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Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and Iona-McGregor Fire Department provide a hero's welcome

## Firefighters Provide Patriotic Welcome To The Islands

by Jeff Lysiak

Looking to arrange a spectacular greeting for Operation Open Arms honorary guests Lance Corporal Christian Brown and Brown's mother, Lyn Braden-Reed as they arrived at the Sanibel Causeway last Thursday afternoon, Tim Barrett, training officer for the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District, recalled how the arrangements were made to make a very patriotic and memorable welcome to the islands of Sanibel and Captiva.

"On March 20, I received a call from Captain John 'Giddy Up' Bunch about the upcoming visit from two combat wounded Marines," recalled Barrett. "John is the founder of Operation Open Arms, a non-profit organization helping to provide U.S. service men and women visiting Southwest Florida every conceivable benefit during their two-week combat

leave or return from a foreign duty station."

Bunch asked the Sanibel firefighters if they could arrange something "special" for the veteran's arrival to the islands.

"Nothing would give us a greater pleasure than to help honor a wounded serviceman," said Barrett.

Members of both the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and Iona-McGregor Fire Department gathered on Causeway Island A with a pair of ladder trucks. Borrowing a 30-foot American flag from the City of Fort Myers Fire Department, the two companies planned to hang the stars and stripes across the causeway road. But that task may not be as simple as it sounds.

According to Barrett, it's a rather complicated process:

Step 1 - Park two 75-foot ladder trucks on each side of the road just past "A" span

Step 2 - Rig ropes to the top of each ladder truck

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Lance Corporal Christian Brown

# Celebration Marks Beginnings And Endings



The invitation to the Captiva Civic Association's Champagne & Sawdust event

submitted by David Rohn

**H**ard hats, overalls, tuxedos and evening gowns marked the Captiva Civic Association's final Champagne & Sawdust farewell to its meeting hall.

The association also heralded a groundbreaking celebration for the remodeling and expansion of the association's Captiva Community Center.

By the time the first guest arrived, the building's old air conditioner, installed during the center's last major renovation nearly a quarter century ago, was icing up as it struggled to take the heat and humidity out of a muggy 90-degree evening on April 16, when the event took place.

"It's on its last legs," said Paul Garvey, the association's executive director, "but there's no point getting it fixed since this is the last night we'll need it."

Jeff Good, vice president of Benchmark Inc., the general contractors for the project, said demolition of the meeting hall will begin as soon as all of the permits are obtained from Lee County. He added that completion of the project is expected by Christmas.

According to Garvey, more than 83 percent of the \$800,000 fundraising goal has been achieved. Efforts are continuing to raise \$132,250 needed to complete the construction.

This project will add nearly 1,200 square feet to the existing 7,400-square-foot building at 11550 Chapin Lane. Roughly two-thirds of the extra space involves expanding the meeting hall by more than 50 percent.

Other aspects of the project include:

- Re-roofing the entire building.
- Creating space for a new Captiva history museum and a home for the Captiva Historical Society.
- Expansion and renovation of the Captiva Memorial Library, which will include a place for parents to read with children and a new librarian work room.



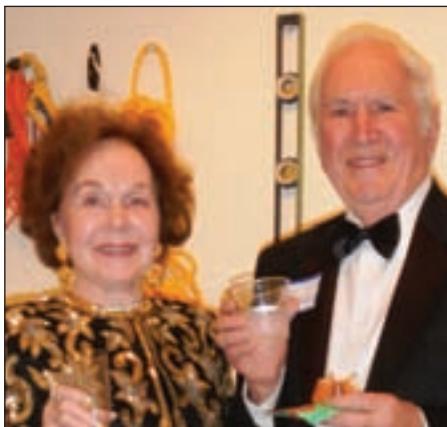
An architect's drawing of what the remodeled and expanded Captiva Community Center will look like when the project is finished



Shirley Stanton, a member of the Captiva Civic Association board of governors, dons a hard hat



Sherry Isler, administrative assistant to the Captiva Civic Association executive director, gets a hug from her father, Rusty Isler



Captiva Civic Association members Jean and Bill Kiser put on the ritz for the celebration



Captiva Civic Association members Clare Sawyer and Martin Leimdorfer reminisce at the last social event in the Association's Meeting Hall, which will soon be torn down as part of a major remodeling and expansion project for the Captiva Community Center.

- Updated and enlarged kitchen and bathroom facilities.
- A covered veranda at the entrance of the building, plus a courtyard with native shade trees and vegetation.
- Wind-resistant glass, new heating and cooling systems, and state-of-the-art lighting, audio and video equipment.
- Installation of an emergency generator to power the entire complex in the aftermath of major storm activity.
- A new roof and refurbished housing for the resident sheriff's deputy.

Garvey noted that about 150 people had recently packed the meeting hall to capacity while attending a film presentation by the Captiva Historical Society.



Members of the Captiva Civic Association Board of Governors will preside over the remodeling and expansion of the association's community center. From left: Sue Sherlock, Cindy Sargent, Jeff Good (Benchmark contractor), Mady Rohn, Rich Stegmann, Shirley Stanton, Sally Rheinfrank, Phill Urion and Jack Cunningham (past president). Not pictured are Mike Frascati and Molly Barbee.



Jeff Good and Mark Anderson join the last festivities in the Captiva Civic Association's meeting hall



Jack Cunningham (right) hands a shovel to Rich Stegmann so he can break ground for the new center



Lee County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Waite gets a laugh at Rich Stegmann's pink flamingo headgear

That came on the heels of the hall being filled to capacity for an art exhibition by Stella Farwell.

Those jam-packed events, he said, underscore the need for expansion.

Rich Stegmann, newly elected president of the association's board of governors, said the enlarged facility will enable the association and other community groups to host new and different events on Captiva.

He said of the project, "It's going to be a bright star for the community – although this star is going to be on the ground and not up in the air.

"It will provide a new home and museum for the historical society, modernize and expand our wonderful library which is so often a lifesaver for a lot of tourists here on vacation. And, it will be simply wonderful having a building that will be able to handle all kinds of new and different events."

Stegmann, who was handed a shovel for the groundbreaking by past association president Jack Cunningham, added, "I'm excited to be involved in this, and I'm sure that by next year we will get more members in the association because of this project."

Asked if the library would be able to remain open during the demolition and reconstruction of the meeting hall, as well as its remodeling and expansion, Good said, "It depends on the amount of disruption they can stand."

Much of the work involving the library is expected to take place in September or October when fewer patrons are on Captiva.

Many people at the gathering reminisced about the wealth of activities the old meeting hall has hosted – art exhibitions, social events, films, the old ABC Celebration fundraising events, lectures, you name it – as they sipped champagne and munched on hors d'oeuvres.

Countless friendships on the island have begun at events held in that meeting hall room, which will soon be a memory.

But as the evening wore on, nostalgia gave way to eager anticipation over what awaits the island community when the new, updated and enlarged facility is finished.✧



Mike Boris grills hot dogs

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# Sanibel Historical Village Summer Hours Begin May 1

**S**anibel Historical Village and Museum will go to summer hours beginning on Wednesday, May 1. The village will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The village will close on August 3 and reopen with full-time hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on November 6.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village was founded in 1984 with a mission to preserve, protect and share Sanibel history. Its buildings and artifacts tell the story of Sanibel from the Calusa and Spanish eras to the early pioneer families who settled on the island in the 1800s. It tells of warriors, adventurers, fishermen, farmers and proprietors.

