, who in 1964 set up a museum in London to house them with documentation of their origins.

Bat Yam congregants Ann and Leonard Arnoff arranged to have one of the torahs flown to the United States on permanent loan. It came from one of the temples in the city of Boscovitz in the Czech Republic. That old synagogue in the city is now used as a soup kitchen to feed the poor, and another is being refurb-

ished as a tourist center for the lovely gardens of the city.

Bat Yam's Holocaust Torah is now in an ark built especially to house it, and is installed in Fellowship Hall of the Sanibel Congregational Church, where Temple Bat Yam holds services every Friday evening. Ann has created a beautiful needlepoint torah cover which depicts scenes of Sanibel. The special torah was used on Friday evening, April 5, when the congregation held a Holocaust Memorial Service. A memorial candle was lit, prayers of remembrance were said and sung, and members of the congregation whose families were personally affected by the Holocaust recited the names of those who perished or suffered, yet survived. It was a very meaningful and mov-



Ann Arnoff with Holocaust Torah

ing ceremony. Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed annually throughout the world "lest we forget."✪

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Teen's Choice Open Gym Game Night

Join us for a "Teen's Choice" night of pick-up games and music in the gymnasium on Friday, April 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Closed toe footwear is required. Refreshments will be served. Non-members will require a day pass for entry. There is no charge for Recreation Center members. For more information on the Teen Scene or this event, contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345.

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Meet Bagzilla

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Earth Day

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Below is the schedule for earth-friendly and free fun throughout the day:

Note: *Regular tram tour fees apply (buy tickets at booth in parking lot).

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Wildlife Drive is open free to bikers and hikers

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Free bike rentals from Tarpon Bay Explorers' site (returns by 6 p.m.)

9:30 to 11 a.m. – Refuge Caravan Tour. Join naturalists as they guide you on a car caravan tour of the refuge's four-mile Wildlife Drive. Meet at the flagpole.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Ongoing Earth Crafts in the Education Center Classroom

- "Mother Earth" ornaments
- Colorful plastic-bottle butterflies or jellyfish

- Beeswax candles
- Egg-carton Florida Bats

- "Plarn" (plastic bag "yarn") bracelets

10 to 11 a.m. – Guided hike along Indigo Trail. Join a refuge naturalist as he/she leads you on a guided nature hike through the refuge's Indigo Trail. Meet at the flagpole.

*10 to 11:30 a.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

11 to 11:30 a.m. – Reading in the Refuge: Family Story-time about sea turtles. (Education Center Auditorium)

*11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

Lunch on your own

Noon to 12:30 p.m. – "Let's Talk Trash" Marine Timeline Competition for Kids. How long does it take that trash to biodegrade in a marine environment? (Education Center Auditorium)

1 to 1:30 p.m. – Reading in the Refuge: Family Story-time about Florida manatees.

(Education Center Auditorium)

*1 to 2:30 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

2 to 2:30 p.m. – Make Your Own Plarn- Plastic bag overload? Learn how to make "plarn" (plastic-bag yarn) and weave reusable shopping bags that are 10 times stronger than regular plastic bags. (Education Center Auditorium)

*2:30 to 4 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

*4 to 5:30 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

For more information on Earth Day at the Refuge, call 472-1100 ext. 236 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/earth-day.*

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Beer In The Bushes

presenting beers from local brewery Point Ybel Brewing Company, as well as Belfast Bay Brewing Co., Black Diamond Brewing Company and Full Pint Brewing Company, with thanks to The Grog Shop. Island BBQ will provide the food. The band Uproot Hootenanny will bring their unique brand of folk, bluegrass, Irish and rock from the east coast.

Proceeds will help support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.

SCCF is at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Reservations and advance payment are requested. Call SCCF at 472-2329.*

Apply For The Abbott Visiting Curatorship

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum invites applications for the 2013 R. Tucker Abbott Visiting Curatorship. The curatorship was originally established in accordance with the wishes of the late Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, founding director of the Shell Museum, and is awarded annually to enable malacologists to visit the museum for a period of one week.

Through collection-based research, Abbott Fellows are expected to assist with the curation of portions of the museum's collection and to provide one talk for the general public. The museum collection consists of marine, freshwater and terrestrial specimens. A large percentage of our holdings have been catalogued through a computerized database management system; part of the catalogue is already available for searches online at www.shellmuseum.org/collection.cfm. The R. Tucker Abbott Visiting Curatorship is accompanied by a stipend of \$1,500.

Interested malacologists are invited to send a copy of their curriculum vitae, a letter detailing their areas of taxonomic expertise with research objectives, and to provide a tentative subject for their talk. Send materials to Dr. José H. Leal, Director, The Bailey-Matthews Shell

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Bird's Eye View

In Africa: The Herbivores Are Almost As Dangerous As The Carnivores



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

Generally, when we think of animals that are most likely to kill a human being, we naturally accuse predators as the likely culprit. And, in most cases, that is a logical and

realistic assumption to make. But in Africa, although we humans do have to worry about predators such as lions and crocodiles, right up there with them are three species of herbivores; the cape buffalo, the hippopotamus and the African elephant.

Last weekend, *Jurassic Park* was once again released in theaters, only this time in 3D. What Hollywood won't do to try and frighten us. Now, I have my own questions about whether or not a T-rex would actually recognize the human shape and form as potential prey seeing as how the two species never existed on the planet during the same time period. But those questions are merely fodder for another article sometime in the future.

The reason I bring up *Jurassic Park* is because of the scene after the T-rex first attacks the cars and Dr. Grant and the kids are spending the night in a tree

where it would appear to be safer. In the morning a huge sauropod awakens the frightened humans when it begins eating leaves from the tree where they have taken shelter. Dr. Grant calms the fears of the children by saying, "You don't have to be afraid. They're vegetarians."

Yeah, right! Like that classification is all you need to know to understand that an animal the size of a sauropod would never harm you.

Why is it that we have so little fear when there are herbivores around? Fear of carnivores makes sense, but it seems to me that large herbivores should demand an equal amount of respect as well. Have you ever seen what a bull white-tailed deer can do to a human being during rut season? Doesn't it seem silly for a parent to lift their child up onto the back of a bison in Yellowstone National Park and step back to take a picture?

Yet our species is the intelligent one!

A few weeks ago when I was writing about black bears, I suggested that maybe one reason why they are, generally, less aggressive towards humans than grizzlies is because of the Pleistocene Overkill Hypothesis. This theory argues that in Australia and North America; as humans colonized those respective continents, much of the mega fauna that was already there could not evolve the recognition that humans were very efficient predators

fast enough to avert eventual extinction. Following that line of reasoning for black bears in North America, I threw out the idea that since they too had evolved for a long period of time without confronting humans in their ecosystem, their typical response was less aggressive as well.

But in Africa, it is a different story.

The only continent where massive Pleistocene extinctions were drastically limited as humans came into dominance was the very same continent where the human species got its start. The hypothesis suggests that as we slowly evolved into one of the most dominant predators in Africa, all the other species there were also evolving behaviors that helped them survive our presence. The large, powerful predators of Africa, though still very dangerous to humans and on our list of most dangerous (I will write about them next week), they have been able to survive the onslaught of humanity even though the large predators of Australia and North America were essentially annihilated.

But in Africa, even the herbivores give humans a race for their money. I find it interesting that the cape buffalo, hippo, and African elephant kill on average more people than sharks and bears. Cape buffaloes kill around 200 people a year, the hippo around 300, and the African elephant close to 500.

As humans grew larger and evolved larger brains, they were able to increase their use of tools, communicate more efficiently with language and develop complex social skills that allowed them to coordinate more efficient hunting strategies. But while this evolution was slowly

taking place, the prey species also had time to evolve behaviors to combat the new innovations.

Given the luxury of time, Life has always worked out a balance of nature this way. Every time something new comes along that gives one group an advantage over everyone else, someone else develops something to neutralize that balance of power.

Like many species of animals that share the world with humans today, the smaller prey species in Africa evolved behaviors that told them escape was the best choice for survival. But for the large herbivores on the continent, they evolved the ability to recognize the threat presented to them by a skinny, weak-looking creature standing upright on two legs and as it stalked them out in the bush they said to themselves, "That creature is going to try to kill me! I'm bigger than he is. I'm going to kill him first!"

Unfortunately, for two of these ferocious vegetarians, the African elephant and the hippo, humans today are upping the ante and the likelihood of their survival into the second half of this century is in doubt. Illegal poaching for the ivory tusks of the elephant and the canine teeth of the hippo has put great pressure on their chances for survival. And loss of habitat caused by the unprecedented clearing of land for agriculture in order to support an ever-increasing human population only increases the possibility of confrontations with humans.

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Juvenile barn owl pair

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An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider's look at why critters come to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife and features photos of the

wild animals who wind up there. Last year, Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital cared for 3,583 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 61 percent were birds, with 33 percent mammals and six percent reptiles. Due to restrictions imposed by gov-

ernmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 60-minute presentation, visitors will see numerous photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The next CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, April 19 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, and free for members as well as children 12 and under. The fee includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

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Shells Found



Calvin, Erik and Tripp Higgins

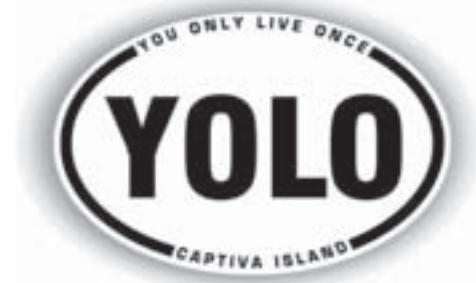
Calvin (8), Erik (8) and Tripp Higgins from Buffalo, New York found three alphabet cones on the beach between Sundial and Casa Ybel. Tripp said, "We found all three shells on what would have been the boys' great grandparents' 68th wedding anniversary. They were regulars on Sanibel since 1960." ✨

Shells Found



Daisy and Jayne Kulina

Daisy and Jayne Kulina, visiting from Missoula, Montana, found 35 different species of shells on Bowman's Beach during their spring break vacation. ✨



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CROW Case Of The Week

A Great Horned Owllet Rescue



by Patricia Molloy

In February, Fort Myers resident Paul Ben-Susan investigated a report from neighbors that a three-day-old owllet had fallen from its nest, a dangerous place for such a young bird.



CROW re-nested this owllet in Fort Myers
photo courtesy of Doug Albert

parents were heard making clicks and squawks later that evening. They resumed caring for and feeding their baby. The owl has now fledged the nest, but has been observed recently spending quality time with mom and dad.

Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director, added, "Last year, we really reached out and expanded who we are working with. That has been incredibly successful for us. For example, there hasn't been barn owls on Sanibel since 2007. This year, with an amazing amount of cooperation with volunteer Doug Albert, "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and a lot of state, federal and local authorities, CROW obtained permission to reintroduce barn owls on the island. These owls are now very well established; we already have an unrelated male and female who appear to be pairing up."

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"Owls, we have learned, are notorious for building substandard nests and it is far too much the norm for their eggs and baby owls to fall from the nest," said Ben-Susan. After his wife, Julie, donned heavy gloves in order to place the youngster in a box on their lanai overnight, he called the Sanibel wildlife clinic for assistance. Volunteer Doug Albert responded to the scene to assess the situation the following morning.

While the owllet was unharmed, it was determined that the entire nest had fallen out of the tree, rendering it useless. Colleen Goff, senior licensed wildlife rehabilitator, soon arrived on the scene. "She was armed with a ladder, a nest box with wood chips, bungee cords and mice to feed the baby," reported Ben-Susan.

After Goff fed and re-nested the owllet in a more sturdy, handmade nest, both



The same re-nested owl after it fledged the nest

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For more information, call Nannette Lehr at 395-3327.✳

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Another Oxbow Cruise Scheduled



Caloosahatchee Oxbow

SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) is offering another Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise on the Caloosahatchee on Sunday, April 21. River researcher Rae Ann Wessel will lead an exploration of the meanders of the historic upriver.

The cruise will follow the river back to a time when a waterfall served as the headwaters of the Caloosahatchee and settlers lived in the wilderness.

The 2.5-hour adventure begins by locking through the WP Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, the boat enters the historic bends of the river and revisits the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

Wessel is a long-time river advocate and historian. She is the natural resource policy director for SCCF. The vessel is the stable and spacious 47-passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat that features daily manatee tours. All seats have a great view for photographs and bird watching.

Cruises depart 1 at p.m. from the Franklin Lock and Dam off SR 80 in Olga. The final cruise of the season will be on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.

Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. Call SCCF at 472-2329. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 19 for the April 21 cruise.✳

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A banyan tree can grow to massive size

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Banyan Tree

by Gerri Reaves

The very name banyan tree (*Ficus benghalensis*) conjures up romanticized images of a tropical landscape.

It's understandable why the majestic tree was widely planted in the early 20th century in South Florida. It becomes a shade tree in record time and has fasci-

nating characteristics, too.

The banyan is one of several ficus, or fig, species found in Florida. Ficuses were introduced to Florida by renowned plant explorer, Dr. David Fairchild of the United States Department of Foreign Plant Introduction.

A native of India, the banyan can develop to an enormous size, with massive trunks and a height of 100 feet.

Traveling laterally from the original trunk, prop roots, which in turn develop into trunks themselves, can spread the

tree's canopy over acres of ground. Some specimens can justifiably be called a one-tree forest.

Fortunately, the banyan has not disrupted the environment to the extent that it is officially listed as invasive by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

However, without management, the tree will gobble up as much space as it's allowed to. Few residential landscapes can accommodate it.

The banyan's leathery oval leaves are five to ten inches long. Those large leaves help distinguish it from some other common fig trees in South Florida, such as the highly invasive laurel fig (*Ficus microcarpa*), also called Cuban laurel.

Birds love the plentiful reddish fruit of the banyan, but some homeowners consider it messy.

The banyan – and other ficuses such as the ecologically valuable native strangler fig (*Ficus aurea*) – needn't begin life in the ground. A seed deposited by a bird in a tree crevice or on a wall or roof edge can send down aerial roots and start to develop a trunk.

The aggressive roots systems of ficuses are well-known threats to foundations, sidewalks, driveways and swimming pools, so think carefully about extending hospitality to the entrancing banyan tree.

Sources: plants.ifas.ufl.edu, plantbook.org, asla.org, and floridata.com.



This prop trunk began as a thread reaching toward the ground to establish itself

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Spring Bait Migration Brings Great Fishing



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The first signs of spring in Pine Island Sound really began to show this week. Birds, Spanish mackerel, ladyfish, trout and jacks all feeding on the surface are a sure sign

that the spring bait migration has started to move into our local waters.

Several times this week, I even caught a few quick glimpses of rolling tarpon in the mix along with the first full-size sharks I have seen in months.

Getting in on this fast-paced action is as easy as finding the feeding birds. Once you locate the birds you can go one of two ways; either casting live baits or artificials. Match the size of the hatch. Just about any small spoon, soft plastic or plug will work. As for live bait, small shiners and live shrimp either free-lined or fished under a float will quickly be eaten.

My go-to rig has been a popping cork with a Berkley Gulp white shrimp rigged on a jig head. This rig is hard to beat as it gives you the best of both worlds. The bite is often so fast it's great not to have to put a live bait on after every bite; simply recast and keep on catching fish. Then, just to mix it up, I like to rig up a big spinning rod with a fresh caught live

ladyfish hooked on a big circle hook under a float and let it drift out behind the boat.

Though tarpon fishing is far from being in full swing, a few fish are moving in mixed in with the mackerel and ladyfish and this rig will hook either a shark or a tarpon.

A few places in the bay that were on fire this week were the shoals inside Redfish Pass, the west side of the fish shacks in the northern sound and Red Light Shoal. Just about any place in the sound where there was a large number of feeding birds, hungry fish could be spotted breaking the surface under them. Anywhere close to the passes, both inside and outside, is a good area to start your search but also look on shallow edges of grass flats and sand bars right off the intracoastal.

Out on the beaches during calm periods, big dark clouds of bait can be seen. This bite is more Spanish mackerel than anything else, but on some of the more wide open blitzes, sharks can be spotted finning through the feeding frenzy. Small heavy spoons either cast or trolled through the feeding

frenzy will catch many, many fish. Big Spanish mackerel on light spinning tackle are a blast, often screaming the drag on the first blistering run after



Mike Brown with a pompano caught fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

being hooked.

Spring has to be one of the best times to fish Pine Island sound. If you simply want to bend a rod and catch a wide variety of species, the next month or so is the time. This week also marked the first trips since fall when I started carrying a few heavy spinning rods, just in case.

For the next month you just really never know what opportunities you might run into. The first reports of tarpon

hooked by trout anglers have already started to come in and if you are lucky enough to run into some early season tarpon, you had better be rigged and ready.

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

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The museum, which employs nine staff members, is fortunate to have more than 100 dedicated volunteers helping in several departments. More than a dozen students of The Sanibel School are also actively involved as junior docents.

Currently, the museum is seeking immediate assistance with an on-going IMLS grant-funded collections project, plus there are many other volunteer positions available. New volunteers are always welcome. If interested, contact Laura Richardson, collections manager, at lrichardson@shellmuseum.org or call 395-2233 ext. 16 for more information.*

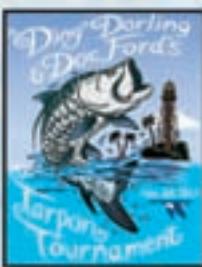
Bird Watching



Little blue heron

photo by Beth Warner

Island resident Beth Warner was behind the Island Cinema when she spotted a little blue heron intently fishing. To make sure of her identification, she sent the photograph to her friend Rick Bonney, co-founder of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Citizen Science program. His only comment was, "beautiful lighting." You can check out the lab's "eBird" website and report your bird sightings.*



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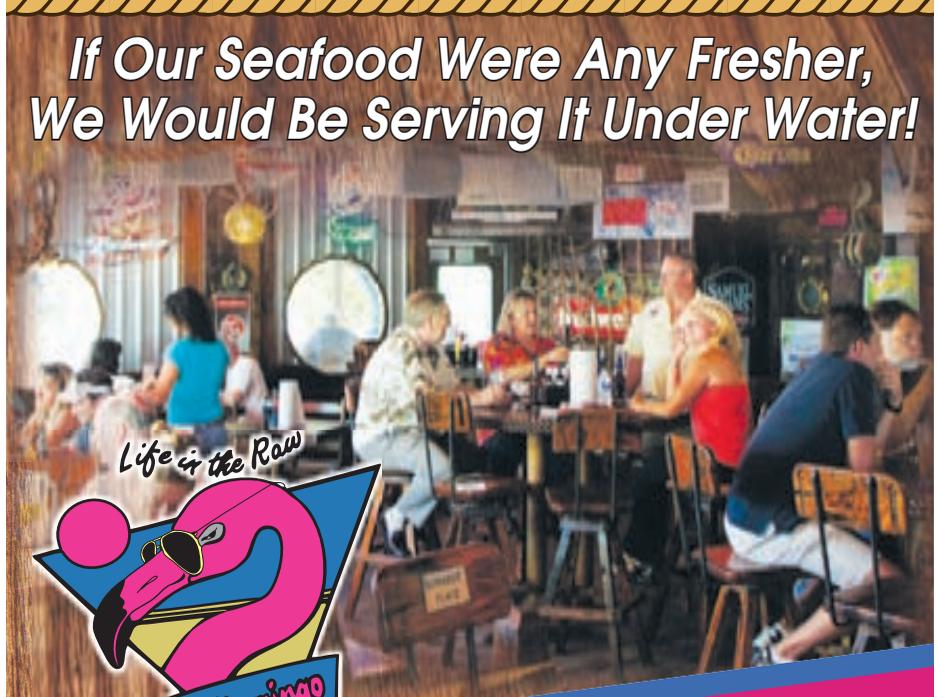
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The program is now in its fifth year and 23 schools are participating from throughout Lee County. Visitors can expect to see at least 23 gator sculptures among the flowers and vegetables in the Edison Heritage

Truck Garden near the museum. Teachers have been awarded funds to assemble the weather-proof materials for the sculptures, and the art is up to the students.