Nine historic buildings – including the Sears kit home Shore Haven and its caretaker's cottage – have been moved from their original island sites and brought to the village. Each building has been restored to its original state, with the exception of Shore Haven and the cottage, which are under renovation. Volunteer docents share the stories of Sanibel with 10,000 visitors per year.

The village is the only place around where can you see a mammoth bone, an original Sanibel Lighthouse lens Fresnel Order 3, and the telegraph machine that brought the news to the world that the *U.S.S. Maine* had been sunk. It is the only place where islanders can step back in time and get a feeling for what it was like to live on Sanibel when it was still a bucolic barrier island with fewer than 100 residents. Docents are on hand to present an overview of the museum and share Sanibel stories. Audio recordings in each building tell the story of Sanibel's pioneers and life on the island from the 1880s to the 1940s.

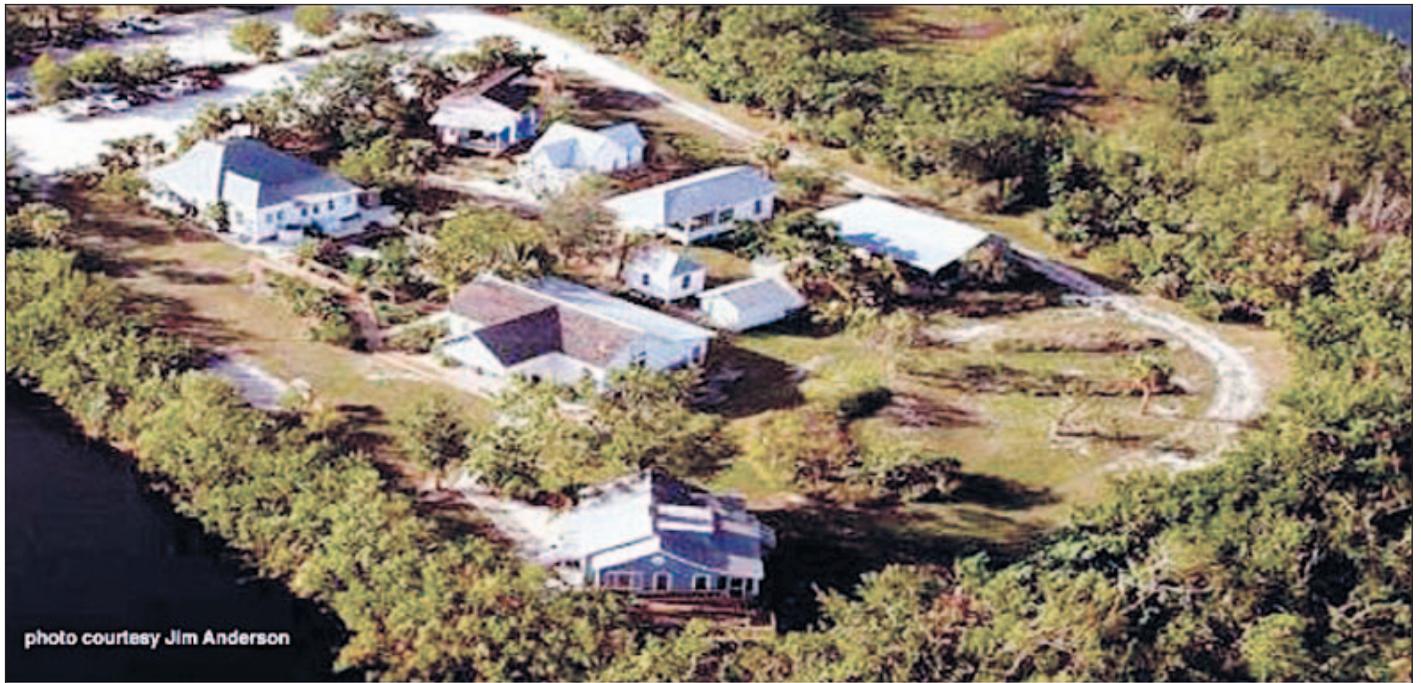


photo courtesy Jim Anderson

An aerial view of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, taken before Shore Haven and its caretaker's cottage were moved to the village

photo courtesy of Jim Anderson

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to all buildings. Admission is \$5 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours.\*

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The Captiva Island Hurricane Committee is sponsoring a hurricane seminar on Thursday, May 2nd at South Seas Island Resort in the Auger Room. The seminar will be from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend. Lee County Emergency Personnel and GIS Mapping Division will be joined by the Captiva Island Fire Control District, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Captiva Memorial Library and Hurricane Committee members for this informative Hurricane Seminar.\*

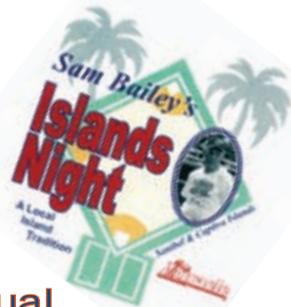
## Captiva Sunset Caught On Camera



Photo by Ilana Richman

From David Richman: On vacation from London, England, my wife Ilana took this great picture of a heron carrying a trout at sunset on the beach at Captiva.\*

Spring has arrived, and that means  
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Cip's Place

## Neighbors Club Rally For FISH

Sanibel Neighbors Club (SNC) will be hosting a member rally and "food-raiser" on Monday, April 29 at Cip's Place, in the Forever Green Center, to benefit FISH (Friends in Service Here) of Sanibel, Inc.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. and feature extended happy hour drink discounts, appetizers and 10 percent off the dinner menu for members.

SNC invites all members and those interested in becoming a member to bring non-perishable, unopened food items to help stock the FISH food pantry, or a cash donation. With many residents heading up north for the summer, this is a great time to empty out cabinets and help fill the food pantry.

FISH board member Jerry Edelman will be there to collect the food and display some of his clay artwork. There will also be a raffle to win one of Edelman's pieces.

SNC's newest business member and RE/MAX of the Islands agent Chuck Bergstrom will be making a donation to FISH for every listing or sale he makes with a

SNC member.

For more information on the Sanibel Neighbors Club, log on to [www.SanibelNeighborsClub.com](http://www.SanibelNeighborsClub.com) or stop by Hillgate Communications in Bailey's Center. ✨



Sailor's valentine



A pottery piece with pine needle accent



Pine needle basket



Sailor's valentine

Pine needle baskets are a Native American craft and Damandl is an award-winning artisan. She now teaches workshops at BIG ARTS and other places. Many of the baskets for sale at the museum feature seashells worked into the design.

Sailor's valentines come in many forms and have been popular almost as long as men have gone to sea. It used to be believed that lovesick seamen took a collection of shells and an empty compass case or candy box and fashioned this beautiful shell art. By the 1830s, the octagonal shell mosaics were being made by crafters in the British West Indies, mostly in Barbados, and sold to sailors whose ships were in port there. By the 1930s, these special shell creations were called sailor's valentines. The museum shop carries various shapes and sizes, as well as small kits for creative types.

Beginning Wednesday, May 1, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 18. Museum members are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during business hours. ✨

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## Mother's Day Gifts At The Historical Village

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village has gifts for Mother's Day at the village gift shop in the 1927 Bailey General Store: one-of-a-kind miniature Sailor's Valentines hand-crafted by Texas artisans Jim and Rose Prestigiacomio, and pine needle baskets made by Gisela Damandl originally from Frankfurt, Germany and now residing in Naples. Both of these gift ideas are available in a wide price range and variety, ensuring there is something for every mom.

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## Winners Cash In On Historical Village Auction Prizes



Enjoying a day with the firefighters are Bud and Ginny Albertson, Alan and Adrienne Cross, Dottie Miller, host firefighter/EMT Robert Wilkins (the newest member of the department), Dennie and Barbara Jones, and Ed Miller

Winners of two of the live auction items at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village's February fundraiser collected their prizes recently. Dottie Miller, a long-time supporter of the museum, won a lunch for four to six people with Sanibel's firefighter at Sanibel Fire Station #1. Afterwards, they had a tour of the firehouse with demonstrations and an opportunity to hear some of the firefighters' stories.

Catherine and Ed Anderson hosted an Alaska seafood dinner for 12 at their home in The Sanctuary. The seafood was flown in by their daughter Stephanie, who is a bush pilot in Homer, Alaska. Servers were locals including Jeanine Bradford, Gail Garlinghouse, Wanda Malone, Gayle Pence, Blair Wyatt and Judy Yenkole.\*

## Islands Night Sponsors Needed

The 20th annual Sam Bailey's Islands Night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. The parade around the ballfield begins at 6:15 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05 p.m., with the Fort Myers Miracle hosting the Dunedin Blue Jays.

Sponsors are needed to help support local charities. Individual and business sponsorships are available at \$100 each. Call 472-1516 to reserve your spot in the parade and make checks payable to Islands Night, Bailey's General Store, 2477 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Sponsorships, concessions and donations from the game last year allowed the Islands Night committee to give \$10,730 back to the community. Donations from 2012 were made to The Sanibel School, The Sanibel School Home Economics Program, City of Sanibel Recreation Center sponsorship, 2012 Sanibel high school graduates,

Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva, Good Neighbor Fund, Hope Hospice, Sanibel-Captiva Cares, Community Housing & Resources, FISH of Sanibel, Inc., Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, Sam Bailey Capital Fund, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, The Community House and Friends Who Care.

Free tickets to Islands Night are available at sponsoring businesses and Bailey's General Store.\*



Islands Night founder, the late Sam Bailey



Serving the fresh Alaskan seafood dinner were Gail Garlinghouse, Blair Wyatt, host Catherine Anderson, Wanda Malone, Jeanine Bradford and Judy Yenkole

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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 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 19.

**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.

**Tuesday Kayaking** – April 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.

**GAMES:**  
**Bridge** – 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

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

Spring cleaning? Remember the fall Trash and Treasures sale. The center is accepting donations. Please, no clothes, shoes or TVs.

Call 472-5743 for details on programs or stop by to register.✪



FISH hurricane committee members Helma Reynolds, Sally Ennis, Maggi Feiner and Sharon Thomas

## Committee Meets To Discuss Hurricane Preparedness

Lee County can be paradise, but along with the sun and warm weather comes the annual threat of hurricanes. And, according to top forecasters, an above-average 2013 Atlantic hurricane season is predicted.

Each year, the FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel, Inc. hurricane committee volunteer team meets with individuals to provide and review important information, evacuation routes, and emergency plans. The team works closely with the City of Sanibel, the Sanibel Police Department and Lee County Emergency Management to ensure island neighbors are as prepared as possible in the event of an emergency.

If you have not created your family emergency plan for hurricanes, now is the time to get started. Set aside a closet or an area in your home for items you will need in case disaster strikes, or if you have to evacuate. A hurricane's high winds can cause power outages that last for days, even weeks so stock up on flashlights and batteries.

If you or someone you know would like to receive the FISH Hurricane Preparedness Packet, contact Maggie Goldsmith at 472-0404. Packets will be available at the FISH Walk-In Center after May 5.✪

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Randy Carson regularly attends the annual Oyster Eating Contest

## Spotlight On CHR: Randy Carson

submitted by Sue Denham

It might seem that everyone knows Randy Carson, one of Sanibel's most colorful characters. After service with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, he arrived more than 30 years ago and worked as a licensed mechanic at the Mobil station (now gone) next to Huxter's Deli. Apart from a few years away when his wife fell ill, he has lived



Randy Carson works on replacing window screens, a volunteer activity, at CHR's Mahogany Way location

here ever since. His children attended The Sanibel School and Carson found work at the Shell Station, Bailey's Hardware, and Sanibel Screens. He also served as a volunteer firefighter.

When Carson's wife died in 1990, CHR was his lifeline. Faced with raising his teenage son and daughter, he needed an affordable home. The answer: a brand new unit on Airport Way, and the family moved there in 1992. One of CHR's most loyal tenants, Carson later lived on Mahogany Way and most

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## Zonta Receives Praise From TLC



Zontian Darla Letourneau (back to camera) asks Rosemary Boisvert to comment on the club's advocacy efforts

The long-standing relationship between the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva and the Transitional Living Center (TLC) for women at Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) was noted, with appreciation, in a recent presentation to the club by TLC managing director Rosemary Boisvert.

SWFAS, a Fort Myers non-profit organization which prevents and offers

treatment for individuals impacted by substance abuse disorders, has been a Zonta partner for the past 12 years. During this time, the campus has expanded from three buildings to 15, and more than 450 women have been served.

Boisvert reminded a large audience of Zonta members and guests that complete recovery from hardcore addiction is extremely challenging. The time-tested support system offered by SWFAS, she said, has resulted in a success rate of 60 to 65 percent, far higher than in other, comparable systems.

"Addiction is almost always associated with other mental health issues," she said, "and confronting these problems in our structured, residential setting is the most effective solution."

Clients, who range in age from teenagers to senior citizens, often come from a background of abuse and may suffer from depression, anxiety and/or bipolar disorders in addition to their addictions. The "drug of choice" is no longer alcohol but opiates, Boisvert noted, and those addicted are younger. Ninety percent of them are from Lee County, and 50 percent are homeless when they arrive.

"When our clients come into the SWFAS system, they have already failed at life on many levels," she said. She explained that the upcoming merger of SWFAS with Lee Mental Health will provide opportunities to meet complex mental health needs; the TLC will continue its mission unchanged.

Entrance for new clients at SWFAS is typically through a residential, 14-

42-day detox program. They then move through the system, from residence for up to six months in the halfway house, to outpatient programs and often to supportive housing, also on the SWFAS campus.

Over the years, Zonta has met many of the TLC's practical and emotional needs, from furniture and computer equipment for the halfway house to household goods for the apartments in supportive housing. Zonta funds educational aspirations and maintains a regular schedule of visits to the TLC, bringing in experts on a variety of topics to expand the women's social, financial and economic skills as they prepare to re-enter the work force and a regular life. The club also advocates on behalf of SWFAS on mental health issues, particularly funding.