Gators in the Garden participating schools include: Allen Park Elementary, Alva Elementary, Cape Coral High, Challenger Middle, Cypress Lake Middle, Edison



Angela Weiss, Mirror Lakes Elementary art teacher, installs a "gator" in the Edison Ford Heritage Truck Garden for Art in the Gardens exhibit which opened April 7

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Each guided hike is limited to 15 people. Contact Miller at MMiller2@leegov.com or call 229-0522 to reserve a place.

Space for vehicles is primitive and limited and participants are asked to car-pool. There are no restroom facilities on site.

Bring supplies such as water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera and closed-toed shoes or boots.

For more information, visit www.conservation2020.org or www.conservation2020.org/Documents/publications/2013-Ranger-Hikes.pdf*

A Raffle To Make Your Dreams Come True

The Community House is holding a raffle featuring three prizes and only 300 tickets will be sold.

Prize one is a dream vacation in the wine country of the Cote d'or area of Burgundy, France. The winner of this prize will have a week's stay in a charming, fully-equipped, three bedroom guest house in the village of Santenay for a party of up to six people. Your activities for the week will be personalized for your interests by tour organizer Hidden France. You can choose to tour exclusive wineries, visit local historical and cultural sites, go bicycling in the countryside, or dine in award winning restaurants. This prize is ground package only and does not include air travel.

Prize two is a \$2,000 gift certificate from Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place. Congress Jewelers has an array of fine jewelry and watch brands to choose from, including many designer lines. The Sealife by Congress collection is now available in its own boutique at Periwinkle Place, featuring shell-inspired jewelry and nautical creations in 14k gold or sterling silver.

Prize three is an airline trip with two round-trip tickets on JetBlue to any destination served by its system. You can choose a getaway to New York, Chicago, or San Francisco, or an exotic locale like Grand Cayman, Turks and Caicos, Barbados or Santa Lucia.

Raffle tickets are \$100 each. They are available at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, or Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place Shops. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 8 p.m. at The Community House during the Soul and R&B House Party. You need not be present to win. Prizes must be used within one year of the drawing.

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Wonders Of Wildlife Presentations At CROW

CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, is offering daily Wonders of Wildlife presentations at its Healing Winds Visitor Education Center. All presentations begin at 11 a.m. and a \$5 donation is requested. There is no charge for members or children 12 and under. Admission includes the opportunity to explore CROW's interactive visitor education center before and after the presentation. The schedule is:

Friday, April 12 – Animal Ambassador – Meet Trouper Lee

Trouper, the blind raccoon, was saved by volunteer Dot Lee four years ago. Lee and author Kyle Miller tell Trouper's story from the time of his head injury to becoming a certified ambassador for education. This week is Trouper's birthday, so there will be a celebration outside the center following the presentation.

Saturday, April 13 – Florida Felines

There are two cat species in Florida; the bobcat and the Florida panther. Staff member Rachel Rainbolt will talk about both species, their current conservation status, and how CROW's medical staff treats and rehabilitates patients at the hospital.



Baby eastern gray squirrel being fed with a syringe

Tuesday, April 16 – Something Special: Ospreys

Even though this animal is considered to be a bird of prey, osprey are in a family all their own. Staff member Rachel Rainbolt will talk about their adaptations, on-site surrogate mothers and how their contributions help CROW's medical staff treat and rehabilitate patients at the hospital.

Wednesday, April 17 – Rescue and Release: A History of CROW's Patients

With his 13-year history of rescues, releases and patient support, volunteer Denny Toll will give you an insight on CROW's efforts to save wildlife in addition to tips on how you can save wildlife in the community.

Thursday, April 18 – Clinical Rounds

CROW operates educational externship and fellowship programs for undergraduate natural sciences and veterinary medicine students. Dr. Helen Ingraham will discuss what species are currently in the hospital and how students learn to treat over 4,000 patients a year.

For more information, visit www.crowclinic.org or call 472-3644. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.*

Indigo Trail To Close For Construction

The Indigo Trail (hiking/biking trail) at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel will be closed for construction of the new Children's Education Boardwalk from Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19. The trail will open again on Saturday, April 20 unless prevented by

unforeseen delays. Further announcements will be made at that time.

This new boardwalk will link The Sanibel School with the Indigo Trail. It will offer school children and visitors the opportunity to view wildlife safely from a two-story pavilion and observation tower. Construction of the boardwalk will be completed by summer. This project is made possible by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and its donors.

The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is located at 1 Wildlife Drive. Call 472-1100.*

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The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance invites you to attend its Third Thursday Orchid Event on April 18, when Graff presents his unique visual perspective about Southwest Florida’s native orchids.

Graff is a Florida Master Naturalist instructor who has been teaching about our region’s environments for more than 15 years. After earning his degree in photo-communication and psychology, he spent four years in the Peace Corps as a health educator and environmental education specialist in West Africa before devoting himself to the natural wonders of south Florida. His compelling photographs convey the beauty, fragility, and improbable existence, of some of the flowered jewels that can be found in Collier County, including its swamps.

The Fakahatchee Strand in Southwest Florida is the orchid and bromeliad capital of North America where 44 native orchids and 14 native bromeliad species co-exist with panthers, white-tailed deer, black bears, minks, terrapins and snakes – as well as a resident and migratory bird population that attracts bird watchers from all over the world. All this bio-diversity is contained within a 20-mile by five-mile swath of land that has been sculpted by centuries of fresh slow-moving water – the very key to its existence. This alluring swamp has historically offered protection to many of our native orchid species. Land-use changes and over-collecting have threatened many species of orchids, but there are several projects currently working to improve some orchid populations.

Come and enjoy the beauty of these orchids and learn how everyday human actions – or inactions – affect the survival of these special plants, and how we can improve our own local environment by improving theirs. This program is offered as part of the Alliance’s community outreach efforts to inspire others to learn about orchids and orchid conservation.

For more information, call 498-9741 or visit www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com.*

SCCF Presents The Alien Invasion

Over 500 fish and wildlife species, 1,180 plant species and who knows how many insects that are not native now live and multiply in Florida, introduced by humans.

Some, like the pythons in the Everglades, are having devastating effects.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will present a program about the species that make up Sanibel and Captiva’s Alien Invasion on Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a. in the Nature Center at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Cost is \$5 with SCCF members and children admitted free.*

Bonsai Society

Bonsai enthusiasts can participate in a demonstration of styling a but-tonwood tree during the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida’s April 20 meeting.

Ed Trout will provide the program,

which will begin at 9 a.m. at Wigert’s Bonsai Nursery, 2930 South Road, North Fort Myers. Admission to the demonstration, which includes a raffle ticket on the resulting tree, will be \$10.

For further information about the program, or directions to Wigert’s Nursery, call 543-2234.

The Bonsai Society will hold its annual Picnic and Auction at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council’s Center, 2166 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers (located one block east of the Edison Laboratory grounds) on Saturday, May 18. Sidewalk sales and viewing of auction items will begin at 10 a.m., with the auction of trees and related materials beginning at 11 a.m. A lunch buffet will follow.

There is no admission fee, and parking and the buffet lunch are free. For further information about the lunch and auction, call Greg Lignelli at 560-3275.

Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots.

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida is a non-profit organization formed to promote the knowledge and appreciation of bonsai, the practice of raising small, artistic trees in containers, which originated in the Orient. Further information about the Society and its future events is available at its website, thebonsaiswfl.com or by calling Jim Bremer at 482-7543.*

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Panther as it was leaving the crate on April 3



Panther running free

2011 in northern Collier County after their mother was found dead. The animals were then taken to the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, where they were subsequently raised. The panther siblings are now nearly 2 years old.

"These panthers most likely would not have survived without our intervention and the subsequent support of White Oak staff," said Land.

The female panther was successfully released in February in Collier County.

Through post-release monitoring, biologists have observed her adapting well and behaving as typical wild female panthers do.

FWC biologists have determined the male panther is healthy and has grown to a size that should prepare him for life in the wild. However, young male panthers must be on their guard to avoid adult male panthers.

"We are pleased with the progress of the female since her release," said Land. "Young males face the additional survival challenge of potential confrontations with older males, but we believe our choice of a release site will minimize the risk of such encounters."

Both releases were coordinated in consultation with partners from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

An estimated 100 to 160 adult and subadult endangered panthers remain in south Florida.

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue and rehabilitation of these panthers by purchasing a panther license plate. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

"The rescue, rehabilitation and release of these panthers were made possible by these license plate funds," said Land.

To report dead or injured panthers, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone.

For more information on Florida panthers, including a guide to living with panthers, go to www.floridapanther.net.org.

Panther before it was released from the crate photos courtesy of FWC

FWC Releases Male Panther Rescued In 2011

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released a male Florida panther last Wednesday night at the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area. The release site is along the borders of Palm Beach, Broward and Hendry counties.

"We chose this location because it is part of the species' known range, and it should provide ample undeveloped area for the panther to acclimate into the wild," said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader.

The FWC rescued the panther and its sister as 5-month-old kittens in September

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Danish Harrell

Danish Harrell of Indian Harbor Beach, Florida caught and released this snook while visiting her in-laws Wesley and Jimmy Fay over the Easter holidays.✧

Shell Found



Meghan Fewins

Meghan Fewins, 20, of Ellensburg, Washington found an alphabet cone on the beach while staying at West Wind Inn on April 3. It was Fewins' first time visiting Sanibel.✧



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Community Players Hold Play Readings April 21

BIG ARTS launched a program for community theater and staged play readings. All readings will feature the Community Players and other local talent, volunteering onstage and backstage. BIG ARTS Community Players will be presenting three staged play readings at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 21: *Paul Newman Hops The Amtrak Auto-Train*, *Waiting For Wilma* and *Oz In The Clozet*. These readings will take place at the Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Sanibel playwright Marcia Rudin wrote *Paul Newman Hops The Amtrak Auto-Train*, the play is directed by Shirley Jewell, the cast is Fay Carney, Bill Rahe, Michael Samet and Laurie Pickens. In this short play, a middle-aged housewife from New Jersey gets an intriguing proposition from a handsome stranger aboard the auto-train from Virginia to Florida.

Rudin also penned *Waiting For Wilma*, and it is directed by Jewell. The cast is Judith Koloski, Michael Raab and Peter Sterns. The story unfolds as Floridians evacuate their homes during Hurricane Wilma. Two different couples get booked into the same hotel room, so who gets to stay and who must leave? Or does this present an opportunity of convenience?

The third reading on April 21 will be



Members of the BIG ARTS Community Players

Oz In The Clozet, a one-act play by Len Cuthbert, creator and director of Fridge Door Live Theatre Company, Ontario, Canada. His scripts have been produced in festivals in Canada, U.S. and the UK. This farce is directed by Jana Stone, the cast is Kelly Greten, Molly Downing, JoAnna Bowers and Judith Koloski. The "recipe" for *Oz In The Clozet*: place one enigmatic girl and one vulnerable guy in one locked custodial closet, add one dominant fiancé, shake knob three times.

Tickets are now on sale at BIG ARTS and at the Herb Strauss Theater, adults are \$12 and children age 17 and under are \$5.

The Community Players are also seeking volunteers. If you are interested in being part of the production team, contact Community Players chair Shirley Jewell at srjewell@embarqmail.com.

"These evenings have been gaining in popularity and our audiences enjoy being part of a process that helps playwrights develop their creative offerings," said Jewell.

A staged play reading allows the audience to watch a play in development and allows the playwright to see how the characters present themselves on stage, how the blocking or movement suggested in the script works on stage, and how the audience responds to the play. "Come out and support your local community theater troupe, support new works by playwrights that are developing works

for live-theater, and support your friends and neighbors who volunteer their time and talent here on the island," she added. "Our audiences are important to us and provide the support for having community theater here on Sanibel."

BIG ARTS Community Players May are also working on a full-stage production of *Old Money* by Thomas C. Riti. Performances are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday May 16 to June 1 at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater.

This comedy involves sweet elderly sisters – an unlikely pair of counterfeiters – who use the manufactured money to support their favorite local charities. The local mob is out to put an end to this unexpected counterfeiting competition, which serves side-splitting situations as their granddaughter/grandniece, local law enforcement, a priest, a mob boss, his not-so-bright goombas, and a girl scout keep the comedy rolling right up to the unexpected final curtain.

Tickets are now available at BIG ARTS Box Offices. Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event information or call 395-0900.✪

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Applications

Museum, P.O. Box 1580, Sanibel, FL 33957 or email jeal@shellmuseum.org.

Applications for the 2013 Visiting Curatorship should be sent electronically to the above e-mail address no later than May 31, 2013 or postmarked by that date if sent by regular mail. The award will be announced by late June. Questions about the Visiting Curatorship should be sent to the e-mail address above, or by phone at 395-2233 or fax to 395-6706.✪

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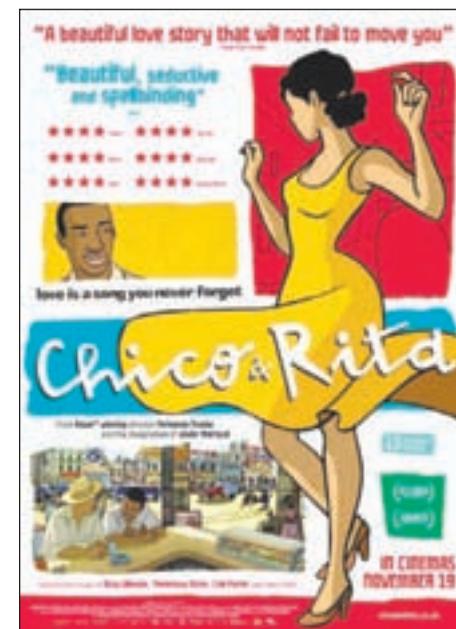
Surprise Film

BIG ARTS Film Society's Monday night surprise film for April 29 is *Chico & Rita*. Monday Night Films are \$8 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

Chico & Rita won Spain's Goya Award for Best Animated Film at the 25th Goya Awards and was nominated for the Oscar for Best Animated Feature at the 84th Academy Awards (the first time that a Spanish full-length animated film had been nominated).

Glorious Cuban music and a turbulent love affair with a splash of salsa are at the heart of this soulful saga that takes a 60-year star-crossed romance from 1948 Havana to New York and the Las Vegas Strip. Music and romantic desire unite them, but their journey – in the tradition of the Latin ballad, the bolero – brings heartache and torment.

The film features music by Thelonious Monk, Cole Porter, Dizzy Gillespie and Freddy Cole. In *The Miami Herald*, a reviewer wrote, "the film melds dazzling visuals and a wildly infectious score into a simple yet affecting love story." *Fotogramas*, the oldest and most prestigious film magazine in Spain, gave the film four out of five stars and praised how its characters were "more human and alive than many real actors."



Chico & Rita is not rated, but has a suggested MPAA Rating of R. The film is in English and Spanish with subtitles, and is one hour and 36 minutes long.

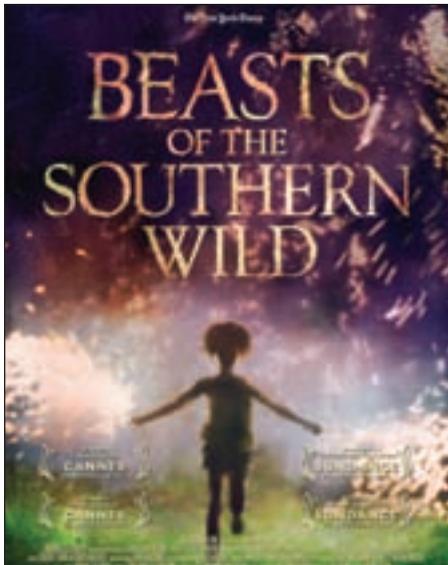
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Monday Night Movie

Beasts Of The Southern Wild

by Di Saggau



The BIG ARTS movie for Monday night, April 15 is *Beasts of the Southern Wild*. The film tells a heart-wrenching fable that's so unique, it's hard to explain. You can

make it into an allegory of just about anything you want. It's the first film by Benh Zeitlin, based on a screenplay and stage play by Lucy Alibar. The film, in many ways, is a fantasy and the untrained actors make it very convincing.

USA Today reported: "It's unlikely there will be a film as visually stunning or poetic this year or perhaps any year to rival *Beasts of the Southern Wild*. Perhaps the late Roger Ebert said it best: "Sometimes miraculous films come into being, made by people you've never heard of, starring unknown faces, blindsiding you with creative genius. *Beasts of the Southern Wild* is one of the year's best films."

It's a drama about an alcoholic father who is deeply flawed, but loves his six-year-old spitfire daughter fiercely. Hushpuppy is played by the amazingly talented Quvenzhané Wallis. It's a celebration of quirky friendships and the power of the imaginations. And what an imagination. It's an indictment of the deep divide that separates the rich and the poor.

This perfect storm of a film is a thing of beauty and originality.

Quvenzhané Wallis is a force of nature. There is no way you won't be captivated by her. She was selected from 3,500 candidates to play the tiny folk hero who narrates the story. She was five years old when cast in the role and seven when it finished. She had never acted before but you will view her as the only one possible for the part.

Hushpuppy is strong and brave and very precocious for her age. She has

a wise outlook on serious matters. She doesn't let anything keep her down and she believes in her power and ability as she fights rising tides and fantastic creatures in a mythic battle against the modern world. Her performance is a towering achievement.