The women from the TLC also visit Sanibel on regular occasions, helping with Zonta projects, attending organized beach clean-ups, and enjoying picnic lunches with Zonta members.

"Programs like this help our clients to feel human again," Boisvert explained. She related the story of one client who learned, on a visit by Zonta members, how to make a simple skirt from a length of cloth. From this small beginning, the woman found the confidence to embark on a lifelong program of sobriety and self-improvement.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds

to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. For more information, visit [www.zontasan-cap.com](http://www.zontasan-cap.com).\*

## League Of Women Voters

The League Of Women Voters Of Lee County Florida will meet Saturday, May 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the presentation Climate Change: Where Are We Now? Registration and networking begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10 a.m.

The keynote speaker is James Beever, principal planner of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC). Beever is an expert in natural resources and climate change in Southwest Florida. His responsibilities include implementing the environmental planning review for the SWFRPC.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12600 University Drive in Fort Myers (northeast corner of Summerlin Road and College Parkway). Cost is \$10 for continental breakfast. Checks to LWVLCF are preferred. Student rates are available. For reservations, call 278-1032 or e-mail [lwvlee@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvlee@yahoo.com) by April 30.\*

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# INSIDE CITY HALL

## Work Still Needed On Distressed Property Ordinance

by Anne Mitchell

Planning commissions were having second thoughts Tuesday when they reviewed a draft ordinance aimed at giving the City of Sanibel the tools to deal with neglected and distressed properties.

How far was too far to go? But at the same time, was the wording definitive enough to not harrass owners who may not maintain their properties as their neighbors might wish.

The city council, before sending the ordinance to the commission some months ago, decided not to include vacant lots in the ordinance, but Commissioner Phillip Marks on Tuesday repeated his objection to that approach, saying unkept yards can downgrade a neighborhood, lower property values and cause the spread of weeds and invasives.

As resident Claudia Burns put it, "One man's mess is another man's treasure." She said while she lives "in a jungle" of vegetation, "across the street there are manicured lawns and very precise landscaping."

After a lengthy discussion, the commissioners voted unanimously to send the ordinance back to the drafting board and to review it at a later date, not yet determined.

Commissioner Chuck Kettelman said many such concerns were handled by homeowners associations. However,

he felt the wording was too vague and seemed "to apply to every property on the island," to which Commissioner Tom Krekel agreed.

Planning Director Jim Jordan said the goal was to address mostly vacant properties to be able to take action on such issues as pool and hot tub security, safe walkways and decks and damage that could lead to flying projectiles in a storm. The issue arose last year when properties were left vacant due to foreclosure, something City Attorney Ken Cuyler said was now tapering off.

Cuyler acknowledged it was the type of ordinance that attorneys don't favor. It's hard to define neglected or distressed, he said, adding that it was "in the eye of the beholder." But he welcomed the discussion, saying the commission's questions were those which attorneys would ask.

Fred Bondurant, resident, agreed with the "eye of the beholder comment." He said some lots in The Dunes back up to sanctuary lands, "which we cherish." Yet he hears complaints about yards that look natural like the protected lands.

Vice Mayor Doug Congress, who was in the audience, said he would take the comments back to the city council. However, council didn't want to be too far-reaching.

He said, "Its genesis was the downturn in the economy and several neighbors were suffering. It was much less about safety because I think we have those (laws) in place. It was much more about staying away for how high their lawns should be."

Congress believes the ordinance won't be 100 percent right when enacted, but will evolve naturally and can be improved over the years.✧

## Financial Assistance Program For City's Summer Day Camp

The Financial Assistance Program is for children of parents who work on Sanibel or Captiva Island or live on Sanibel or Captiva Island. The Summer Day Camp Program at the City of Sanibel Recreation Center runs for 10 weeks. A youth enrolled in first grade through eighth grade can attend summer camp for a minimum of one week or a maximum of 10 weeks.

An hour seminar about this program will be held at The Fish House Restaurant, 1523 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, on Tuesday, April 30 beginning at 10 a.m.

In the application, the applicant's name and address is removed from the application. The application is reviewed by a committee who makes awards based on a fee scale without knowing the identity of the applicant. Awards range from 35 to 80 percent of the program fee. The difference between the amounts awarded and the program fee is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. The awards are based on income of the family, tax returns, income stubs and other financial information. Extraordinary circumstances are considered.

The financial assistance program also provides assistance for fun days, holiday camp and the after school program at the Recreation Center.

We want to help you; don't be shy. Pass this message and seminar date on to other parents. Don't ignore this opportunity to learn about financial assistance. Your child will be in a safe, fun-filled supervised environment this summer and your mind will be at ease. Most of all, your child will have a wonderful time.✧

## Director Dons Snorkel Gear To Check Dock Site

by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel Planning Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a conditional use permit and a development permit to allow for the expansion of a boat dock and install a boat lift in the bay beach zone.

The applicants, Martin and Crystal Mulder, live at 1824 Woodring Road.

James Evans, director of natural resources, donned snorkeling gear on

April 18 to examine the bay bottom near the dock. He reported that there were "no sea grasses or live bottom where the lift was proposed."

Docks and accessories are permitted as a conditional use in the bay beach zone, said Roy Gibson, city planner.

The Mulders' representative, Butch Jones of SteMic Marine Construction, agreed to the conditions recommended by the planning staff, including no construction when ospreys are actively nesting on an adjacent boat lift.

The nest was said to be waist high, which is unusually low for this species. The nesting season generally runs from January through April.✧



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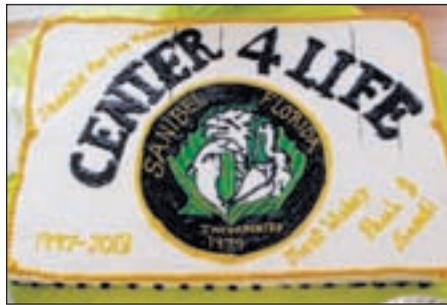
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Everybody attending Friday's farewell party enjoyed cake decorated with the Center 4 Life logo and "Thanks For The Memories" theme



Sandi McDougall, right, receives farewell wishes from Pedro and Gayl Ponce



John Brown, donning a red wig and skirt, gets an instant reaction from Sandi McDougall

Sandi McDougall and her husband, Paul Schierberl, will soon be relocating to Fargo, North Dakota photos by Jeff Lysiak

## Center 4 Life Farewell Party For McDougall

by Jeff Lysiak

Last Friday afternoon, an informal farewell party was held for Sandi McDougall, senior program administrator for the City of Sanibel's Center 4 Life. McDougall recently announced that she and her husband, Paul Schierberl, will be relocating to Fargo, North Dakota in order to be closer to her family.

"I'm going to miss so many things... the fitness classes, the potlucks, the group trips, but especially the friendships I've created here," said McDougall, who joined the city staff in 1997. "We created a lot of great memories."

During the farewell celebration, McDougall was honored with a PowerPoint presentation of photographs - which followed the theme "Thanks For The Memories" - taken during her tenure at the Center 4 Life, a comedic skit, poetry and heartfelt tributes from friends, fellow volunteers and center members.✧

## ABWA Sponsoring Grant Scholarship

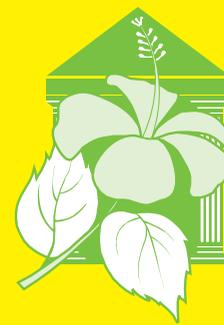
The Sanibel-Captiva Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association is sponsoring a \$1,500 Outright Grant scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Education Fund. The Outright Grant Program offers junior level (or higher) college students a small scholarship that helps to offset costs associated with their college tuition, books and fees. The amount awarded for each Outright Grant is \$1,500. Outright Grant scholarships awarded are non-renewable. Applicants may receive only one Outright Grant each award year.

Applicants can be ABWA members or nonmembers; they must be a female U.S. citizen and have completed a minimum of

60 credit hours. The applicant must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must be seeking a baccalaureate degree or higher and must be attending an institution authorized to confer degrees at the baccalaureate level or higher in the United States.

Contact Peggy Richardson, education chair, at [Peggy@sanibelsand.com](mailto:Peggy@sanibelsand.com) or Gayle DeHaan-Garland, chapter president, at [godehaan@comcast.net](mailto:godehaan@comcast.net) to apply. Application must be submitted in good order to be considered by May 10.✧

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## OBITUARY



**DONALD LEE BROWN**

Friends on island mourn the pass-  
ing of Don Brown, a respected  
writer, poet and novelist who  
passed away on April 12. Don was a  
true Renaissance man, combining his skill  
of engineering, architecture and poetry,  
reaching the apex of acclaim by his peers  
on Sanibel and his former classmates at  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Don graduated in 1951 from MIT with  
a BA from the School of Architecture.  
He spent two years serving his country  
during the Korean War. Following his  
service tour, he worked for Reynolds  
Aluminum designing residential and com-  
mercial buildings made of aluminum.  
He was in the forefront of this design  
program that took off after World War II.  
Don worked for the company from 1960  
to 1990.

When he retired, he settled on  
Sanibel, where he wrote poetry including  
several books of his poetry. He headed  
the Poetic Voices column for the *Island  
Sun* newspaper for several years, shar-  
ing works of poets on island and in  
Southwest Florida. He was also active in  
the writers groups on Sanibel.

Among other accolades he received  
was poet laureate of his class at MIT. On  
many occasions he would be asked to  
write a poem for his class reunions and  
would bring them to the writers group for  
critiquing. Few changes would be made  
as Don had great skill as a poet. He was  
known as a man who could say so much  
with so few words.

His wife Eleanor preceded him in  
death on October 20, 2002. They  
had no children. A memorial service is  
planned for November.\*

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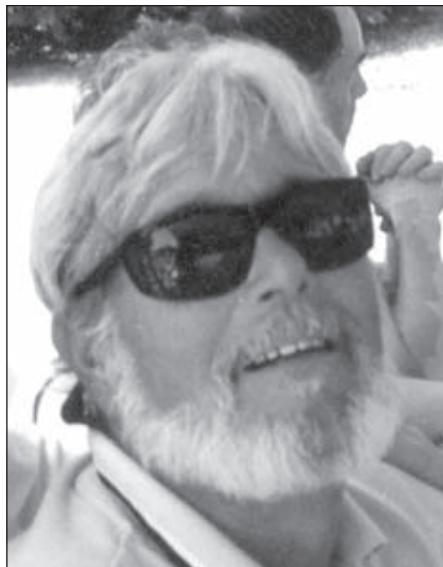
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reception will follow at the Sanibel  
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with open microphone (see [www.sanibel-  
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After a 13-year battle with advanced,  
metastatic prostate cancer, Dominic  
Anthony Manarite left this world on April  
12, 2013 and crossed over into Heaven.  
Dominic was best known on Sanibel and  
Captiva Islands in the '90s as Captain  
Dominic of Janice Too Charters at  
Castaway's Marina, and previously as a  
favorite bartender at Tween Waters Inn.

He also worked at Bailey's liquor store,  
The Grog Shop, in recent years after  
leaving the charter guide business.

Dominic leaves behind his wife Jan  
and their son Mico. He also leaves behind  
his son Tony and daughters Gina, Carla  
and Nicole of Springfield, Massachusetts,  
along with their respective families. He  
leaves his brother Michael and wife  
Simone, his sister Addie and her family in  
Texas, and his sister Toni and her family  
in Massachusetts. Dominic passed away  
peacefully in capable hands of the nurses  
of Hospice House in Fort Myers, Florida.  
He found great peace in his final months  
with short, simple prayers with his wife,  
being read to from books written by those  
who have had end-of-life experiences,  
and saying his rosary in private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that  
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name to the Prostate Cancer Research  
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Applications are available at most Lee County high schools (see your guidance counselor) and online at [www.sancapoptimist.org](http://www.sancapoptimist.org). For more information, call Stan Howard at 472-0836. Scholarship appli-

cations must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, June 12. The scholarship committee plans to make the final selections a few weeks later.

Academic records, financial need, extracurricular activities, civic/community service records and references are integral parts of the selection criteria. The application package gives exact procedures.\*

## Team Tourism Rally Day

**T**he Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) invites tourism partners, their employees and families,

and the community to attend the 2nd annual Tourism Travel Rally Day at the new river basin in downtown Fort Myers on May 3.

The event, which includes free admission and prize giveaways, supports National Travel and Tourism Week. It celebrates tourism's impact on local businesses and the economy and recognizes the importance of travel and hospitality professionals.

"It is exciting to see the support and enthusiasm shown at the rally by members of our travel industry," said Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director. "It's important to appreciate and celebrate how the travel industry contributes significantly to local job growth and the economy."

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# Great Fishing Is Here; Tarpon Being Sighted



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Fishing just keeps getting better and better as our water temperature is now up into the low 80s and right where it should be for this time of year. Live bait fishing

for snook, redfish and big trout was all going off this week.

Every day's fishing also resulted in more and more tarpon sightings. Our tarpon fishing will really get into full swing within the next week or two.

Live chumming mangrove islands and pot holes with live shiners really had the fish exploding on baits. Filling the livewell with hundreds of shiners made for easy fishing. Simply pulling into an area and throwing stunned live shiners into the hole quickly let you know if the

area was worth fishing. Watching snook, redfish and trout pop these baits right on the surface sure makes for some exciting action.

Catch-and-release snook fishing this week was the best I can remember since before the big snook kill of three years ago. Although our big snook of the week was only in the mid 30-inch range, we had several real monsters hooked up that just could not be tamed. Mangrove islands in the mouth of the river and south of Matlacha Pass held some of the bigger fish but almost every mangrove point, oyster bar and dock throughout the sound held good numbers of snook in the 24- to mid 30-inch range. It's great to see this fishery coming back strong as these fish are a blast to catch.

Redfish action on the higher stages of the tide was also a sure bet. The redfish were also responding well to live shiners and often mixed right in with the snook. Reds up to 31 inches were caught this week, along with the average size fish now in the mid 20-inch range.

During low water, sand holes out from oyster bars and deeper mangrove shorelines were a good bet to hook into a redfish.