Filmed in post-Katrina locations in the Louisiana bayous, you meet people who face daily struggles that seem insurmountable. This film is unlike any you have seen before. I can't wait to hear the discussion following the movie. It will be led by Joan Halperin.

BIG ARTS Film Society's Monday Night Film Series presents a mixture of critically-acclaimed independent and foreign films and documentaries. After each movie, a group of film buffs leads discussions on Gainer Veranda, complemented by refreshments.

Films are \$8 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlop Road.

Films are shown in high-definition on a large screen with surround sound. Assistive listening devices are available.

Sponsors are Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi and Jerry's Foods of Sanibel.

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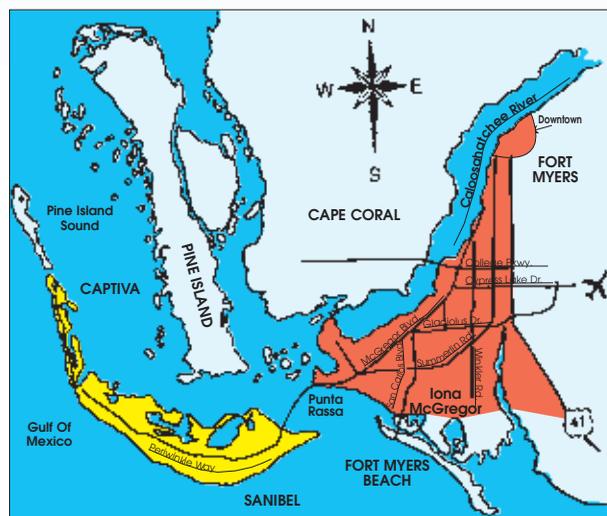
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Gulfshore Ballet's spring performance features local area classical ballet students performing excerpts from masterpieces such as *Coppelia*, *Swan Lake* and *La Bayadere* and other performances choreographed to music by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Johan Sebastian Bach and Dimitry Shostakovich, among others.

Tickets are \$20 for general adult admission and \$15 for children under 18 years. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.bigarts.org or at www.gsballet.org or by contacting Gulfshore Ballet at 590-6191 or the BIG ARTS Box Office at 395-0900. ✪

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Sanibel Recreation Center Members Discount Offer For *Fully Committed*

The BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is offering Sanibel Recreation Center member rates with a discount ticket price for all City of Sanibel Recreation Center members for the April 16 and 17 performances of *Fully Committed*.

The devastatingly-funny *Fully Committed* follows a day in the life of Sam Peliczowski, an out-of-work actor who mans the red-hot reservation line at Manhattan's number-one restaurant. A cast of desperate callers will stop at nothing to land a prime reservation. While juggling scheming socialites, name-dropping wannabes, fickle celebrities and egomaniacal bosses, can he manage to look out for himself? The play features 40 wildly diverse characters interpreted by the extremely-talented Trey Compton.

Admission for Sanibel Recreation Center members (adults and seniors) will be \$30 (30 percent off regular ticket price) and \$5 for students 17 and under. All participating members can purchase tickets at the Herb Strauss Theater Box Office, located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, or BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, located at 900 Dunlop Road, with a valid Sanibel Recreation Center membership card (6 month or annual) or receipt of a currently valid daily/weekly pass to the Rec Center. The discount ticket offer is good for select seats at all shows at the Herb Strauss Theater on April 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. Offer not valid on prior purchases and are subject to availability. One ticket per membership card, please.

For more information, call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345.*

Art League Meeting

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will host master watercolor painter Anne Kittel at its monthly meeting on April 18 at 1:30 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Kittel will give a demonstration showcasing her unique design and composition theories. Refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. There is no admission fee and the public is invited.

Kittel paints in a representational and semi abstract style with a cubist, or flat, element, which results in a unique and image. With her loosened rules of composition, she creates new pathways for traditional painters to explore.

Kittel has been painting for over 30 years. She received a degree in illustration

and fabric design from the Traphagen School in New York City. She also studied at the Rhode Island School of Design. She is a member of the Florida Watercolor Society and other regional and national watercolor groups and is a past member of FLAG. She has won numerous exhibit prizes and shows, regionally and nationally, and is a popular instructor at BIG ARTS and Fort Myers Beach Art Association. Her work is shown presently at Hirdie Girdie art gallery on Tarpon Bay Road.

The Sanibel-Captive Art League welcomes artists of all levels and media. It meets on the third Thursday of every month during season. Its art activities include exhibitions, plein air painting, studio painting at BIG ARTS, workshops, and demonstrations and speakers on art and related topics at its meetings. For more information, visit sancapart.com.*

Documentary Series At BIG ARTS

by Di Saggau

Kinshasa Symphony is the final film in BIG ARTS' new critically acclaimed documentary series. It will be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 in Schein Hall. The film is described by *Variety's* Rob Nelson as "a fully charged ode to the power of music in a region ravaged by war and poverty." *Kinshasa Symphony* is the winner of numerous awards including a Gold Panda, Hugo and the 2011 Gold World Medal at the New York African Film Festival.

Kinshasa is the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Almost 10 million people live here and they number among the poorest inhabitants on this planet. In the 15 years of its existence, the Kinshasa Symphony musicians have survived two attempts to overthrow the government and a war. But concentration on the music and hopes for a better future keep them going. Two hundred orchestral musicians are planning a huge open-air concert to mark the anniversary of independence for the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The film is a study of people in one of the world's most chaotic cities doing their best to maintain one of the most complex systems of joint human endeavor; a symphony orchestra.

The film runs 95 minutes. There will be a short introduction before the film and an open discussion following the showing. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the BIG ARTS box office, 900 Dunlop Road. Call 395-0900 for more information or visit www.BIGARTS.org.*



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The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers' Sounds of Spring concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14 in Schein Performance Hall at BIG ARTS. Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children 17 and under. Conducted by Jeff Faux, the concert will feature *Magnificat* by Gerald Finzi,

Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein, and *Stars* by Dan Forrest. They will also perform Appalachian folk song *Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair*, Danny Boy, American folk song *Shenandoah* and *Armed Services Medley - The Pride of America!*

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Trey Compton in *Fully Committed*

Comedy Runs Wild At Herb Strauss Theater

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is showing *Fully Committed* now through April 27.

Fully Committed tells the story of Sam, an out-of-work actor who works the reservation line in a desperately trendy – and fully-booked – New York City restaurant. He juggles multiple phone calls from a milieu of naïve tourists, society grande dames, media stars, wannabes, and the chef, who has the rough language of a Mafia hit man but is very sensitive about his polenta. Sam is kept in the crucible while dozens of calls come in, often simultaneously, at a whirlwind pace. In the *Island Sun*, Di Saggau called this one-man show, "... a hilarious 90 minutes of laughs and mayhem."

Trey Compton plays Sam and 40 other roles. Charles Runnells reviewed this production in *The Fort Myers News-Press* and wrote, "Compton swaps characters with a simple swivel of his stool or a change in posture, and he uses an arsenal of funny accents and facial expressions to great effect. All with dead-on comedic timing and a boundless energy (his Latino chef and his little old lady in a wheelchair are particularly hilarious)."

Local theater fans will remember Compton, who not only dazzled audiences as Freddy Benson in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* but also played a plethora of male and female characters in the Herb Strauss Theater's production of

photo by David Sexton

Das Barbecü. In 2013, he received rave reviews as Historian/Not Dead Fred/Prince Herbert in *Spamalot* at the Strauss. Compton's New York and regional theater credits include the Emmy Award-winning *Passion: Live at Lincoln Center*, (starring Patti LuPone), *Like You Like It*, *Altar Boyz*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Stones in his Pockets*, *Legally Blonde*, and the world premiere of the musical *Love Incorporated*. He is also a director, choreographer and fight director, and holds a BFA in theater from Pace University in New York.

Written by Becky Mode and based on the experiences of Mark Setlock, the play was inspired by Setlock's job answering the phone at a "high-end TriBeCa restaurant," though the actual characters and situations are said to be fictional. This production, directed by Jeremy Gold Kronenberg, the set designer William Davis, lighting designer David A. Sexton, props mistress Jenny Smith, and technical director Adam Trummell. Herb Strauss Theater production manager is Bobby Logue.

Performances of *Fully Committed* are 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through April 27. Tickets are \$42, children 17 and under are \$20. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for discounts. Call 472-6862 for tickets.

Fully Committed is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor Landgraphics and Casa Ybel Resort.

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Birds Eye View

Although managed hunting provides some incentive for humans to tolerate these dangerous animals, as I proposed about the grizzlies in the lower 48 states, as the human population continues to increase in Africa, I am not so sure our species will accept having these animals in their neighborhoods as well.

I'm afraid our technological advancements in altering natural habitats into human-oriented habitats combined with our intolerance of potentially aggressive behavior in wild animals will outpace the wildlife's capability to evolve solutions to those threats.

Next week, I will start to address the next dangerous animals for humans; the big cats of the world and crocodilians. So do me a favor and don't watch any Hollywood programs with these animals in them or you might find it difficult to believe what I will try and tell you.

Just kidding... sort of.

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Final Performance Of Shell Point Season Of Praise Concert Series

The final performance in the 2012-13 Season of Praise Concert Series will be a faith-based musical drama entitled *Women Who Dare To Believe* on Sunday, April 21 at 6:15 p.m. Veteran actresses Bonnie Keen and Nan Gurley will bring to life 21 women from the Scriptures whom God used to fulfill the covenant and bring in the Messiah in this thought provoking musical.

With cutting-edge dialogue, original music and creative interaction with the audience, this 90-minute musical will inspire viewers with the stories of women who dared to believe and pushed against the pressures and culture of their day. The scarlet thread of hope runs through the stories of Rahab, Tamar, Leah and Rachel, Deborah and Esther, Anna and Mary. Like women today, these women knew this was their hour, this was their moment.

On a bare stage, two women using 20 feet of scarlet fabric leave audiences breathless with the stories of the blood of Jesus running through time from the Garden to the empty tomb. Rich with personal application, this musical will be an inspiring conclusion to the Season of Praise series held at The Village Church.

The Village Church is located near the entrance of The Island at Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway. Tickets for *Women Who Dare To Believe* are now on sale and are \$10 each. To purchase tickets online, go to www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise. For additional information about the concert, call 454-2147.*



Bonnie Keen and Nan Gurley

Thompson Donates Book To Sanibel Library



Sanibel Public Library Youth Services Manager Barb Kunkle accepts a copy of *Round Red Apple* from Berdenna Thompson



Berdenna Thompson inscribes the book to the library as Barb Kunkle looks on
photos by Jeff Lysiak

On April 5, Berdenna Thompson donated a copy of her recently-published children's book, *Round Red Apple*, to the Sanibel Public Library.

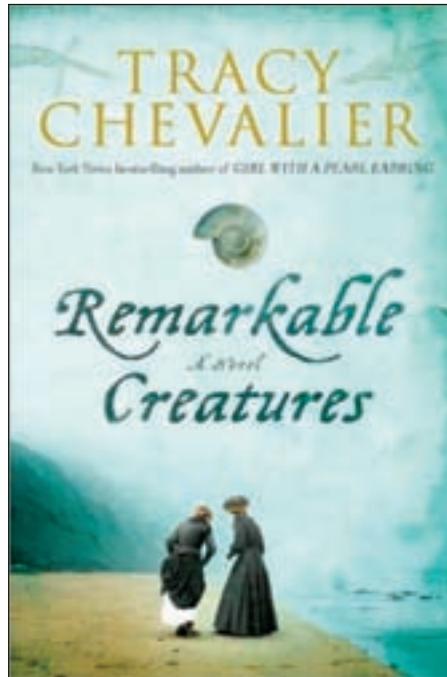
A member of the Island Writers Group III, Thompson was an elementary school teacher for 25 years. *Round Red Apple*, intended for preschool to kindergarten and first grade-age readers, was illustrated by her son-in-law, former Sanibel Police Chief Lew Phillips.*

Sanibel Library Book Discussion

Readers are invited to discuss *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier, the focus of the Wednesday, April 24 book discussion meeting at the Sanibel Public Library. There is no charge to attend and the discussion is open to the public. The discussion will be led by Nancy Carlile and it begins at 2 p.m. in meeting room #4, located across from the elevator on the ground floor.

Growing up fascinated with the fossils she collected on the beach, Mary Anning blossomed into a skillful amateur archaeologist. When she discovers an intriguing fossilized skeleton, townspeople and religious authorities react viciously. Barred from the scientific community and in love with an unavailable man, Mary turns to Elizabeth Philpot, a London exile, for friendship. Together, they look to make their way in the evolving nineteenth century through archaeology and scientific discovery.

The books featured for group discussions are available and located in the library near the reference desk. While



it is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion, all are welcome. For questions or more information, call the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2483.✱



Flat Stanleys at the library with Cathy Cangelosi-Cameron and Candy Heise

Flat Stanleys Meet At Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library had two unique visitors this past week. Two Flat Stanleys arrived via mail as the guests of library staffers. Cathy Cangelosi-Cameron's nephew, Mark Cangelosi, sent his Flat Stanley from Des Plaines, Illinois. Candy Heise's granddaughter, Hannah Heise, sent her Flat Stanley from Scott City, Missouri. The two Flat Stanleys met at the library for a little fun time and photos in the Children's Area.

Flat Stanley is a wonderful story written by Jeff Brown in 1964. The story

is about a boy who is flattened, but not hurt, by a bulletin board that falls on him. His parents find a way for him to travel around the world by way of mail. The Flat Stanley Project, started in 1995 by a third grade teacher Canada, Dale Hubert, is a popular project focusing on letter-writing by schoolchildren. Students begin by reading the book and then cutting out a paper Flat Stanley, which they mail with an instructional letter to visit distant friends and relatives. The recipients of Flat Stanley are asked by the children to treat him as a guest and document Flat Stanley's activities during his stay. Flat Stanley is returned to the school, along with photos and a journal of his stay in each location. The children and teachers discuss the many places Flat Stanley has visited.✱



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Sanibel-Captiva Cares Holds A Million Dollar Evening For The Golisano Children's Hospital At HealthPark

submitted by Jeannie Kendall

It was a million dollar evening for the Sanibel-Captiva Cares Island Celebration to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital on Sunday April 7. The sold-out event marked the group's 13th year proving again that Sanibel and Captiva are islands filled with generous people who take a personal interest in children.

Leprechaun Marty Harrity, auctioneer, was magnificent as he urged the crowd to new heights on behalf of the children in Southwest Florida. By the end of the night, over \$1 million was raised, providing much needed support for the capital campaign to build a new facility.

A few lucky attendees walked away from The Sanctuary with trips to a French Chateau, New York's Broadway, a Taylor Swift concert in Los Angeles and an original piece titled *Captiva Cares* by Darryl Pottorf, membership to South Seas Island Resort, jewelry from Congress Jewelers and the ever-popular Name That Drink! opportunity from Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille.

Thanks to Sanibel-Captiva Cares co-chairs Amanda Cross, Dorothy Fitzgerald and Sherry Gentry and their hardworking committees, the children of Southwest Florida will also have a new pediatric ambulance. That's just the beginning of a long list of wishes fulfilled for the children's hospital including child defibrillators, parent sleep beds, in-house infant transporter, pediatric ICU resuscitation bags and rapid result blood analyzers.

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Mary Claire Lyons, Brenda and Marty Harrity with Julie Smith

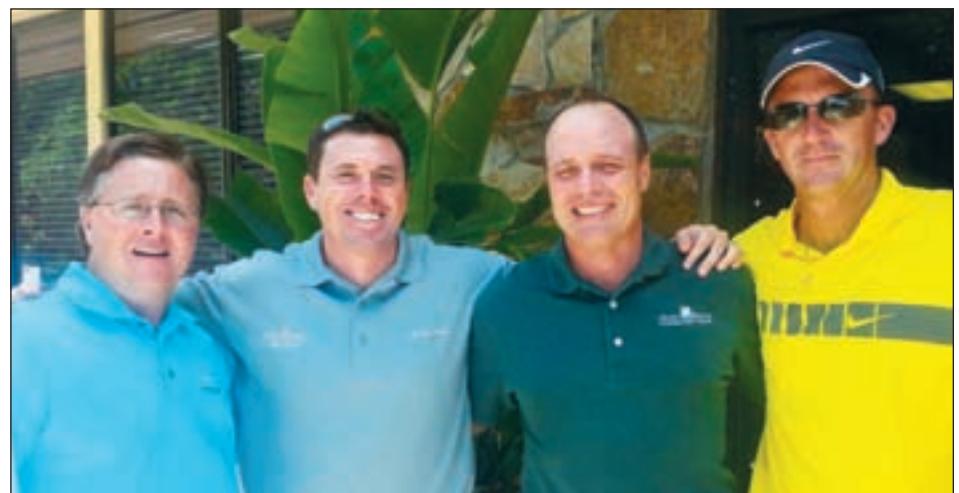
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In addition to 18 holes of golf, the event will include a light breakfast, lunch and a silent auction. Proceeds from the tournament will be matched by a grant from Royal Shell Real Estate, tournament sponsor, and will be used to support direct patient care in CROW's wildlife hospital.

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Jeff Burns, committee chair, and his committee - Steve Greenstein, Craig Albert, Jeff Weigel and Ed Lockard - invite anyone interested in registration or sponsorship to contact James Robinson at CROW. He can be reached at 472-3644 ext. 221 or development@crowclinic.org.



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Florida Youth Soccer Champions



From left, Lander Peck, Megan Brown and Julia Holston stand proudly with the State Championship trophy

Three Sanibel girls were part of the Under 12 Lee County Striker team that won the Florida Youth Soccer Association's Division II State Championship on April 7 in Fort Myers. Lander Peck, Megan Brown and Julia Holston (along with their parents) endured a long season filled with twice a week practices and long road trips to tournaments.

"It's great to see that kids from the Sanibel Recreation Program excel in a more competitive soccer league. It is a tribute to the hard work of the girls and the team's head coach, Mark Bost" said Craig Holston, president of Sanibel Youth Soccer and proud parent of Julia Holston.

The three Sanibel School sixth graders will play a few more scrimmages and enjoy a short break until next season begins in August.✱

Help Stock Food Pantry Before You Head Up North

As seasonal residents, visitors and vacationers begin to leave the islands, the FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel, Inc. Food Pantry begins to enter its lean period with fewer donations coming in from supporters. The demand for food is at its highest in the summer months and it is difficult to keep the food pantry well stocked during this time. In the past, many islanders leaving to go up north have helped by donating leftover, unopened and unused food.