Liz Reinemo of Cape Cod with a 32-inch snook she caught on her first cast of the trip while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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April is always one of our best months for big trout. This proved true this week with some real giants caught. Shallow potholes out on the grass flats and around oyster bars held some of the biggest trout I have seen all year. Several 27- and 28-inch monsters were caught while throwing big shiners and pinfish. Lots of trout from 18 to 22 inches could be found on most any clear flat in the two- to four-foot depth range.

Spanish mackerel are also thick out along the beaches, along with all the other species that follow them. This is some easy fishing if you just want to bend a rod as they can be caught by either casting through the breaking fish or trolling spoons and small plugs around feeding birds gulfside. Have a big rod ready if you're going to do this

as tarpon, sharks and cobia are right around these mackerel schools, too.

This week for me will mark the start of tarpon fishing this season. This hands down is my favorite fishing of the year. I'm really looking forward to switching it up to chasing tarpon after a long winter.

If you have never caught a tarpon, you probably have no idea of what all the hype is about. If you have caught tarpon, your gear is ready and you're ready to get that first fish of the season, too.

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



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# Highlights From Earth Day At 'Ding' Darling



Fiona Nash from Harvard, Massachusetts meets Bagzilla (Becky Wolff) on Earth Day



Nate and Esme Dodge from Boston, Massachusetts celebrated Earth Day 2013 at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge photos by Jeff Lysiak



Refuge volunteer Judy Davis helped Mia Faretra from Brigantine, New Jersey make a "plarn" bracelet



The refuge's education center was filled with lots of information about recycling on Earth Day



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# Rotary Happenings

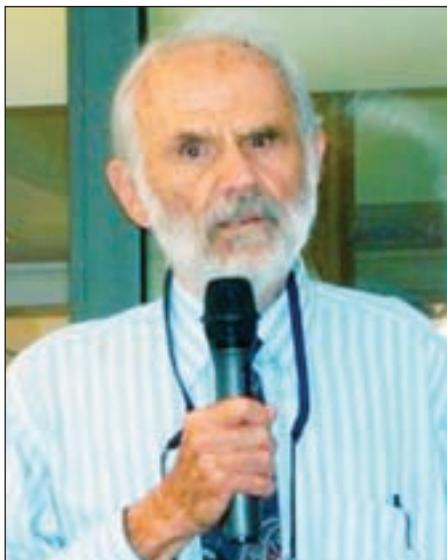
submitted by Shirley Jewell

**S**anibel-Captiva Rotary inducted their new club officers for 2013-14 at a wonderful and warm reception and dinner at the Captiva Island Yacht Club recently. They won't take on their official duties until July, but during the next couple of months, they will be involved in Rotary training and next year's planning and budgeting process.

Back as club president is Scot Congress; he had been president 10 years ago and decided it was time to take the gavel back for another round of leading the club. 2013-14 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Officers: President – Scot Congress, President-Elect – Bill Rahe, Vice President – Chris DeCosta, Treasurer – John Danner, Secretary – Chet Sadler, Sergeant-at-Arms – Don Russell.

Club members are looking forward to learning what Congress will make his priority this year. Past-President John Grey really has set a high standard. He spearheaded a \$25,000 donation to the Harlem Heights Community Center in Fort Myers. Now that the center has had their official ribbon-cutting ceremony, club Rotarians are going over this week for breakfast on Friday and will take a tour of facilities. This center will provide a much-needed central location for many already existing programs for the residents of Harlem Heights but will also introduce new programming in arts and culture. Congratulations, John, for showing your dedication to our neighboring community where children and adults need a hand up, not a hand out.

I think that it is fair to say that most Rotarians have a pretty good understanding of how to contribute to society



**Dr. Sidney B. Simon**

and have made a conscious decision to bring their intelligence, energy and some of their financial resources to helping others. Therefore, you would think we had everything covered when it comes to setting a good example for the young people in our lives and mostly we have. However, our guest speaker this week, Dr. Sidney B. Simon, Professor Emeritus, the University of Massachusetts, brought a new slant to this with his topic for the morning: How To Leave A Legacy, More Than Money. Simon is an internationally and nationally recognized authority in the areas of values clarification and values realization, self-esteem and negative criticism.

When Simon got to speak, you couldn't help but be impressed by his wonderful rich speaking voice, no doubt developed over many years of teaching and public speaking engagements. He started slowly telling us a few stories in a delivery style that pulled you in and suddenly you felt receptive to listening and warmly receiving the message of his story. This is a shorten version of Sid's story about encountering a young child behind him in the Bailey's checkout line. A boy tugged on Sid's coat and asked

this simple question, "You're a grandpa, aren't you?" Sid, ever mindful of the thought process of children, couldn't help but be inquisitive himself, so he asked this question; how do you know? Is it the cereal box on the belt, is it the type of fruit I have up there? He asked a few other probing questions regarding the reason for the question? Finally, the answer. "No, it's the prune juice."

Simon asked how many of us were grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles and on and on. What kind of legacy are we leaving behind for them? What do we teach them? Then, he passed out a handout with a pre-printed six-box grid sheet already on it. What's this for, we all thought? Now we got six yellow sticks. Sid then wanted us to evaluate these six words and their importance to us personally: environment, social justice, integrity, culture, frugality and wellness. We talked somewhat about what those words meant, such as social justice and how to define it. Does it mean that you show people respect, no matter what their station in life or what religion that they practice? Does it mean you treat everyone equally and support this with both your words and actions?

Simon talked about culture encouraging us to introduce our young people to the arts; bring them to the theater, art exhibits and musical concerts. We talked about the environment and spending

time with your grandchildren outside, teaching them about their environment and bringing along a bag to pick up trash. If they see you care, they will too.

After discussing each of the words for a while, we then had to post the words on our grid in the order of importance to us. After that, we were given 100 points and had to assign a numeric value to each of the words representing their value in our own life. If we understand what is valuable to us beyond money, we can then in turn work on passing these values to the young people in our life. How To Leave A Legacy, More Than Money.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meets at 7 a.m. for breakfast every Friday at the Beachview Restaurant. Guests are always welcomed. Exception to that is that on Friday, April 26 at 7 a.m. at the Harlem Height Community Center, Fort Myers. If you would like to join us there, e-mail John Grey [john@johngreypainting.com](mailto:john@johngreypainting.com).

*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@scotcongress.com.\**

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# Highlights From SCCF's Beer In The Bushes

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) hosted its 2nd annual Beer in the Bushes on April 20. Proceeds supported SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.\*



Steve Heaton, Daniel Zeugin, Charles Klucka and Gary Killen



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Volunteers Lisa Newmeyer-Cochrane and Diane Neitzel with SCCF's Wendy Cerdan



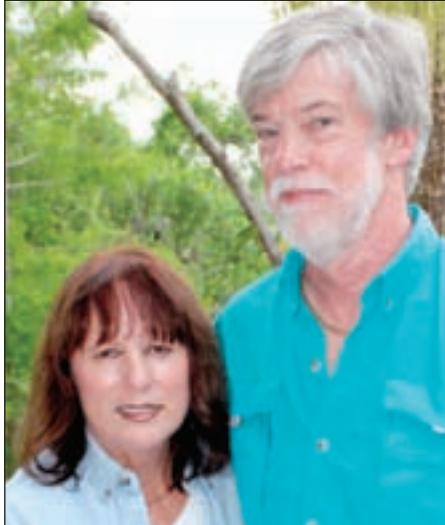
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Steve Radakovic of Lighthouse Café is crowned the winner of the 4th annual Oyster-lympics, a fundraiser for The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum held on Saturday at The Timbers photos by Jeff Lysiak

## Radakovic, Matthews Tops At Oyster-lympics

by Jeff Lysiak

A new champion was crowned on Saturday during the 4th annual Oyster Eating Contest – renamed the Oyster-lympics – as two-time defending champion Lamar Williams was ousted in the first round of the mollusk-munching spectacle held at The Timbers.