If you can help, bring unopened, unexpired, perishable or non-perishable food items to the FISH Walk-In Center. Items in need include: canned meats, tuna, vegetables, fruits, soups; frozen or fresh meats, fish, vegetables and juices; boxed cereal, pasta, rice and crackers; coffee, tea, juices, Boost and Ensure drinks. Unopened non-food items needed include: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet paper, laundry detergent, softener, cleaning products, paper goods, diapers, wipes, pet food and sun block.

"We are always grateful for the support of our fellow islanders," said FISH President John Morse. "Their generous donations always help to make a difference in the lives of people who benefit from FISH and the food pantry."



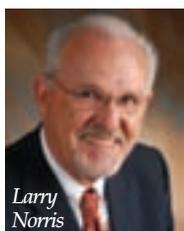
The FISH food pantry

The FISH Walk-in Center, 1630-B Periwinkle Way, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 472-4775 or visit www.fishofsanibel.com.✱

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Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. with Sandi McDougall. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance, core strength and flexibility exercises.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor. The 11 a.m. class is being monitored and may be extended beyond Friday, April 12.

Power Hour Fitness – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords and stability balls, along with mats, are used to strengthen your muscles. Improve core strength and balance. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while

improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Chairs are used to stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, alignment and circulation.

Tuesday Kayaking – April 23 and 30, 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. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets provided. Bring water, a small snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Stop by the center to sign up.

Florida Repertory Theatre – *Educating Rita* by Willy Russell, Saturday, April 20. Olivier Award-winning Best Comedy from the author of *Shirley Valentine*.

Tenth Annual Friday Coping With Life Series

April 12, 2 p.m. – **Brain Basher Puzzles** by Millennium Cognitive staff. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 non-members. Travel to Brain Boot Camp in order to boost your IQ and sharpen your memory. At the end of the program, you'll discover your memory will be sharper and your mind more agile. The puzzles are organized in levels from easy to difficult so you can increase the intensity of your mental workout as you progress.

Tuesday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon.

Basketweaving Class. Martha Kehow will teach you how to weave a multi-use basket. She will have the kits made up. All you have to do is weave and have fun, and leave with your own hand-made functional basket. Cost is \$30.

Thursday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Jewelry Making Class.** Andrea Goetzing has designed a multi-colored necklace that looks great with Florida colors. The "memory wire" fits easily and you don't have to worry about a clasp. She will help you create your own piece of unique jewelry. Cost is \$20.

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Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for

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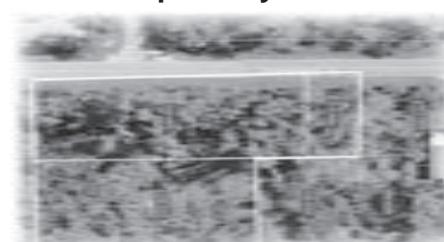
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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Although we will miss our regular snowbird Rotarians, sometimes referred to us as Snowtarians, it's that time again for many to fly toward the North. They are an integral part of our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. We welcome them, learn from them, work together, have fun together and look forward to their return in the fall.



Roger Triftshauser

program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs.

Why did Triftshauser bring this up? The Triftshauser family had seven Rotary exchange students in their home: Shirley Farqueson, Australia; Katri Tilla, Finland; Sten Barnekow, Sweden; Helene Barnekow, Sweden; Per Thorell, Sweden; Marcia Alavrenga, Brazil; and Gustavo Vacchiano, Brazil. Triftshauser's daughter Kristen participated in a Rotary Student Exchange program for a year in Brazil and daughter Erin spent two summers in Sweden.

The Triftshausers support and advocate this program, which never really

ends, as their exchange students return for visits and his family has visited exchange students' homes. Triftshauser says that this family affair is their quest toward furthering world peace.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Sanibel Island Golf Club, 1100 Par View Drive. If you have any questions regarding Rotary, e-mail Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President, John Grey-John@JohnGreyPainting.com or President-Elect, Scot Congress-Scot@scongress.com.**

Rotary Club Supports The Arts

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Foundation member Chet Sadler recently presented a \$500 check to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Arts Complex Acting Director Anika Sturdivant in support of the university's 2013 annual juried student art exhibition. Students must show their best efforts since these competitions are the entry level to the art world. The exhibition gives FGCU students a chance to show off their talents, have their work juried by their faculty and, in a few cases, take home prizes.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary believes in supporting youth leaders in their chosen fields and wishes all of them a bright future ahead.*

PAWS Pet



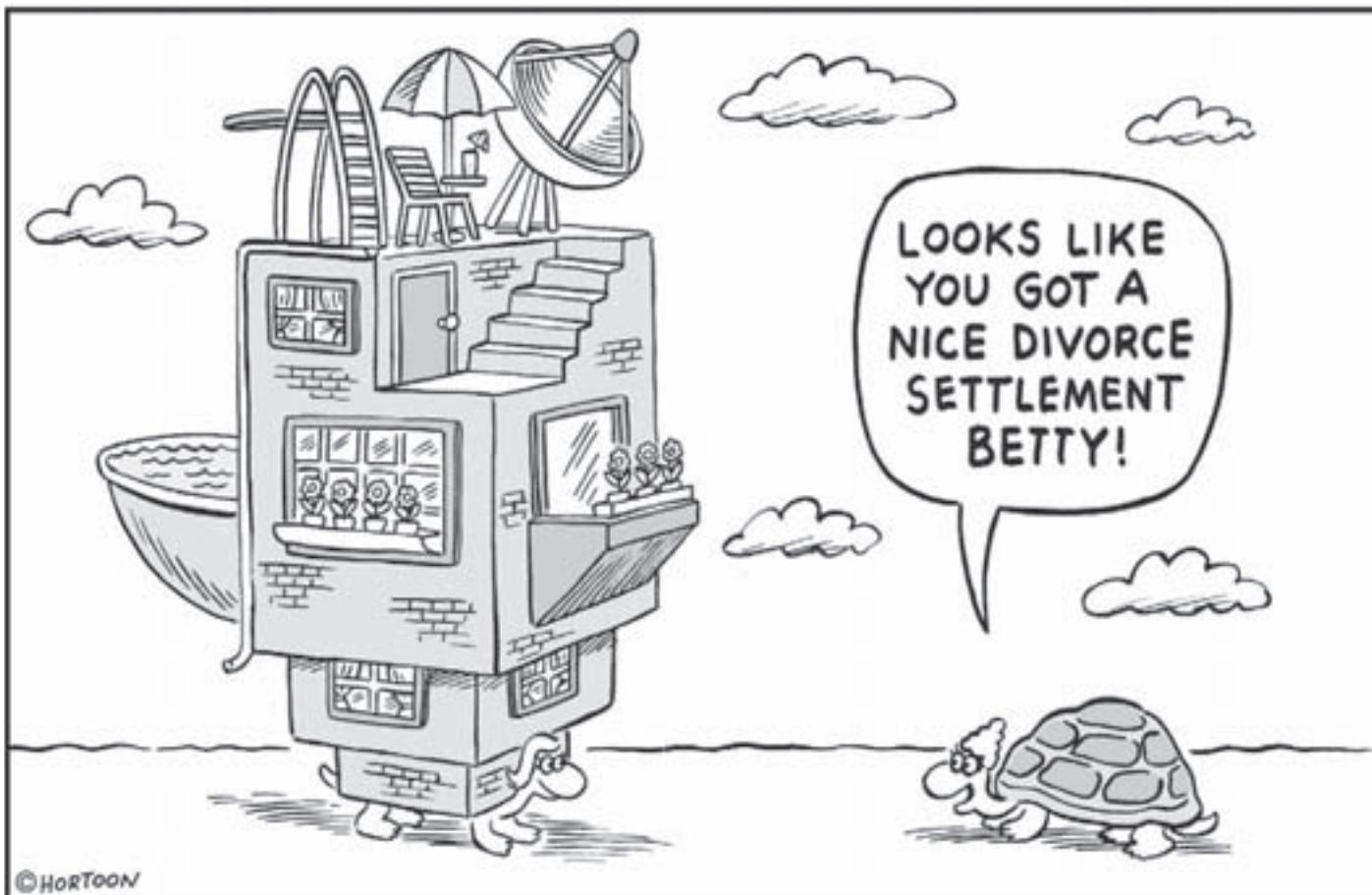
Tiny Tim

Meet Tiny Tim, a stray kitten in need of a forever home. He was only 2 weeks old when he was found underneath a car in the Sanibel Bean parking lot. He is currently being bottle fed, but will be available for adoption in approximately 6 to 8 weeks, in late May/early June.

If you have room in your heart for Tiny Tim, call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823.

PAWS is in need of foster homes as well as donations. Checks made payable to PAWS can be mailed to P.O. Box 855, Sanibel, FL 33957.*

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Back, from left: Rod Mitchell, Jack Crawford, Rudy, Andy Crawford, Bill, Harry Crawford, Donny Frye, Carol Stafne, Tom Stafne, Red Culver, Deb Gleason, Larry Bisby and Tom Appgar; front: Jack Koc, Tony Rinaldi and Dwight Dunlop

Brits Come Out To Bat – And It’s Not Cricket

by Anne Mitchell

Monday night pickup softball players got a surprise this week when group of visiting Brits, who know the rules of cricket much better than softball, made an unannounced appearance on the Sanibel ball fields.

Deb Gleason, who also plays for the Bailey’s team, came up with the idea of bringing in the Crawford family from Yorkshire to see what softball is all about.

The Crawfords were on their annual visit to relatives Rod and Anne Mitchell of Sanibel. Gleason had met them last year during a trip to England with islander Anne Mitchell, sister of Andy Crawford, and wanted to give them a flavor of her hometown.

The host players were very courteous and helpful and gave Crawford and his two teenage sons, 16-year-old Jack and Harry, 14, some tips. The boys play a little baseball in school, but a similar game, called rounders, is more common in England.

After a short warm-up session, about 16 players took to the field with the visitors split between the two local teams. The score was 8-9.



The UK contingent, from front, Rod Mitchell of Sanibel, with Jack, Harry, Sharon and Andy Crawford visiting from Leeds, England

The pickup game was started by Sam Bailey years ago. According to Gleason, “It was first known as the Over 50 League but Sam eventually re-named it the Not so Young, Not so Good League.” She said it’s open to anyone wanting to come out for a good time. “But if anyone hits it out of the park, they’re out!”

Rules are adjusted to put safety first and to ensure the games are fun for all – even those who don’t move so fast any more.

The league goes on hiatus in May as many people head north and before the summer downpours begin.✱



Harry Crawford, 14, from Leeds, England



Jack Crawford, 16, from Leeds, England



Larry Bisby, right, gives Andy Crawford some pointers as Donny Frye goes to assist



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Local Producer Has Begun Filming On Sanibel-Captiva Video

The film project, *The Top 20 Things to do on Sanibel-Captiva*, is now in production and producer David E. Carter has released a partial list of the attractions that will be included in the DVD.

Filming for these 10 Sanibel-Captiva attractions has been completed or they are on the schedule for shooting very soon. They are:

- Bicycling on Sanibel
- CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife)
- "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge
- Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille
- Sanibel Farmers Market
- Sanibel Lighthouse
- Sanibel Moorings Botanical Garden
- Sanibel-Captiva Visitors Center
- Shelling on the Beach
- Sunset at the Beach

Carter stressed that there will be no number ratings for the top 20 attractions. "Any of them could be number one, based on an individual's interest. All of the 20 attractions are really outstanding," Carter said.

"That's why Sanibel-Captiva is such a vacation paradise. In fact, there's a good chance that there will be 21 or 22 attractions in the finished film. I'm not sure I can actually stop at 20."

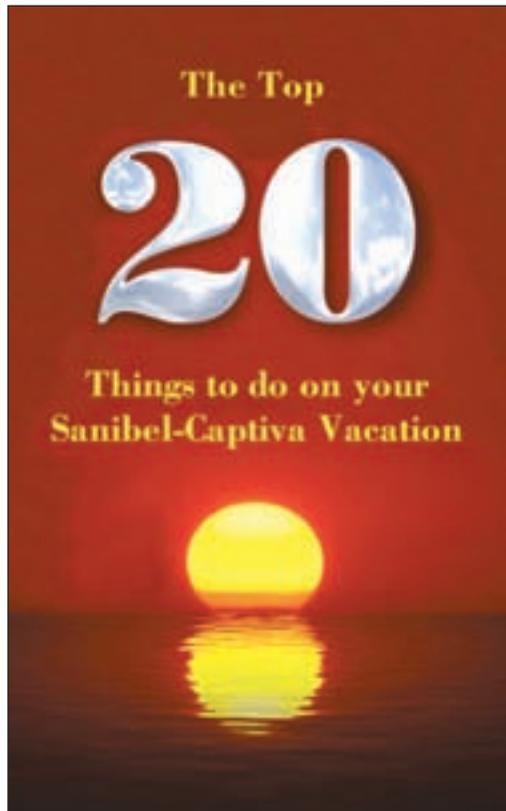
A seven-time Emmy winning TV producer who lives on Sanibel full time, Carter is actively soliciting suggestions for the top 20 list. The website www.TheSanibelDVD.com lets people email their suggestions for attractions for the film, and also get frequent updates on the project. A Facebook page has been set up and linked to the website.

Carter's Emmy-winning work includes four documentaries that ran on PBS stations around the country. His most-viewed work was numerous comedy sketches that he produced for *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*.

The best of that work also appeared on one of Carson's prime-time anniversary shows.

His most recent production, a baseball documentary, was honored by the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York

He expects to have the Sanibel-Captiva video completed by early summer.*



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Honorary Chairs Mike and Cannella Mullins helped raise the event to a new level. "We all know the phrase 'it's better to give than to receive,' but the generosity of our islands gives new meaning to this phrase," said Mike. "We couldn't have been prouder of our involvement."

On hand to chat about the new hospital plans was Jim Nathan, CEO of Lee Memorial Health System. He discussed exciting new plans for the future of medicine in our area as the new Golisano Children's Hospital will provide a world-class facility and additional beds. Nathan also thanked Al Hanser, CEO of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company for the 10th year of being Master Sponsor of the event.

This year's success brings the 13-year total of Sanibel-Captiva Cares contributions to the Golisano Children's Hospital at HealthPark to \$5 million and continues the mission to provide great resources to our community so that families can be treated right here at home.

If you missed this year's event, you haven't missed the opportunity to give. Contact SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com to pledge a donation.*



Eileen and Lex Roulston with Sanibel firefighters



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Honorary Chairs Mike and Canella Mullins, with daughters Carolyn, Jenny and Elizabeth



Jim Nathan with Kiwanians Dick Muench, Al Hanser, Peter Bender and Dave Essig



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Michael Szymanczyk, Karen and Jim Nathan (CEO of Lee Memorial Health System), Amanda Cross and Deb Szymanczyk



Dorothy and Ron Fitzgerald with daughter Allie



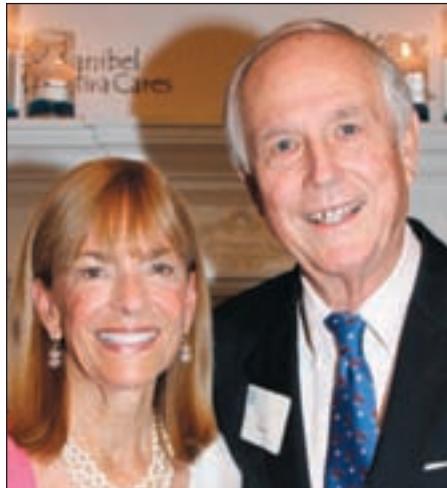
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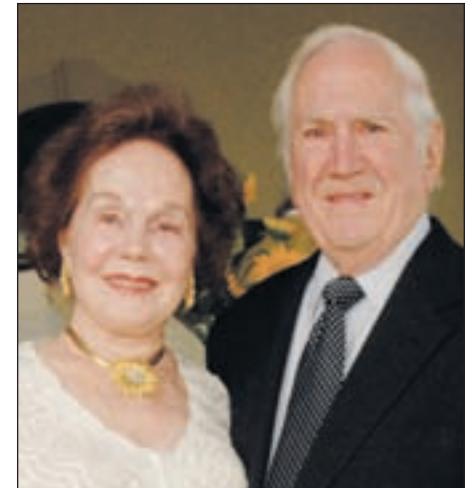
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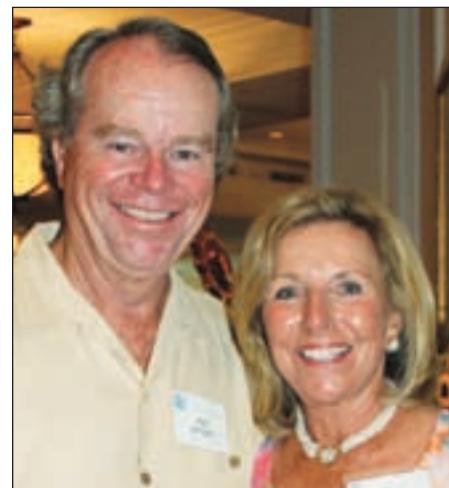
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Islanders Donate Their Tips To Capital Campaign

Supporters of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS) are coming up with creative fundraising techniques for the society's preservation campaign to acquire 6.56 acres on Sanibel Island's Woodring Point for the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Wendy Schnapp, co-owner and manager of the refuge's concessionaire, Tarpon Bay Explorers, decided to donate all the tips she received as a tour guide during the busy month of March to the campaign. In addition, Wendy and husband George donated tips collected while serving green beer on St. Patrick's Day from their restaurant, George & Wendy's Seafood Grille. In all, the tips added up to \$565.

"When people learned about the importance of acquiring Woodring Point at the entrance of Tarpon Bay to preserve the vital wildlife habitat there, they were happy to tip a little extra," said Wendy. "Every dollar adds up, and I'm so pleased with the generous contributions from our visitors."

To learn more about the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and to become a member, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org. Visit Tarpon Bay Explorers at 900 Tarpon Bay Road, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information on tours and rentals to explore the refuge, call 472-8900, visit www.tarponbayexplorers.com, or www.facebook.com/TarponBayExplorers.*



George and Wendy Schnapp



Zontian Helen Ramsey and Wendy West lean in for a grab at raffle tickets at Zonta's Peek At The Unique

Zonta Announces Raffle Winners

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas

The lucky winners of The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva Six Chances at The Unique raffle drawing received exciting prizes and, more importantly, helped raise more than \$14,000 to improve the lives of needy women and girls locally and around the world. The drawing was held on March 16 as part of Zonta's 12th annual Peek at the Unique house tour, the club's signature fundraiser.

At \$10 each, potential winners bought raffle tickets during the months of February and March. Tickets were sold on weekends prior to The Peek at Bailey's General Store and on March at the Sanibel Farmer's Market. Zontians also sold tickets.

But only six lucky winners were awarded prizes donated by island businesses and individuals:

- A three-night stay for two at the Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancun, an all-inclusive, luxury beachfront resort in Cancun, Mexico. The prize is a \$1,400 value and was won by Lee Schaff of Sanibel.

- A five-night stay for two in a New York City apartment overlooking the Hudson River. A \$1,500 value, this prize was donated by Zontian Barbara Stelman and won by Sanibel resident Alex Werner.

- An eight-story high ride for two in a cherry picker anywhere on Sanibel or Captiva. Worth \$500, this prize was donated by Dickey Brothers Tree Services and awarded to Mike Mullins of Captiva.

- A custom cartoon drawn by Florida cartoonist, creator of Hortoons and Fort

Myers resident Dave Horton. A signed copy of Horton's book *Welcome to Florida, Cartoons by Hortoon*, is included in this package valued at \$415. This prize was awarded to Sanibel resident and Zontian Nancy Bender.

- A family portrait gift certificate that includes a one-hour photo shoot with professional photographer Jonathan Tongyai, an 18" x 24" canvas gallery wrap and a disc of photos. This prize, valued at \$400, was donated by Island Photography and won by Ann McDonald of Captiva.

- An island-shopping spree worth over \$900. The spree includes the following merchants: Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, CJ's Island Boutique, Eileen Fisher, Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery, Nanny's Children's Shop, Friday's Child, Geez Leweez, Peach Republic, Why Knot, Her Sports Closet and Cheeburger, Cheeburger. This prize was awarded to Sanibel resident and Zontian Edina Lessack.

Ann McDonald, winner of the photo shoot, said she plans to use the prize later this year to include her new great-granddaughter and her family when they visit.

"I feel really lucky to have won and think it is important for everyone to do their share," she said referring to the Peek and the charities it helps to fund.

A separate raffle drawing open only to Peek participants was also held on March 16 and included three photographs by famed Sanibel photographer Charles McCullough and framing donated by Sanibel Art and Frame. The prints were donated by McCullough and island resident and Zontian Sheila Hoen and awarded to Jean Ely of Sanibel.

The raffle is just part of the overall funds raised at this annual event. Last year's Peek raised about \$92,000 from ticket sales, sponsorships and donations. Final figures have yet to be released, but Peek organizers expect to do even better this year and credit the community with making the event such a success.

"Thanks to our wonderful community of merchants, residents and artists, our prizes this year were fantastic," said Wendy West, chair of Peek raffle sales. "We couldn't reach our goals of helping women locally and internationally without them."

The money raised will be awarded in the form of grants to local and international service organizations such as The Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership and PACE Center for Girls to help improve the lives of women and girls.*

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Top Prospects Sano And Rosario Slug Miracle To 4-0 Season Start, But They May Not Be Here Long

by Ed Frank



If you're a baseball fan, you have the opportunity to watch two exciting youngsters on this season's Fort Myers Miracle team that are destined for bigger things – but you better act quickly, because Miquel Sano and Eddie Rosario might not be here long.

Sano and Rosario blasted the Miracle to a 4-0 season start and, as the week began, Sano, with back-to-back three-hit games, was batting .438 and Rosario .389.

We've written extensively about Sano in the past, but this is the first season where he will be competing in the tough High A Florida State League.

The Dominican Republic native is listed by *Baseball America* as the No. 1 prospect in the Minnesota Twins organization and No. 9 among all Major League prospects. Rosario is No. 7 in the Twins farm system.

Sano was signed by the Twins in 2009 for a whopping \$3.15 million, the highest international signing bonus in Twins history, more than the Twins spent on 70 international prospects from 2006 through 2008 combined. He was just 16 years old when he signed.

A lengthy investigation by Major League Baseball preceded his signing to confirm his young age, and that long probe actually reduced the multi-million dollar deal he was awarded.

Sano was the subject of the 2012 documentary *Pelotero* that followed the controversial period before his signing.

Still just 19 years old, the Twins have been cautious with his development in order to improve his defensive skills at third base and to reduce his propensity for striking out. That conservative approach is working as last season, the 6'4", 236-pound Sano hit 28 home runs and knocked in 100 runs while batting .258 at Low A Beloit.

Rosario, 20, also is moving up from Beloit where he hit .296 with 70 RBIs playing second base. He recently competed for his native Puerto Rico in the World Baseball Classic, where Puerto Rico finished runner-up to the Dominican Republic champions.

The purpose of minor league baseball is to develop youngsters for the majors. If Sano and Rosario continue to play the way they have the first week of the season, don't be surprised to see them move up soon to Double A New Britain.

In addition to Sano and Rosario, the 2013 edition of the Miracle, under first-year manager Doug Mientkiewicz, blends experience along with 11 players new to a Miracle uniform.

Of local interest is Florida Gulf Coast University alum Stephen Wickens, a center-fielder, who hit .307 last year with rookie-level Elizabethton and Beloit in 59 games.

The red-hot starting Miracle will be home Sunday at Hammond Stadium to begin a four-game homestand starting against Charlotte followed by Palm Beach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Everblades 1-1 Against Elmira In First Round Of Playoffs

The Florida Everblades, the defending Kelly Cup champions of the ECHL, split the first two games against the Elmira Jackals in Round 1 of the playoffs.

The series moved to Elmira for the next three games that began Wednesday and will continue this weekend. If Games 6 and 7 are necessary, they will be played back here at Germain Arena next Monday and Wednesday.

The first game of the ECHL Eastern Conference quarterfinals began with a 5-1 Florida victory, but the Jackals skated back with an 8-2 win last Saturday.

Twins, Red Sox Off To Good Start

After writing last week that baseball experts had predicted last-place finishes for both the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox, both teams completed the first week of the season with 4-2 records and in first place in their respective divisions.

And on Monday of this week, the Red Sox improved to 5-2 with a shutout win over Baltimore.

The season is something like 25 weeks long, not just one week, but that first week sure was encouraging for both teams.✱

Lifeguard Course Offered At Rec Center

An American Red Cross Lifeguard Course will be held at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Friday, April 19 from 2 to 8 p.m., on Saturday, April 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Upon completion of this three-day course, participants will be certified as professional rescuers in lifeguarding, first aid, and adult, child and infant CPR/AED.

The American Red Cross now offers course manuals online. Participants must bring a printed copy of the lifeguarding manual to all class sessions. For step-by-step instructions for downloading and printing the course manuals, contact the Sanibel Recreation Center. Course cost is \$200 for Rec Center members and \$250 for non-members. Must be at least 15 years old to register and able to attend all class sessions.

Call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 for swimming ability prerequisites or more information. Class size is limited.✱

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the two players who have hit home runs in a Game Seven of the World Series three times each.
2. In 2004, Andy Lopez became the third baseball coach to take three different teams to the College World Series. Name the first two.
3. Who was the first 1,000-yard rusher in AFL history?
4. The 2012 NCAA men's basketball tournament saw the biggest comeback in its history, as BYU came from 25 points down to win. What had been the biggest rally?
5. Who was the last Buffalo Sabres player before Thomas Vanek in 2013 to tally five points in a game?
6. Carmelo Anthony set a USA Basketball record in 2012 for most points in an Olympic game (37). Who had held the record?
7. Who was the oldest golfer to play in the Ryder Cup?

ANSWERS

1. Bill "Moose" Skowron and Yogi Berra. 2. Larry Cocchell and Ron Polk. 3. Cookie Gilchrist ran for 1,096 yards for Buffalo in 1962. 4. Duke came back from 22 down against Maryland in 2001. 5. Drew Stafford had five points in a game in 2008. 6. Stephen Marbury tallied 31 points in 2004. 7. Raymond Floyd was 51 years old when he played in the Ryder Cup in 1993.



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April 6 winners, from left, Bruce Cutler, Hunt Ethridge, Roger Cogswell and Dick Arnould

Sanibel Island Golf Club Results

On April 6, the Sanibel Island Golf Club men's group played a Very Modified Stableford event - 1 point for a bogey, 2 points for par, 3 points for birdie and 4 points for an eagle.

The team of Roger Cogswell, Dick Arnould, Hunt Ethridge and Bruce Cutler were the big winners, eclipsing the rest of the field with a total score of 169. Cutler contributed with his usual long drives, Cogswell had some chip-ins while Ethridge and Arnould had good, steady rounds to make for the runaway score.

Second place honors went to Bill Stell, Bill Sartoris, John Kilkenny and Rod Verblauw with a score of 156.

In third place was the threesome - with a blind draw - of Rich Rompala, Gholi Darehshori and Rene Lohser with a net score of 152.*

Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, April 3.

Format: Quota Points

Flight 1

1st Bruce McLaughlin +8
2nd Gordon Rains +6

3rd Bob Schoen +6
Flight 2
1st Mike Hnatow +11
2nd Dave Blue +3
3rd Jim Bradford +3
Flight 3
1st Joe Burns +10
2nd Max Friedersdorf +10
3rd Tim O'Neill +8*

Dunes Sunday Mixed Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Sunday Mixed Golf results from April 7.

Format: 2 Person Scramble

1st Marv Seibold
Helen Seibold
Frank Cassavell
Barbara Cassavell
2nd Tom Winkler
Willie Winkler
David Dyke
Joan Dyke
3rd Jim Fantozz
Janet Fantozzi
Howard Dwyer
Margaret Dwyer

Closest to the Hole
Mike Dutton #2
Gordon Rains #9*

15th Collegiate Roller Hockey Championships

The National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association will hold its 15th National Collegiate Roller Hockey Championships in Lee County this weekend, concluding on Sunday, April 14.

The event will feature 56 teams in three divisions (Division I, Division II, and B Division) together to compete for the title of Collegiate Roller Hockey National Champion. Games will be played at the Fort Myers Skatium from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. (the last game starts at 11:45 p.m.) the first four days of the tournament and then 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the final day. Fans are welcome; admission fees vary from \$5 or \$12 for youth/adult day passes to \$10 to \$30 for tournament passes. The Skatium is located at 2250 Broadway in Fort Myers.

Teams will represent each of the seven member organizations of the NCRHA. The format for the event includes three round robin games for each team, followed by a single-elimination bracket round leading up to the National Championship games. The Division I Championship Game will be held on at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, followed on Sunday, April 14 by the Division II Championship Game and B Division Championship Game, held at noon and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

For more information, a complete schedule and list of teams, visit http://ncrha.org/schedule.php?&event_id=1529&playoff_id=572&area=schedule. Or call 310-753-7285.*

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Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	1985	2,500	2,895,000	2,550,000	196
Bay Woods	Bonita Springs	2002	4,274	2,395,000	2,050,000	32
Frowes	Captiva	1946	1,652	1,790,000	1,415,000	649
Riverwatch	North Fort Myers	2005	4,682	1,275,000	900,000	261
Sea Oats	Sanibel	1997	2,895	799,000	799,000	4
Sanibel Isles	Sanibel	1986	2,554	839,000	780,000	24
West Rocks	Sanibel	1998	2,982	995,000	757,500	491
Sanctuary Point	Fort Myers	2005	3,553	699,000	675,000	118
West Rocks	Sanibel	1986	1,467	699,900	659,000	68

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Around The Islands With Anne

Season Soon To End For Cricket Shop; Courtney's Reopens Off-Island



by Anne Mitchell

The Cricket Shop, Sanibel's one and only outlet store, is nearing the end of its seasonal run.

Its last day likely will be next Wednesday, April 17, says owner Jeff Johnson. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store is closed Thursdays and Sundays.

The heavily discounted merchandise includes famous maker swimsuits, beach cover-ups, sarongs, casual dresses and easy care separates such as crinkle cotton pull-on pants and loose tops in pastel colors. For example, on the clearance rack, I found embellished short-sleeve shirts by Afiva at the give-away price of \$3.80 and \$4.80, representing reductions of around 90 percent.

However, most discounts are not this drastic – they are more in the 50 percent range.

This is a store where it pays to spend a little time browsing the racks because you'll find a hidden gem here and there. There's something for the young and not-so-young, such as cute little beach dresses with peek-a-boo draped backs as well as more modest garments for mature women. There's even a cocktail dress in the mix.

Jams World colorful rayon tops sell for big bucks in most stores, but there's a selection here priced at \$23.45, almost 70 percent less than the regular \$67 tag.

You'll also find sun hats, sandals, jewelry, bags and other accessories.

Johnson uses this store to liquidate merchandise from his year-round stores in Collier County.

The Sanibel location is in Anchor Point shopping center, just east of Bank of the Islands, phone 472-1683. It's easy to overlook on busy Periwinkle Way, but well worth checking out if you get the chance. If you miss it this time around, the Cricket Shop will return to Sanibel next January.

Another island store that's a little off the beaten path is **On the Edge** boutique, set back in the front corner of The Village Shops. This little store sells mostly bold beaded items such as oversize necklaces, belts and colorful beaded purses – and there's also a selection of casual dresses in cotton and rayon, and some locally made earrings and bracelets.

Local artist Linda Threet makes the jewelry using sea glass and semi-precious stones fashioned with silver and copper wire. It's pretty and delicate, in contrast to the heavily embellished imported jewelry that features chunky turquoise, coral, black and cream stones, among others.

The dresses are affordable and cute – appropriate for the beach and casual wear, with asymmetrical hems and lace inserts or embellishments. Check them out at 2340 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-0296.

Courtney's, which departed Sanibel last year, has reopened just off-island in the Publix-anchored plaza on Summerlin Road, across from Tanger Factory Outlets.

"Nothing has changed, just the location," says owner Betty Tonnell. "Come and see our beautiful new location," she added.

She, her husband Chef Dale Tonell and staff look forward to seeing islanders, and they want everyone to know about their sunset dining specials from 4 to 6 p.m., starting at \$11. Happy hour is daily from 4 to 6 p.m. as well, with reduced price drinks and \$2 off appetizers.



Jams World tops are heavily discounted at The Cricket Shop



A zebra print slinky top at The Cricket Shop



Black and white swim-suit and sarong from The Cricket Shop



Beaded sandals on sale at The Cricket Shop

Courtney's address is 20351 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers, phone 466-4646.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS
George & Wendy's Seafood Grille offers music Tuesday through Sunday. Tonight, Friday, there will be live music by Marty Stokes & The Captiva Blues Band; Saturday is Ladies Night with half price on all drinks for ladies and DJ Eric with a turntable full of hits from 9 p.m. to midnight. The Sunday Jazz Brunch features live smooth jazz from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Tuesday, Chris Coile will play '50s and '60s hits from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Karaoke is Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to midnight. Robby Hutto, guitar and vocals, will entertain on Thursday.

George & Wendy's is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn includes: Friday Night Dance Party with Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, smooth music with Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith playing classic R&B, dance and disco sounds of the '70s as well as top contemporary dance music hits; Sunday, Dusk Duo, Dean and Kathy Winkelman on piano, guitar and vocals; Monday, Mike Arnone aka "The Jersey Kid," pop pianist and vocalist, performing everything from The Rat Pack to Motown; Tuesday, Woody Brubaker on the piano, saxophone, and vocals; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz!; and Thursday, dancing to Joe McCormick and Marvella Marzan with the sounds of Broadway, Latin hits and all styles of popular dance music.

Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, and is open from 5 p.m. until late Monday through Saturday. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m. For reservations, call 472 4559.

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

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 has live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races take place 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 with 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.*



Some of the bold, statement pieces from the jewelry selection at On the Edge



Peacock feather motif makes this racerback dress from On the Edge stand out



Colorful rayon dress has a high-low hem – available at On the Edge boutique



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Spring Break Camp scientists at the Sanibel Recreation Center

March Happenings At Sanibel Rec

Thanks and appreciation are offered to all of the volunteers who gathered early in the morning on March 28 to install mulch on the native plant beds at the Sanibel Recreation Center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Earlier in the month, campers of the Sanibel Rec program experimented with a variety of messy mixtures and potions, as well as some tasty laboratory treats during this year's 2013 Spring Break Camp. On each day of camp, junior scientists wore standard issue, individually decorated lab coats and goggles for each event. Sublime Slime was a favorite among grade school inventors as well as edible experiments such as homemade ice cream.



John Gavin and Janet Ashby



Volunteer Mulch Project participants on March 28

Also, March 29 was Fan Appreciation Night at the Everblades hockey game. Swampee visited the Rec Center on March 25 and played games with the Spring Break Scientists. People who purchased tickets by March 22 received a commemorative Sanibel Fit 4 Life Florida Everblades T-shirt as well as an entry into a drawing to ride the Zamboni on the ice at Germain Arena. The winners were John Gavin and Janet Ashby.*



Swampee visits the Sanibel Rec Center



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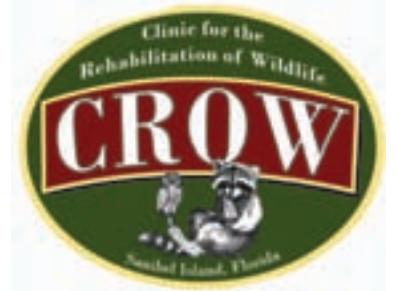
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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little woolgathering is OK. But don't let that dreamy state linger beyond midweek, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. Friday should bring news about a business opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to find details others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing a possibly too-good-to-be-true offer. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored. But don't launch yours before rechecking all facts and sources. Also, be sure you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere and William Dawes set out on horseback from Boston to warn leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock that British troops were marching on Concord on a mission to confiscate the Massachusetts militia arsenal and capture Adams and Hancock.

- On April 19, 1876, a Wichita, Kan., commission votes not to rehire policeman Wyatt Earp after he beats up a candidate for county sheriff. Earp's Remington pistol made an effective club: Whenever possible, he preferred to pistol-whip his opponents rather than shoot them.

- On April 16, 1897, Frederick Winterbotham, one of Britain's top code

breakers, is born. Winterbotham would play a decisive role in the World War II Ultra code-breaking project, enabling British intelligence to intercept top-secret messages (even from Hitler) transmitted to and between German armed forces.

- On April 21, 1930, a fire at an Ohio prison kills 320 inmates, some of whom burn to death when they are not unlocked from their cells. The prison, built to hold 1,500 people, housed 4,300 prisoners at the time of the fire.

- On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, age 28, becomes the first black player in Major League Baseball when he steps onto Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, N.Y., to compete for the Dodgers. Baseball had been segregated for more than 50 years.

- On April 17, 1964, the Ford Mustang is officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. That same day, the new car also debuted in Ford showrooms across America, and almost 22,000 Mustangs were immediately snapped up by buyers. Ford sold more than 400,000 Mustangs in its first year.

- On April 20, 1971, the Pentagon releases figures confirming that "fragging" is on the rise in Vietnam, with hundreds of reported incidents. Fragging was a slang term used to describe U.S. military personnel tossing a fragmentation hand grenade (hence the term "fragging") to kill or wound or a fellow soldier, usually a superior officer or NCO.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was pioneering British director of suspense films Alfred Hitchcock who made the following sage observation: "The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder."