Instead of determining a winner by the number of oysters eaten, this year's event was decided by speed: who could eat a half dozen oysters in the least amount of time. In the end, Steve Radakovic – representing Lighthouse Café – was the quickest oyster eater amongst the more than two dozen contestants, earning the 2013 King of the Oyster Eaters crown.

In addition, Radakovic – who was also airbrushed green from the waist up to look like comic book hero The Hulk



Kimball Matthews reacts to winning the first heat of Saturday's Oyster-lympics. Also pictured are celebrity judge Sandy Stilwell and emcee Krista Fogelsong.



Lamar Williams during the oyster-shucking competition



Dr. Jose H. Leal from The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum finishes a plate of oysters



NBC-2's Krista Fogelsong was co-emcee of the event for the first time



Clay Miller from NBC-2 pauses to swallow his portion of oysters



Emcee Clay Miller, contestant Wayne Woodring, celebrity judges Mick Denham and Bridgit Stone-Budd, and contestant Lamar Williams



Heather Harrison from Bank of the Islands won Most Clams Collected. She is pictured with Jim Young and Mark Blust.

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## Team Tourism

There will be live music and friendly competitions including a bellmen's race, a luggage lug and a make-the-bed-quickly contest. There will be face painting, slime making and magic tricks for the kids. The Cape Coral High School drum line will also perform. Information tables will offer brochures about many of Lee County's attractions, accommodations, restaurants, transportation and hospitality partners. There will be seating but guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Visitors can also take part in Art Walk and shop and dine downtown.

The master of ceremonies will be meteorologist Robert Van Winkle with NBC-2. Officials in the tourism industry participating include Dennis Castleman, U.S. Travel Association vice-president, and Paul Phipps with Visit Florida. City of Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson will also attend. Along with music and activities, the VCB will celebrate its 30th birthday with a culinary masterpiece prepared by Andre Gratesol, master baker with Lush Bakery. Along with the cake, there will be snow cones.

To RSVP or register for a tourism race, contact Judi Durant with the VCB at 590-4855 or [jdurant@leegov.com](mailto:jdurant@leegov.com).✪



**Matt Asen entertained the crowd with his oyster-inspired poem**

– also took home the trophy for Best Costume.

The 2013 Queen of the Oyster Eaters went to Kimball Mathews in a successful defense of her title.

Other Oyster-lympics awards went to:

- Most Clams Collected – Heather Harrison from Bank of the Islands
- Best Team Spirit – Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille

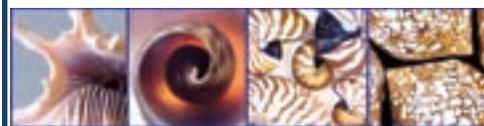


**"Sanibel Pitbull" reacts to winning his first round heat of the Oyster-lympics**

- Fastest Shucker on the Islands – Andres Gutierrez

The event was emceed by NBC-2 anchors Clay Miller and Krista Fogelsong and co-hosted by Mark Blust and Jim Young. Celebrity judges included Sanibel City Councilman Mick Denham, chamber

of commerce marketing director Bridgit Stone-Budd, Captiva business owner Sandy Stilwell, She Sells Sea Shells owner Anne Joffe and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation executive Director Erick Lindblad.✪



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## Marine Impressed With Outpouring Of Support

by Jeff Lysiak

It may be approximately 990 miles from Lance Corporal Christian Brown's home in Munford, Tennessee to Captiva, where the combat-wounded United States Marine Corps veteran was staying last weekend as an honorary guest of the Operation Open Arms program.

However, according to Brown, the people of the island made him feel like he was home.

"All of the locals have been really kind to me, especially the school kids," said Brown, referring to the welcoming reception he and his mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, received upon their arrival to the islands on April 18: students from The Sanibel School greeted his motorcade with a patriotic salute of banners, signs and flags.

"They made me feel like I was from here," he added.

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.

Operation Open Arms arranged for Brown and his mother to spend five days

enjoying some R&R on Captiva. On most days of his vacation, the 29-year-old has opted to spend them on the water – fishing, his favorite activity – thanks to the generosity of several local businesses and individuals. For instance, the pair was lodged at Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina, courtesy of the Jensen brothers themselves: Dave, Jimmy and John.

"The Jensens really opened up their place to me – they fed me, clothed me, gave me fishing gear to use, all the tackle and bait I needed," said Brown. "Plus, the boats were taken care of, too. I couldn't ask for anything more. Any time I've tried to pay for something, they say everything's been taken care of."

Another surprise awaited Brown when he got to his room.

"There must've been 40 pints of Queenie's Ice Cream in the freezer!" he added with a laugh. "And that's good ice cream, too. She's a really nice lady."

Brown also said that he and his mother have received VIP treatment wherever they've gone on the islands.

"We went to dinner at the Keylime Bistro. We were standing in line on



**Christian Brown, an Operation Open Arms visiting veteran, and local charter fishing captain Doug Mallon following Monday's fishing excursion around Sanibel and Captiva**

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Friday night, because it was pretty crowded, and these people stood up and gave us their table," he recalled. "And the food there was really good, too."

Another bonus for the vacation to Southwest Florida for Brown was that he was able to spend time with Nicholas Del Campo, a fellow Marine whom he served with in Afghanistan who lives in West Palm Beach. Del Campo drove over from Florida's east coast in order to spend time

with his former platoon mate.

While Brown and Del Campo went fishing on Monday with local charter fishing captain Doug Mallon – himself a veteran of the marine corps from 1967 to 1969 – Braden-Reed was trying her hand at parasailing.

"She takes care of me full-time, so it was good for her to be able to get away and try something new," said Brown. "She needed a break... this vacation was good for her, too."

During their fishing excursion, Mallon took the veterans around both islands, landing only one keeper-size trout. However, Brown enjoyed seeing a herd of manatees congregate near the shallow waters around the Sanibel Lighthouse.

Other highlights of his stay on the islands included the Mullet Marching Parade last Friday evening on Captiva, a flight aboard a Lee County Sheriff's Office helicopter and a fish fry at American Legion Post 123.

And, of course, the people that he's met.

"Everybody's just been so, so kind," Brown adds.

On Tuesday, mother and son headed back to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, where Brown faces six more months of physical therapy before he will finally be able to return home to Tennessee.

Donations to Operation Open Arms can be made online at [www.operationopenarms.org](http://www.operationopenarms.org) or by mail, payable to Operation Open Arms, PO Box 101, St. James City, FL 33956.✪

## Founder Of Operation Open Arms Praises Islanders' Efforts

by Jeff Lysiak

On the same day that combat-wounded United States Marine Corps veteran Christian Brown was spending his first full day of vacation on Captiva Island, Operation Open Arms – a nationally acclaimed military outreach program based in Southwest Florida – was celebrating its eighth anniversary of providing much deserved time off and R&R benefits to active duty U.S. military service people and their families.