- If you're an arachnophobe, you probably don't want to know that a tarantula can live for up to two years without eating a single thing.

- If you're like the average American man with a job, you spend 8 minutes per day cooking. If you're like the average American woman who works, you spend 50 minutes a day preparing meals.

- There are four times more astrologers than astronomers in the United States.

- You may not think it significant that in 1921, Earle Dickson's wife had a tendency to injure herself while working in the kitchen. He kept bandaging her wounds with gauze and adhesive tape, but the bandages always seemed to be slipping off. Finally, in exasperation, he put a small piece of gauze in the center of a piece of adhesive tape, which worked beautifully. None of this would have made any difference to us today, except that Dickson was an employee of Johnson & Johnson. He took some samples of his invention into work, where the owner, James Johnson, loved the idea. The Band-Aid went into production shortly thereafter.

- In the 1979 gubernatorial election in Louisiana, a man named Luther Knox was fed up with the candidates on the ballot. In order to give like-minded Louisianans an option, he ran for the office himself -- after legally changing his name to "None of the Above."

- You might be surprised to learn that rock star Elvis Presley's idol was General Douglas MacArthur.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is income taxes." -- Albert Einstein

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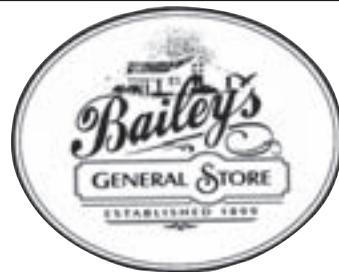
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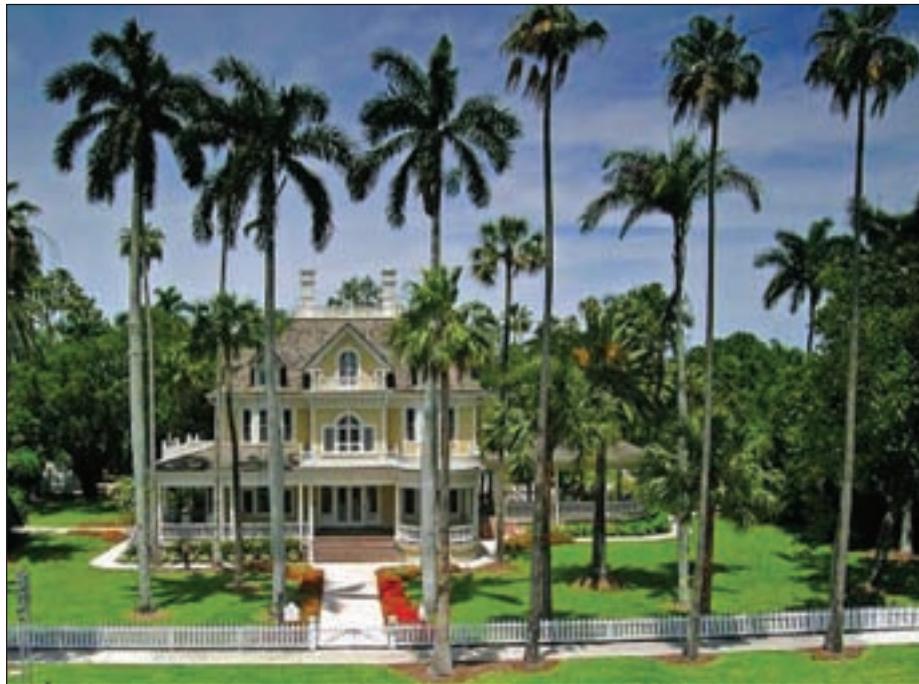
Uncommon Friends Pavilion Kick-Off Event

The Uncommon Friends Foundation will add an outdoor pavilion to the premises to accommodate character education and business ethics conferences and corporate, nonprofit events and weddings.

The public is invited to participate in a special Ladies and Gentleman's 1920s Style Barbecue as the kick-off to the Uncommon Friends Foundation's pavilion capital campaign. The unique event will be held at the Burroughs Home, 2505 First Street in Fort Myers, on Saturday, April 20 at 5 p.m.

The barbecue will feature a roast pig with all the trimmings, fried chicken and seafood, and wine and beer. In addition, there will be single barrel, small batch bourbon tasting, Cuban-style cigar rolling with samples, along with 1920s music and dancing.

The Uncommon Friends Foundation has a 50-year lease from the City of Fort Myers to manage the Burroughs Home, one of the oldest homes in Fort Myers, dating back to 1901. It was the scene of many social events that hosted the Fort Myers' elite, including the Edisons, Fords and Firestones. It was one of the first homes of quality built in Fort Myers and is situated in the historic riverfront section of town. It is an elegant two-and-a-half story home



The Burroughs Home, located on First Street in Fort Myers

with over two acres of stately oak trees, which shade the lawn on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River.

The pavilion to be built will be an open-air structure constructed on the existing concrete slab known as the former tennis court. The architectural intent is to capture components prevalent within the existing adjacent open-river pavilion while being complementary to the Burroughs Home. Roll-down fabric panels will be utilized for tempo-

rary enclosure for inclement weather. It will accommodate character education and business ethics conferences and corporate, nonprofit events and weddings.

The pavilion committee consists of Joseph Cati, Gray Davis, Todd Gates, Randall Henderson, Rose O'Dell King, Gary Krueger, Ronald Reitz, Arlene Roth, Robert Simpson and Steven R. Whitley.

Tickets are available for the event at \$150 for singles, \$300 for couples

and \$1,200 for tables of eight. Relaxed, casual dress is suggested for the event. Reservations and additional information may be obtained by contacting Arlene Roth at 337-9503.

The Uncommon Friends Foundation, a not for profit 501(c)3 organization established in 1993, is dedicated to life-long character building among today's youth and business leaders. Its mission is to promote character education in schools, business ethics in the workplace and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives.

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Edison College To Offer Summer Housing Scholarships

Edison State College is offering housing scholarships for students who wish to live on campus during the summer term of 2013 and who may have a financial need. The priority application deadline is April 19. To receive details on how to apply, visit <http://www.edison.edu/financialaid/housingscholarship/>.

Criteria to receive a scholarship will be determined on a case by case basis, and award amounts can be up to \$3,000 for the summer 2013 term only. Individual award amounts are dependent on each student's circumstances.

For more information, visit www.edison.edu.✽

FGCU Receives Donation Of Trees And Plants From Forest Service

Florida Gulf Coast University Tree Campus USA, a program that brings students, faculty, staff, and community members together to promote healthy urban forest management, has received a donation of trees and plants from the Florida Forest Service in celebration of Arbor Day.

Clark Ryals, senior forester at Florida Forest Service, an active member of the Tree Campus USA program at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), has donated trees and plants for service-learning students to plant around a pond to enrich the natural environment at Housing and Residence Life. The project is a joint effort among Student Government, Housing's First Year Residence Experience (FYRE), Colloquium, Campus Naturalists, and Tree Campus USA.

Students celebrated Arbor Day as part of their Earth Day celebration, planting the donated trees and plants along the lake adjacent to South Village student housing on April 9.

FGCU was recognized in 2012 by the Arbor Day Foundation with a national award for engaging students and campus community members in the care of trees and the natural environment.

To earn Tree Campus USA recognition, a school must meet five core standards of tree care and community engagement: 1) Establish a campus tree advisory committee, with community members, students, faculty, and staff representatives; 2) Provide evidence of a campus tree-care plan; 3) Maintain dedicated annual expenditures toward

the campus tree-care plan; 4) Celebrate Arbor Day; and 5) Organize a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

More information about the Tree Campus USA program is available at www.arbor-da.org/TreeCampusUSA. For further information, contact Sasha Wohlpart, Ecological Studies, at slinsin@fgcu.edu.✽

Ronald McDonald House Charities' Offshore Rodeo And Reggae Party

The inaugural Offshore Rodeo & Reggae Party will be making a splash in Southwest Florida the weekend of June 1 and 2.

A benefit for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, the fishing tournament launches at 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 1 from Port Sanibel Marina. Anglers will spend the day catching a variety of species and return by 6 p.m. Dinner will be served on site at the Lighthouse Waterfront Restaurant.

The awards banquet, live music and brunch will be held on Sunday, June at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa. Spectator and guest tickets are available for both the Saturday and Sunday festivities.

"The Offshore Rodeo & Reggae Party is sure to be a great time for families and anyone interested in fishing," said Jeff Miloff, event organizer. "Best of all, it supports families in need at the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Florida."

Registration is \$200 per angler prior to May 15, and \$250 per angler thereafter. To register, visit www.rmhcswfl.org. For more information, contact Jeff Miloff of Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group at 565-0831. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

A special kick-off celebration and Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament is planned for Friday, May 17 at The Joint in Cape Harbour, with food, drinks and live reggae music. Ticket information is available at www.rmhcswfl.org.

Since 1996, more than 2,000 families from Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties, as well as other states and countries, have found a "home away from home" at Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers while their children are undergoing medical treatment at Golisano Children's Hospital. Additional thousands are served by the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and by grants and scholarships awarded to deserving individuals and organizations in the five-county region.✽

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Bureau Plans Family Reunion Workshop

The staff at the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau wants to make your next family reunion as successful as possible.

The bureau will host the 2013 Family Reunion Workshop on April 13 at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers at Bell Tower Shops.

"The seminar equips local residents with expert ideas for keeping each age group in the family entertained with inventive projects and activities," said Candice Cocco, tourism group sales manager.

- Topics include:
- Identify the who, what, where and when for your event;
 - Get tips for planning a reunion on a tight budget;
 - Discover creative activities for guests during your reunion;
 - Speak with experts about reunion planning; and
 - Find out about the best group hotel accommodations and recreational venues.

The experts include Candice Cocco, who has conducted dozens of family reunion workshops, and Nancy MacPhee, the bureau's tourism development manager.

This 101-style seminar is free to anyone planning a reunion in Lee County; seating is limited to two guests per reunion. The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required.

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The Difference Between Trustee And Beneficiary



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

When you deal with your estate plan once every decade or so, it's easy to get lost in the vocabulary. This occurred to me the other day during a conversa-

tion with a client who was upset that one of her daughters was not listed in her documents as a successor trustee if the client became incapacitated or died.

I was befuddled since this very same client told me how irresponsible this particular daughter was. In fact, the client said that she didn't want this daughter to have any control over the client's bank or brokerage accounts. So I first confirmed with her that we were talking about the same person.

"Well, yes," client answered, "I don't want her to control any of my money, at least while I'm alive."

"So why are you upset that she is not going to serve as your trustee?" I asked.

"Because I still want to treat all my children equally!"

This is where I explain that being a trustee is not an honor, nor does it bestow any more of a beneficial interest on the person acting as trustee. Instead, acting as a trustee is a job. It is laden with a lot of responsibility.

Whomever serves as your successor trustee must have the ability to interact with your financial advisor to determine what your asset mix should consist of. In fact, your trustee is held to the "prudent investor" standard under Florida law. Violating that standard could lead to a lawsuit where the other beneficiaries of the trust recover damages against the trustee.

If stocks or bonds need to be sold in order to have cash to pay for in-home nursing care or other convalescent care expenses, your trustee is the one who makes decisions which assets should be sold to do that. If you need to move out of your home for care, then the family member that you have named as your trustee will have to decide whether to continue to have your finances carry the expenses associated with owning the home or whether it would be prudent to sell it.

These are not easy decisions. Your trustee will file your tax returns. He or she will interact with your CPA as well as your attorney when deciding legal matters associated with your estate. When you die, your trustee will have a

fiduciary duty to your creditors, taxing authorities and the other beneficiaries. If your trustee violates these fiduciary duties, then he or she can be held liable and have to pay an attorney out of their own pocket to defend the claims or to satisfy any judgments if they are deemed to have acted negligently.

Just because someone is a trustee does not mean that the amount that they are entitled to as a beneficiary will change. If Suzy is a 25 percent beneficiary of the estate, she does not receive any additional beneficial interest when acting as the trustee.

She may get reimbursed for her out-of-pocket expenses associated with fulfilling her trustee duties, such as air fare, car rental, hotel expenses, overnight express charges and the like. She will also be entitled to take a trustee's fee for her time. The fee that she takes is usually well earned and is taxed as ordinary income much like a CPA's or attorney's fees would be taxed to them as ordinary income.

Many family members graciously perform their duties without taking a fee. More often than not, his or her siblings will not appreciate it and expect the child you have selected to act as trustee to do it all for free even though the duties can be enormously burdensome.

It is therefore vitally important when naming a trustee that you select someone who will devote the requisite time and attention to these important matters, and will be comfortable interacting with your professionals. Someone who is confident,

diligent and detail oriented makes for a fine trustee. They don't necessarily have to have any background in law, accounting or taxes. So long as they know how to interact with your team of professionals, it usually works out fine.

As you can see, it really isn't a matter of being "fair" to one child or another. I would go so far as to say that not only have you not bestowed an "honor" upon the family member that you select as your trustee, rather you have handed them a job. A big job, at that.

So don't worry about being equal. Select the family member who is the most likely to do the job right.

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Insurance Tip

Expect Big Premium Increases In Flood Insurance



by Marge Meek

Flood insurance may cost some of us thousands instead of hundreds due to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) enacting the flood law that went in

last November. The federal government says that the flood program needs to pay for itself, so these increases will be phased in over the next three to four years.

Policies will start increasing annually by up to 25 percent. Two areas that will be hit the hardest are older homes and some existing homes when they are sold.

Grandfathering homes will no longer be permitted. On Sanibel that means homes built before early 1979 and on Captiva before late 1984. In the past those homes received slightly higher, but subsidized, rates. No longer. There will need to be an elevation certificate and the rate will be determined by the base flood elevation. Ground level homes will see rates skyrocket.

Another high impact area is that when you buy an existing home, the flood policy will be rewritten using the current flood map. Those houses that were in the A zone when they were built, but were changed to the V zone in 2008 when our islands were remapped, are going to take substantial increases as the flood building codes for A zone houses are much different than V zones.

Watch your flood invoices and talk to your agent about major increases. If you are purchasing a new home, be sure you check out the flood zone and year built before you decide to sign the contract.

Marge Meek is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent, who can be reached at mmeek@rosierinsurance.com.✳

Superior Interiors

Window Designs With Drama And Pizzazz



by Jeanie Tinch

Nothing gives a room more drama and pizzazz than beautifully designed window treatments.

Consider your living room. Often times, these rooms boast of some sort of outstanding

architectural feature... perhaps a fireplace, soaring ceiling or tall windows. Whatever architectural feature your living room possesses, a beautiful window treatment is a must. The more elaborate the treatment, the more it will add to the overall beauty of your room. And

if budget is a consideration, it's always better to drape a window generously with a lesser priced fabric then to skimp with a costly one.

If a bold decorative statement is called for, perhaps a luxuriously designed swag and jabot treatment designed in a soft flowing silk fabric, or dramatic taffeta would be to your liking.

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Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at jeanie@decden.net.✳

What Does My Air Conditioning Service Agreement Cover?



by Bryan Hayes

The answer to this question is met with another question. What type of program do you have? There are several different types offered on the market today.

There are pros and cons to each program. I will cover two of the more common programs offered and my thoughts on each.

- Semi-annual preventative maintenance program. This program includes two a/c checks per year. It goes through the system to make sure everything is clean and operating properly. The scope of this program is to identify minor problems prior to them becoming larger problems. The pros of this program are that it is the least expensive of the programs offered. The program by nature will give you a true picture of what type of condition your system is in. There are usually discounts offered when enrolled in this program on additional work. The cons: it is not going to cover repairs as they arise.

- Air conditioning and heater repair service. This type of program includes the items stated above, but also has

some repairs built into the price of the program. This may sound like a good thing at first, but there are some inherent problems with this type of program. Lets start with the pros. As stated, it will cover some repairs. You may stop me there and say but wait, the name implies that it is an a/c repair service-type program, how come all repairs are not covered? The fact of the matter is there is a very long list of things that are not covered. To name a few: electrical lines, refrigerant lines and plumbing lines are not covered. It also excludes repairs due to corrosion, abuse and water issues. It also does not cover humidistat, thermostats, electrical service equipment, circuit breakers or panels. This program is usually two to three times the price as well. The pro side is that some items will be covered.

As you can see, there is a bit of a difference in the two programs. I believe that the best choice is the semi-annual program. But that's just me... I guess that's why they make vanilla and chocolate.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPP

Dear Shelley,
Exactly what is therapeutic horseback riding? How does it work? Someone has suggested it for my child who has cerebral palsy and I am

worried that it might be dangerous for her. Please explain.

Jannetta R, Cape Coral

Jannetta,

Therapeutic horseback riding has been widely recognized as a beneficial activity for disabled people for at least the past 20 years. In 1969, the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH), a nonprofit group, was founded to promote therapeutic horseback riding.

Experts say that from the physical perspective riding is a non weight-bearing activity that forces riders to use both sides of their bodies. For those with walking issues, a horse's gait mimics that of a human. The horse's motions may stimulate neurons that help enable riders to straighten their own movements. Physical strength improves significantly while riding the horses. Increased muscle tone is one of the benefits of horse therapy that is particularly beneficial for children with CP. Then there's the rhythmic part of riding a horse. The one, two, three, four cadence helps organize a rider's coordination and thoughts.

The interaction with the horses may also help a student's social skills. Riders need to communicate with the horses and they begin to learn the interactive nature of this communication and learn how to extend it to human interaction. Sometimes student riders are allowed to

learn groom, care and equip horses, as well as learn about horse breeds, nutrition and gait. These skills may lead a child to develop a life long interest in horses and riding which is very beneficial as it is often more difficult for handicapped children to develop life long interests.

Increased self-confidence is often a product of horseback riding therapy. Students need to get beyond any initial fears while mounting these large animals and they need to work hard to stay on the saddle. It's an exhilarating feeling to have a successful horseback ride and a big confidence builder.

Any necessary accommodation or assistance is available at therapeutic riding centers. The focus is on safety for the rider, which will bring the success of the experience.

At some therapeutic riding centers, family members are also encouraged to ride along side their sibling or child and assist in other chores in caring for the horse. Taking part in these experiences together helps families grow closer and may strengthen emotional bonds.

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Graham To Speak At Golden Halo Awards

In 1997, Earnest Graham was named Florida's "Mr. Football" and was named a *Parade* magazine high school All-American. Graham was born in Naples and graduated from Mariner High School in Cape Coral. The Florida High School Athletic Association recognized Graham was one of the 100 Greatest Players of the First 100 Years of Florida high school football.

Ranked as one of the best running backs for The University of Florida, the Gator graduate went on to play for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2003 through 2011.

The 7th annual Golden Halo Awards is a signature event of the Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida. This event will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Pelican Preserve Country Club, 9802 Pelican Preserve Blvd. in Fort Myers at 6 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the chamber office at 481-1411 or online at www.hischamber.org.

The Golden Halo Vision is to "Inspire Christian teachers through recognition of excellence." Nominations are broken into three levels: kindergarten to fifth grade, sixth to eighth grade and ninth to 12th grade for Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties. With the 12 finalists in attendance, three winners will be announced and presented with a custom crafted pin donated by the Diamond District.

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The Springs

The Springs Assisted Living Celebrates First Anniversary

Shell Point Retirement Community, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving seniors in Southwest Florida, opened its third assisted living venture, The Springs, one year ago. New to the Shell Point lifecare tradition, The Springs offers assisted living services to the public on a month-to-month private pay basis. Assisted living services at The Springs are available at an affordable rate while maintaining the high quality care for which Shell Point is well known. By providing assisted living services on a month-to-month basis, The Springs allows residents a higher degree of flexibility including seasonal and respite stays.

When the newest assisted living facility (ALF) at Shell Point officially opened its doors for new residents, Virginia Moore was the first person to move into the facility. On April 11, 2012, Moore moved into her comfortable apartment to enjoy the services and lifestyle offered at Shell Point.

"I first heard about The Springs construction and renovation plan from good friends of mine that are Shell Point residents," said Moore. "I had always dreamed of coming to Shell Point, but never thought it would be possible. On the day that I moved in, I was met by all of the staff welcoming me to my new home; it is something that I will never forget. I was overwhelmed with emotion and was so excited to move in."

"A year later, I couldn't be happier with my decision to come to The Springs. I love my third floor apartment, which gives me a beautiful view of the fountain. I have met so many nice people and value the very special friendships I have made since moving here. The care is excellent and I really appreciate the daily support I receive," she added.



Rita Southern



The Springs is located at the entrance to Shell Point Retirement Community

"Our entire first year has truly been a year of celebration," said Rita Southern, director of assisted living. "The Springs has become a warm and inviting home to more than fifty residents that have chosen to join the Shell Point family, and we are very honored that both the residents and their families trust us and have placed their care in our hands."

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Island causeway. This location, plus Shell Point's comprehensive resident activities and healthcare services, are just some of the many benefits that residents of the facility enjoy. The Springs comprehensive monthly rate (excluding personal laundry), helps residents and their families plan for the most effective use of their resources. This new assisted living option provides the added security of access to the network of quality health care services provided by the Shell Point healthcare team, when and if those services are needed. The facility's amenities and services include a heated swimming pool, exercise facilities, transportation, dining, 24-hour healthcare staffing and a professional activities leader who coordinates high-quality events and activities, educational and entertainment programs, and opportunities for socialization and personal growth.

Representatives of The Springs are available to assist individuals or families through the steps involved in making the transition as smooth and simple as possible. For information about The Springs at Shell Point or to request a brochure, call 454-2077, email thesprings@shellpoint.org or visit www.shellpoint.org/assistedliving.

107 Years Old And Still Going Strong

by Di Saggau

In 1906, the average life expectancy for women in the United States was around 50. Jennie Truncale was born April 11, 1906 and she just celebrated her 107th birthday. The big celebration took place on April 4 during a luncheon meeting of the Continental Women's Club of Fort Myers at Colonial Country Club. Truncale received a huge basket of cards, her own birthday cake, and everyone sang *Happy Birthday* and wished her many more. She responded by telling her friends, "I wish you all health and happiness, and thank you, thank you."

Truncale shares a home with her only daughter, Carrie Blair. During World II, Truncale made bullets and was featured on the cover of *Woman Power* magazine in 1942. She was one of the women who replaced two million men called into the army and navy that year. She continued working for the company Scovill Manufacturing in Waterbury, Connecticut for 38 years. As a result, she is a long-standing member of the Rosie the Riveter Association.

Truncale grew up on a farm in Connecticut, the oldest of 10 children.



Carrie Blair and her mother Jennie Truncale

When asked what her secret is to longevity, she told me what she said on her 106th birthday, "I don't drink, I don't smoke, I walk the straight line." ❄️



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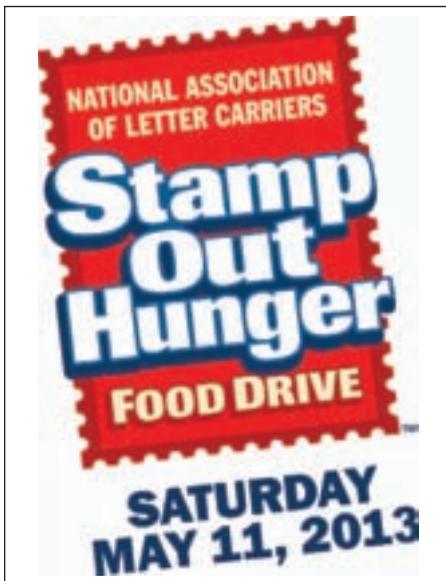
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Letter Carrier Food Drive

Letter carriers in Lee and Collier counties are gearing up for the 21st annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive. The nation's largest single-day food drive, "Stamp Out Hunger," will be held on Saturday, May 11. This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes.

Summer is coming, school will be out, and the need for food assistance will be greater than ever. Food collected in Lee County will be distributed by the Harry

Chapin Food Bank and several other agencies; food collected in Collier County will be distributed by Collier Harvest. All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

Northerners who are returning home prior to May 11 may drop off their contributions at any Post Office for inclusion in the May 11 food drive. Food may also be left at Uncle Bob's storage areas at 3780 Central Avenue, 4400 Solomon Blvd. or 6600 Industrial Drive in Fort Myers; 1320 River Road in North Fort Myers; or 800 Abrams Blvd. in Lehigh Acres.

Businesses can set up collection boxes for employees and customers who may

not be able to leave food by their mailboxes on May 11. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, non-breakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers with their pickups on May 11. Contact Debi Mitchell in Lee County at 573-9638; and Jesse Costin in Collier

County at 643-4716. Volunteers are also needed to assist with preliminary food sorting on May 11. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007 or Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.

Additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.*

Lung Association Launches Annual Stairclimb Event

The 2013 Fight For Air Stairclimb has been scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at the High Point Place, 2104 West First Street in Fort Myers, and will be hosted by the Gulfcoast Chapter of the American Lung Association.

Last year's event raised \$45,000 for the battle against lung diseases such as asthma and lung cancer, which is the leading cancer-related death for men and women in the United States. Event organizers hope to up the fundraising effort to \$50,000 this year.

During stairclimbs, which the American Lung Association (ALA) hosts throughout the country, participants raise money by collecting pledges to ascend the stairway in a high-rise tower. High Point Place, the tallest building between

Tampa and Miami, has donated access to one of its towers for the Fight For Air Climb. Climbers ascend the high rise's 30 floors and 514 steps.

"Nearly 250 climbers participated last year, and we anticipate that number to increase substantially this year," said Kurt Goerke, regional director of the ALA's Gulfcoast Chapter.

As is the trend nationally, the Fort Myers stairclimb is attracting an increasing level of support and participation from local firefighters. Firefighters don their full gear during the climb, providing a healthy competition between neighboring fire districts while at the same time inspiring non-firefighting participants.

"A very healthy rivalry has developed among the local fire departments," Goerke said. "The firefighters all want to be the fastest up the stairs and generate the most donations. The event and our important cause certainly benefit from their involvement."

Teams who have registered for the
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Natural Script To Relieve Pain



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I live in chronic pain, but no one is sure why. I take hydrocodone and ibuprofen daily, but I'm still in pain. Can you recommend any vitamins to help me?

MC, Dallas, Texas

I'm sorry you are going through this. Luckily, your doctor prescribes pain medicine for you; many won't out for fear of addiction. Every day, I receive letters from people feeling helpless (and hopeless) because their physicians are not compassionate enough to prescribe analgesics.

Anyway, there are many herbs, spices, teas and supplements for you. First, some background on why pain happens. Your body cranks out substances (called cytokines) in response to an injury which help patch you up. One well-known cytokine is called "Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha" or TNFa.

Don't let the name scare you, it doesn't cause tumors, it actually tries to prevent them by causing cancer cells to commit suicide called "apoptosis." So when your body makes TNFa, it's your

god-given cancer fighter. It also helps fight infection.

Problem is, too much causes backlash and you begin to hurt all over. Elevated TNFa levels are associated with rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, migraines, type 2 diabetes, heart failure, COPD, Lyme disease, depression, narcolepsy, ankylosing spondylitis, inflammatory bowel disease, psoriasis and dozens more.

People with high amounts of TNFa often have a hyper-reactive immune system and are diagnosed with conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, lupus and multiple sclerosis. Drugs like Remicade and Enbrel are TNF blockers, but they are thousands of dollars if you pay out of pocket. There are natural TNF blockers.

This will interest you: A deficiency of either magnesium or CoQ10 drives up TNFa. Yes, running out of either nutrient contributes to pain and sadly, there are hundreds of medications that rob these nutrients from your body. Refer to my Drug Muggers book for the lists.

If I were writing you a "script" to ease your pain, I would recommend natural TNF blockers. I'd pen out the following, but before buying anything, ask your physician if this is reasonable, and what dose is best for you:

- Magnesium malate – 250 mg three times daily
- Astaxanthin – 12mg every morning
- Ubiquinol (this is activated CoQ10) – 200mg at lunch

- Boswellia – 250 to 350mg two or three times daily

- Slippery Elm lozenges or tea (protects stomach from ibuprofen)

In addition, I recommend probiotics, the sort that contain prebiotics as well as organic acids. I suggest you drink green tea (or matcha) every day and eliminate foods that contain refined sugar/corn syrup, MSG, artificial dyes and artificial sweeteners. I'd sprinkle turmeric spice on everything. Give this protocol a few

weeks and then send me a love note, you should feel better. It should be fine to integrate this while taking your analgesics (hopefully over time, you'll need less of that). Ask your doctor what's right for you.

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

Stereotypes Of Aging In Our Western Culture

We westerners for the most part have difficulty with the aging process. In our culture, we are not taught

about aging; therefore, we are unprepared to embrace aging as well as we could. Just look at our television commercials. They try to sell us age-defying wrinkle creams, lotions and serums as well as weight-loss pills and gadgets to tone the tummy and give us six-pack abs. The fashion and celebrity magazines are

so youth-oriented they make it seem as if aging never happens. It is something we have to hide.

In Japan, silver hair and wrinkles are not looked down upon, and wisdom and service are valued. Will we westerners ever get to that place?

Scientists have recently discovered that the adult brain can adapt itself to compensate for damage, such as may occur from a stroke, for instance, by producing new neural networks, a phenomenon known as "plasticity." What is even more exciting, researchers have found that the brain, known to suffer from the regular death of cells through aging, also experiences the growth of new cells. Older people can be as mentally competent as their younger counterparts and, often, have greater depth and wisdom from accumulated experience. They can offer compassion, kindness and guidance to those younger in a society that values their contributions. Perhaps you are at a

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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 husband's mother came to live with us because she was no longer able to care for herself and her home after she was widowed. She was getting very forgetful, missed taking her medicines – or took them twice – and forgot to do many of her responsibilities.

We had a dreadful time when she came to live with us. This once very articulate woman was dirty and we had difficulty with her extreme irritability. We did our best to give her the medicines

her doctor had ordered and do it on a regular basis as was necessary. We finally found it was just too difficult and we researched the available retirement and nursing homes, and she was able to be admitted. Her condition deteriorated. She would doze in her wheelchair in front of the television all day and I guess would sleep all night. One day while I was there visiting, I saw she had a terrible bedsore, and I told my husband she would have to be moved.

Her care in the new residence was outstanding. Under the care of a new physician, almost all of her medications were discontinued and she has made a complete reversal. She is now alert, wants her makeup case, and is no longer irritable. When she came to our house on a recent visit, she wanted to stay.

She now wants to go shopping for new clothes, she is no longer incontinent, the bedsore has finally healed and she is becoming the articulate, outgoing, well groomed woman that I knew in earlier years. The staff says her only problem now is that she wants to leave and go home and be with her family. We are very pleased that she has improved but in the interim of time, we have moved to a much smaller house and don't have the room for her. It would appear to us that her condition was the result of being extremely over medicated. What do you suggest we do?

Kathleen

Dear Kathleen,

If assisted living is not the living environment appropriate for your mother-

in-law and your home is not appropriate consider independent senior housing. This type of living environment is independent living with some support services, such as dining service, that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Residents purchase a monthly meal plan that fits their schedule. Transportation to appointments, shopping and trips are available. Also, other support services may be available for purchase. Independent senior living is for individuals who do not want, or cannot keep up the responsibilities of a home, but do not need assisted living. You can begin your search by looking under apartments in the telephone book

Pryce

Dear Kathleen,

There is little doubt that many people are over medicated. Some people use their prescription drugs, plus over the counter drugs, and then wash them all down with alcohol. The results can be disastrous. People can be misdiagnosed as being mentally impaired when they are just overloaded with drugs.

Your mother-in-law may be eligible for some kind of group home. Consult with geriatric services in the area where you live.

Lizzie

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Dr. Dave

Vaccination Confusion



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I recall sitting with my mother in a veterinarian's waiting room with our Rottweiler-Doberman-Mike Tyson cross, Petunia. I was busy reading *I Am Joe's Ovary* while

Petunia was trying to gnaw through his Hannibal Lecter muzzle in order to better scratch 'n sniff/maul 'n ingest the skittish waiting room clients. Suddenly, around the corner wheeled the nurse of my dreams.

"Hi, my name's Kitty. What's his?"

"Petunia" my mother replied, "Pet for short."

"No, I mean your son."

"Oh, David. He's going to be a doctor one day."

"Really? How old is he?"

"37."

"No, the dog."

"Oh, 3."

"Is he fixed?"

"Who?" replied my mother, a concerned furrow puckering her brow.

"I see he slobbers quite a bit. Does he do any tricks?"

"Well, he knows a little magic..."

"No, I mean the dog."

By the time the interview was over, I was so confused I wasn't sure if I was free of fleas, was house trained or liked my belly rubbed. But we were really stumped by the question, "Has he had all his shots?" I'm not certain how the confusion was finally sorted out, but I do know that to this day I have never had heartworms or distemper (though I once threw a tantrum when *Josie and the Pussycats* was cancelled). Petunia has never had the mumps or whooping cough.

Confusion still reigns in the world of vaccinations.

Have you had all your shots? Are you even aware of what they are now? Should you have more? Should you have less?

Vaccination has become a victim of its own success. There are those who mistakenly feel that diseases such as polio or diphtheria appear to be eradicated, hence vaccination is no longer necessary. Why must we start filling our kids up with vaccines as soon as they are hatched? But in 1990, after an easing up in measles vaccination, the usual 1,500 cases of measles per year in the U.S. ballooned to 55,000 cases. Hundreds were hospitalized and 132 unvaccinated children died. In addition, every pediatrician, it seems, can recall a horror story involving an unvaccinated infant who contracted pertussis.

And so, yes, vaccination remains the cornerstone of public health. A vaccine's goal ultimately is to render itself obsolete.

To the few fear mongers still left, i.e., those who consider science an inconvenient nuisance or who yap that vaccines are a CIA plot to turn law abiding citizens into Leaf fans, and yet have never had to deal with these diseases... you're welcome. Some examples:

Smallpox: "What's that scar on your shoulder, dad?" "I was shot." "Cool!" Those of us with the Sea of Tranquility crater stamped on our deltoids are apparently now safe from Smallpox. And because of us, so is everyone else. Smallpox, all but gone.

Diphtheria: With only five cases a year in North America, vaccination has all but wiped out this dreaded and dangerous disease.

Polio: A once devastating paralyzing illness that claimed FDR amongst its victims, polio is now very close to becoming the next disease that will join smallpox on the eradicated list. Though there have been no wild cases since 1979 in North America, a few pockets, such as a recent outbreak in Haiti, still exist. The amazing polio story of Salk and Sabin has virtually resulted in vaccination victory over a very vicious virus.

HiB: Another marvelous vaccination success story since it was introduced in the 1990s as routine immunization. Where HiB meningitis killed five percent and left another 25 percent of its many victims brain damaged, the HiB vaccine is already close to actually making this common form of childhood meningitis a disease of the past.

Tetanus: Though there are now only

50 to 100 cases of "lockjaw" per year, 30 percent of those who contract tetanus will die. A booster (along with diphtheria) every 10 years is recommended for everyone but Petunia. Lockjaw would certainly save on muzzles.

Dr. Dave's book *The Doctor is In(sane) is now available for those with a sense of humor and half a sense of health. Pick up a copy at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.*✱

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Stairclimb

event are invited to begin training, and practice climbs are scheduled weekly on Saturday mornings beginning this month. The cost to register for the event is \$25, and each climber must raise \$100. More information and online registration is available at www.FightForAirClimb.org.

Sponsor of the local event include Lee Memorial Health System, High Point Place, Lee County Electric Cooperative, Bagel Bagel, Simplified Technologies, Culligan Water, Starbucks, Allyn International, Story Book Realty, McDonald's, Kings Brand, The Morgan House and Sun Harvest Citrus. For more information or to get involved, call 908-2685.✱

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Dr. Connie

crossroads, facing retirement or advancing age. At these crossroads, we can either be consumed with fear or excited about entering a new phase of life filled with adventure and new beginnings.

Carl Jung warned of being too occupied with the self later in life. Older age and retirement offer us the chance to be of service to others, which in turn, provides the rewards that service to others brings. Our country needs its people, vibrant and contributing at every stage of life.✱

Eden Energy Medicine

Find Inspiration, Sharpen Memory With Crown Pull



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML

Part of the 5 Minute Routine includes The Crown Pull, where the sutures in the skull are literally being pulled open

with your fingers. In the column on Chronic Headaches, the sutures in our brain were discussed, i.e. those plates in the skull that move with each inhalation and exhalation to create a cranial adjustment that helps to pump the cerebrospinal fluid into the brain providing oxygen and nourishment to the brain. As the skin on the skull becomes tight, the muscles of the head get rigid and tight, or the sutures' movement is limited - we literally have clogged energy stuck in our heads!

So, how do we release this energy that is stuck in our skull? It is released at the top of the head, through the Crown Chakra (the chakras are frequently referenced in yoga). The Crown Chakra provides a gateway to our own inspira-

tion and spirituality, enabling the feeling of connectedness to a higher presence, whatever that presence may be. Consider doing The Crown Pull when refreshing of your thinking ability is needed; you seek inspiration; the head feels full or clogged; your nervous system needs calming; and/or you want to sharpen your memory. Given the stressors of daily life, it is delightful to have a technique at your fingertips, literally, that provide an opportunity to tap into inspiration.

I find it extremely helpful to do The Crown Pull right after I have finished Wayne Cook Posture. When working with clients, they frequently tell me that their head is tingling and feels so much more open, after I have done a Crown Pull for them. The technique follows:

Step 1. Place the thumbs at the temples with fingertips resting in the middle of the forehead.

Step 2. With pressure, slowly pull the fingers apart, stretching the skin on forehead.

Step 3. Place the little fingers at the hairline and repeat the stretch (about 1 and a half inches on both sides of the sutures).

Step 4. Continue this pattern of stretching the suture line over the top, center and back of the head, then down the back of your neck.

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Have fun with your energy! Send me your questions. Next week's topic is *Toxins Be Gone - Rub Those Neurolymphatics!*

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- 2 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- sea salt, to taste
- 4 six-ounce red snapper fillets
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime zest
- salt and pepper to taste

Stir jalapeño, avocado, strawberries, onion, cilantro, lime juice, sugar and sea salt together in a bowl. Cover and set aside. Salsa may be made several hours ahead and chilled. When making ahead, add the sugar, salt and avocado when ready to serve.

Preheat stovetop grill pan over high heat. Pat fillets dry then brush both sides with the oil; sprinkle with the lime zest, salt and pepper. Lay fillets on grill pan skin side down and cook 4-5 minutes on each side, turning once, until cooked through.

Transfer fillets skin side up to individual serving plates. Carefully remove skin; top with avocado-strawberry salsa.✱



Pan Grilled Red Snapper with Avocado-Strawberry Salsa

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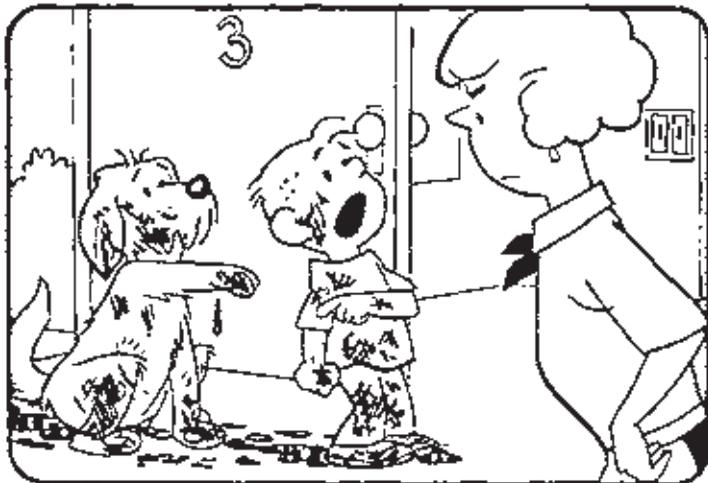
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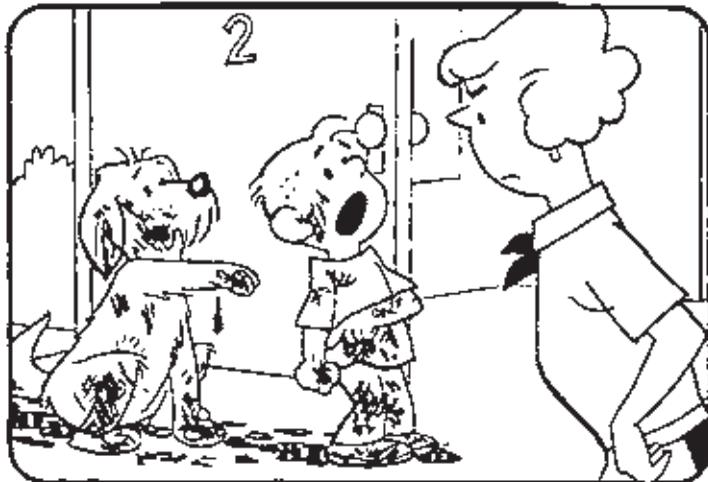
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Charge: TACKAT

Remain: BAIDE

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answer on page 35B

5				6			8
	7		4			1	9
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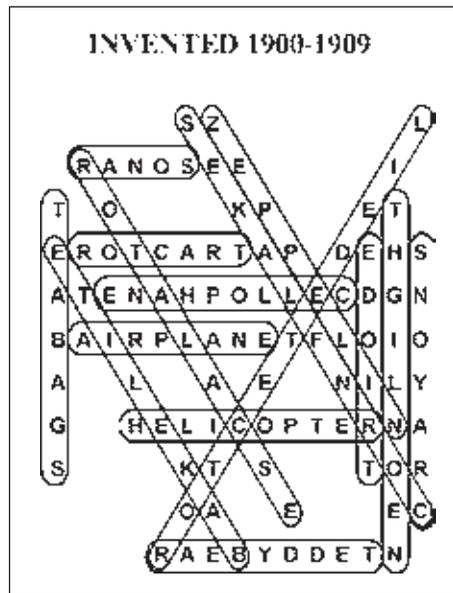
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The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren. We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm. If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.
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HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed for Independence Day parade on Sanibel. Help needed prior to and during the parade. Various duties. If you can help out, call Trish Phillips at 246-2981 or email trishphillips@mysanibel.com.
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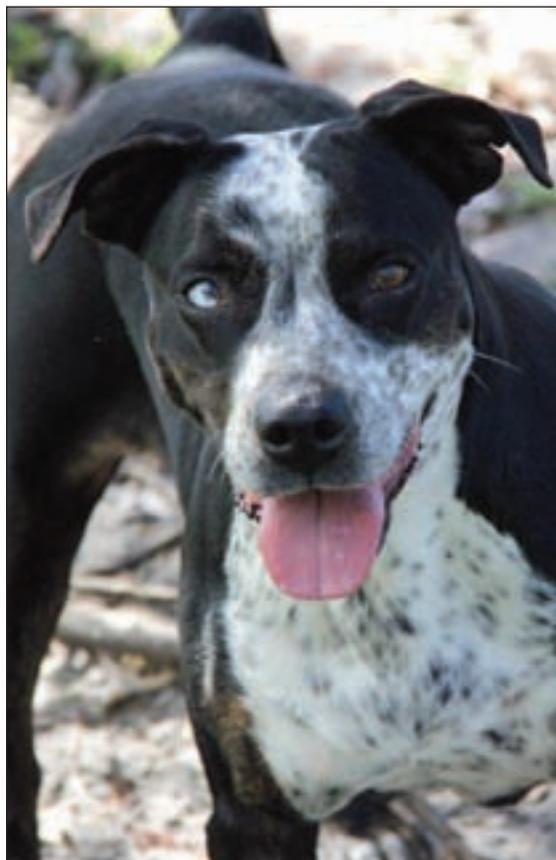
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Pets Of The Week



Karma ID# 555638

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Spock ID# 559425

Hello, my name is Karma and I am a 4-year-old spayed female black with black and white speckles terrier mix. You might be wondering what kind of dog I am. Well, I'm a true mix, so I can be whatever you want me to be. My one blue eye and one brown eye complete my unique and quirky look. One thing's for sure... I'm cute! I have a lovable personality, I walk well on a leash and love to roll over for belly rubs. I'm looking for a best friend. How about you?

My adoption fee is \$35 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' It's Raining Cats & Dogs adoption promotion.

My name is Spock and I am a 2-year-old male white and black domestic medium hair. I can't explain why I haven't found my forever home. It's simply illogical. After all, I'm handsome, personable and very affectionate. I would make a great first mate and I promise life with me would be fascinating!

My adoption fee is \$35 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' It's Raining Cats & Dogs adoption promotion.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*

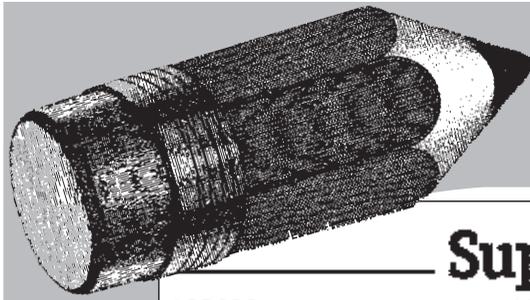
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Sanibel	472-5525
Captiva	472-9494
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Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
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Administrative Office	472-3700
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Planning Department	472-4136
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Sanibel	472-2483
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Sanibel	472-1573
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Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
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Arcade Theater	332-4488
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Lee County Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
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Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
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American Legion Post 123	472-9979
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Audubon Society	472-3744
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	677-7299
League of Women Voters	472-6689
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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
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ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
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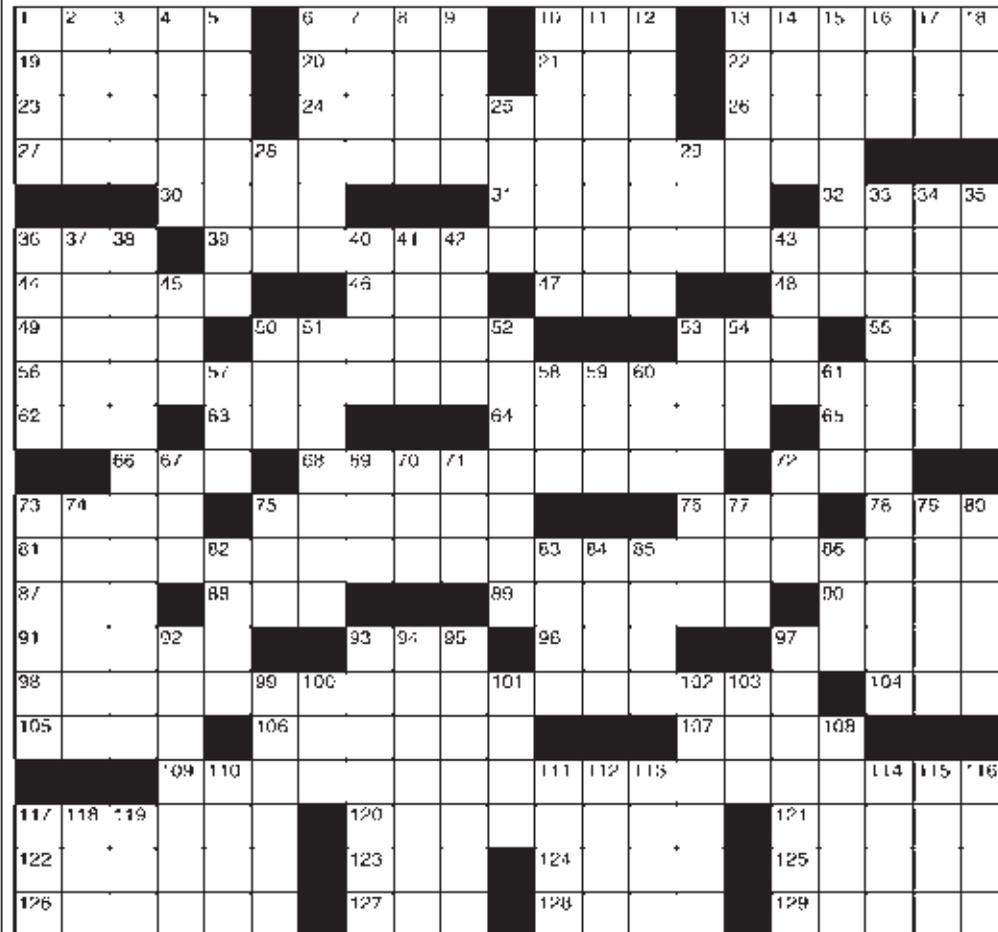
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Super Crossword

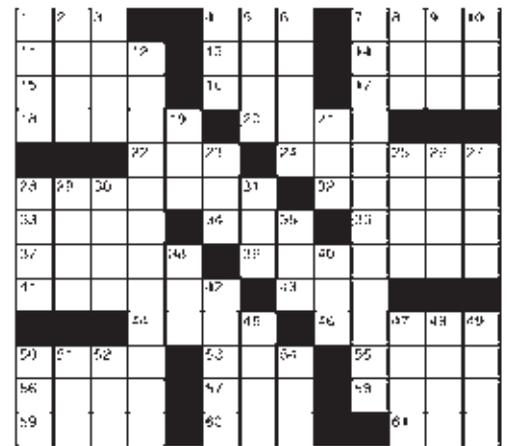
SMASH HIT FROM "TITANIC"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Blouse, e.g.
 - 6 Mountain lion
 - 10 Part of Mac's name
 - 13 Modern
 - 19 Wood-turning tool
 - 20 Of me
 - 21 List-ending abbr.
 - 22 Skilled public speaker
 - 23 Baffled
 - 24 Gatherly
 - 26 Series of church petitions
 - 27 Start of a riddle
 - 30 Ballet outfit
 - 31 Male wig
 - 32 Fanciful desire
 - 36 Alert to squad cars, brotly
 - 39 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Rural retreat
 - 48 Plural "is"
 - 47 Catch sight of
 - 48 Polo
 - 49 Southern Sioux
 - 50 Full of negatives
 - 53 With 96-Across, fruity rum cocktail
 - 55 Gullible type
 - 56 Riddle, part 3
 - 62 Barrett of the original Pink Floyd
 - 63 Crooner "King" Cole
 - 64 Franklin with soul
 - 65 H-bombs and the like
 - 66 Rec partner
 - 68 Riddle, part 4
 - 72 Miss, mie
 - 73 Cast off, as leaflets
 - 75 Shops
 - 76 Kwon do (martial art)
 - 78 Memphis-to-Chicago dir.
 - 81 Riddle, part 5
 - 87 — Mac Brown (Whoop's Goldberg's Oscar-winning "Ghost" role)
 - 88 A Stogie
 - 89 Shearer and Lalmadge
 - 90 Gambler's IOU
 - 91 Wyoming's — Range
 - 93 "How awful"
 - 96 See 53-Across
 - 97 Savor
 - 98 End of the riddle
 - 104 capita
 - 105 "Star Wars" sage
 - 106 Typos, e.g.
 - 107 Curling tool
 - 109 Riddle's answer
 - 117 Reason
 - 120 Malrat, typically
 - 121 Amazed
 - 122 Eye piece?
 - 123 Lobe locale
 - 124 Rice-A-
 - 125 Signs over
 - 126 In the hub of
 - 127 Rd. crossers
 - 128 Wet blanket dir.
 - 129 Artery inset
 - 8 Galle glove
 - 9 — delic
 - 10 Lacking a sound bass
 - 11 Regulation
 - 12 Sun block?
 - 13 Flick director's cry
 - 14 One of the Great Lakes
 - 15 American Indian or wine
 - 16 Homer's H
 - 17 Prefix with proliferation
 - 18 Take a crack at
 - 25 Old paper section
 - 28 "Who am — say?"
 - 29 Jazz saxophonist
 - 33 Equestrian skill
 - 34 Bouncer's door request
 - 35 Nears ghiled people
 - 36 Assens
 - 37 Succinct, as a saying
 - 38 Like kinfolk
 - 40 Missies
 - 41 Wall St. mavens
 - 42 Lower boy
 - 43 Radiate
 - 45 Old NASA lander
 - 50 Atlas letters
 - 51 Beatles hit
 - 52 Lures
 - 53 Title for Gandhi
 - 54 — low ebb
 - 57 Plus
 - 58 Notable time period
 - 59 Mystery novelist Josephine
 - 60 Bklyn., N.Y.
 - 61 Numbered rd.
 - 67 Keats' feat
 - 69 Without a — (permiss)
 - 70 Opp. of departure
 - 71 Spy novelist
 - 72 Oeighon
 - 73 Not uniform
 - 74 Signature line of Cap Calloway
 - 75 Airport northwest of LAX
 - 77 "Six-pack" muscles
 - 79 French for "black"
 - 80 Step into
 - 82 1970s-'80s Oodge
 - 83 Post-it item
 - 84 Steff of tennis
 - 85 Jarrings of old times
 - 86 Sony rival
 - 92 Inclined (to)
 - 93 Increases the value of, as a benefit
 - 94 Eye angly
 - 95 Miliners
 - 97 Plays frisky again
 - 99 Warm up
 - 100 Prior to, in
 - 101 Songwriter Sammy
 - 102 Well-drilling equipment
 - 103 Part of NOW: Aobr
 - 108 Tno Inpted
 - 110 Fashion's Saint Laurent
 - 111 Hospita unit
 - 112 Assistant of Frankenstein
 - 113 Musical Home
 - 114 Rose v
 - 115 "Acklander" actor Wilson
 - 116 It's bird-oult
 - 117 Major record label, once
 - 118 — -pat band
 - 119 Cycle or angle starter



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Science workplace
 - 4 One of the Seven Dwarfs
 - 7 Campus area, for short
 - 11 Baghdad's nation
 - 13 Gorilla
 - 14 Cold War country (Abbr.)
 - 15 List of options
 - 16 — canto
 - 17 Simple
 - 18 Avd
 - 20 Result of overspending
 - 22 P'glet's mama
 - 24 Mideastern marketplace
 - 28 Donald's yokemate
 - 32 Cut in two
 - 33 Paces
 - 34 Rock band, Leopard
 - 36 Symbol of craziness
 - 37 Know like —
 - 39 Drop
 - 41 Easter chapeau
 - 43 Menagerie
 - 44 "Breckinridge"
 - 46 Rudimentary
 - 50 Midwestern state
 - 53 One's years
 - 55 — list
 - 56 Burn some what
 - 57 Pool-room stick
 - 58 Calm before the storm
 - 59 Part of NYC
 - 60 Barbie's companion
 - 61 Pod occupant
 - 5 Newspaper page
 - 6 Star, for short
 - 7 Chief Aztec god
 - 8 14 Across' foe
 - 9 Fool
 - 10 Parched
 - 12 It shares a key with the slash
 - 19 Cartoon st. Chest
 - 21 "Humbug!"
 - 23 Marry
 - 25 Lotion additive
 - 26 Shake spears' river
 - 27 Tear in two bears
 - 28 Spill the beans
 - 29 Timber wolf
 - 30 PG picture
 - 31 Actor Beatty
 - 35 Tasseled hat
 - 38 Crucial
 - 40 Weep loudly
 - 42 — and food
 - 45 Chills and fever
 - 47 Campbell's product
 - 48 Not working
 - 49 Soda flavor
 - 50 Frigo
 - 51 Discoverer's city
 - 52 Kids' card game
 - 54 S.L.L. in verse



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 B A I R P L A N E T F L O I O
 A Q P L N M A K E J H N I L Y
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 R Q P O M O A L K E I H G E C
 R O Z A R A E B Y D D E T N E

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

- Airplane
- Crayons
- Neon light
- Tractor
- Bakelite
- Escalator
- Sonar
- Tnode
- Cellophane
- Helicopter
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