Capt. John "GiddyUp" Bunch, founder of Operation Open Arms (OOA), greeted Brown and his mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, at Southwest Florida International Airport on April 18 from their home in Maryland. The pair was scheduled to spend five days on Captiva, with lodging provided by Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina.

"I greeted them at the airport, but I wanted them to enjoy the motorcade out to the islands by themselves," said Bunch, referring to last Thursday's patriotic outpouring of support displayed by the Sanibel and Iona-McGregor Fire Departments – which hung a giant American flag between two ladder trucks at the base of the causeway bridge – as well as students from The Sanibel School, who lined up along Sanibel-Captiva Road while waving red, white and blue banners, signs and flags.

"I got a text message from Christian's mom... she said that she was very, very touched by the kids from the school who did that," added Bunch.

Since 2005, OOA has provided more than 2,000 vacations (including 99 weddings) for combat-wounded veterans. It is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization founded



**Capt. John "GiddyUp" Bunch and his wife Jennifer**

when Bunch, a charter fishing captain, offered to take an army forward scout on leave out for a day of fishing – free of charge – with these words: "This fishing charter is about your service to our country. It will be free of charge. You deserve and have earned a free fishing trip with me."

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Over the years, OOA has been supported by individuals and businesses on both Sanibel and Captiva every time that Bunch has called upon them to help support a visiting veteran. But head and shoulders above all, Bunch wished to thank the three Jensen brothers: John, Jimmy and Dave.

"Jensen's has been a bigger part of OOA than any other group," said Bunch. "I'm not sure that you could find three other men that are greater advocates for our troops than the Jensens. Honestly, I can't think of any time that I've asked for something for our troops that they haven't been there for us. They're just amazing."

Bunch also offered praise for other Sanibel and Captiva businesses, including Jeff Shuff and his staff at Tween Waters Inn, The Green Flash and Sandy Stilwell, for providing \$50 gift certificates to her restaurants.

And in the end, thanks to the Jensen brothers was reiterated.

"If they can't do it, they'll find somebody who can," Bunch added

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## Patriotic Welcome

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Step 5 – Realize flag needs to go up a

lot higher to keep away from big trucks

Step 6 – Stop traffic (again)

Step 7 – Secure additional lines to bottom of flag and raise ladders to their maximum height

"After dozens of supportive honks, cheers, and pictures from cars, trucks and bicycles, we were ready for our honored visitors," said Barrett.

Both fire departments lined up by their

ladder trucks, snapped to attention, and saluted our guest as he passed. Preceded, of course, by a large contingent of civilian motorcycles, a Lee County Sheriff's Office motorcycle escort, and several fire department and law enforcement vehicles.

The experience left Barrett, and all those who witnessed the huge American flag hanging above the entrance to the islands, with a warm and patriotic feeling.

"It left me with a great sense of honor and pride," he said. "It's the least we could do, considering all he has done for our country. We should all be saluting our troops."✪



Lance Corporal Christian Brown



Celebration on the beach at The Mucky Duck on Captiva



Summer Mendez, Isle Mendez and Kristian Colberg



Lance Corporal Christian Brown, Dave Jensen, Capt. John "Giddyup" Bunch, Lyn Braden-Reed and Rev. Thomas E. Nyman



The Mullet Parade began at Jensen's Twin Palm Marina and proceeded down Andy Rosse Lane to The Mucky Duck





The students and staff of The Sanibel School lined up outside to welcome Lance Corporal Christian Brown and his mother Lyn Braden-Reed

photo by Jeff Lysiak



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Lyn Braden-Brown and her son, Christian Brown, out for a day of fishing while on vacation in Southwest Florida



Christian Brown with two of his catches



At American Legion Post 123, which held a fish fry for Brown and his mother on Friday evening



The Wells family with Marine Lance Corporal Christian Brown. They are, from left: Amber, 17, Jessica 14, Larry, Brytne, 16, and Claudine

## Bike Ride Leads To Meeting With Marine

by Anne Mitchell

Through a remarkable series of coincidences, Claudine Wells had a week to remember, starting with a bike ride on the Sanibel Causeway last Thursday.

She saw the American flag being raised and wondered why. "It was an awesome sight, this huge beautiful flag being raised," she recalled. "The Boston (bombings) had just happened. It really touched me."

A police officer at the scene told her the flag was to welcome a wounded soldier who had both legs blown off. "I couldn't get him out of my mind," Wells said. She was praying for him as she rode her bike over the bridge back to Fort Myers when she realized she was the only person on the bridge and that all the traffic had stopped.

Then came a parade including police cars flying flags, part of a motorcade in which rode Christian Brown, the wounded soldier. Wells was so stunned, she said, she didn't even think to place her hand on her heart. She just smiled as he went by.

"I wanted to honor him," she said. And she had missed her chance.

"I prayed all the way home. I said, 'Lord, if there is a way that I can run into him sometime, I want to tell him thank you.'"

The next day, she learned that Marine Lance Corporal Brown was to attend a fish fry Sunday at the American Legion on Sanibel, organized by well-wishers including Queenie Viglione of Captiva, for whom Wells works as an ice cream delivery driver.

Wells attended the fish fry with her husband Larry and three teenage daughters. She said later, "We were all honored to meet him. What we noticed about him is that he has such a great positive spirit, no bitterness, no sadness. He was full of life and happiness and jokes."

The Wells family was scheduled to move to their new home on Sanibel this week.✽



Christian Brown with a fish he caught during his stay

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FOR WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Don't waste your time and energy fretting over remarks you consider unnecessary or unkind. Best advice: Ignore them, and just keep doing your usual good job.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Getting that new perspective on a workplace situation could lead to a solution everyone will accept. Meanwhile, make time to keep up with your creative pursuits.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Those changes you planned to implement in early summer might need to be reassessed. But don't make any moves until you've discussed this with someone you trust.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor harmony, making this a good time to work out problems in relationships -- whether personal or professional, big or small. An old friend comes back.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While you're still riding that high-powered beam, you might begin to lose focus by week's end. Could be you'll need to do a little cat-napping to restore your spent energies.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development creates a lot of excitement. Where it takes you is your decision. Check out the possibilities, then decide if you want to go with it or not.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Although your supporters help you squash an unfair claim against you, don't let this go unchallenged. You need to learn more about the motives of those behind it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) There are still some tasks to clear up by midweek. Then you can welcome the new month on a high note. A friend brings surprising but very welcome news.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might want to change your plans before they're set in cement. Consider advice from colleagues. But remember that, ultimately, it's your choice.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation is working itself out. Lingering problems should be resolved by week's end, allowing the Goat to enjoy a calmer, less stressful period.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to move so quickly that you miss possible warning signs that could upset your plans. Slow down. Your supporters will continue to stand by you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your generosity in sharing your time and wisdom with others leads to an intriguing development that could have you considering some interesting choices.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of influencing people to be and do their best. You would make an excellent teacher.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 1, 1926, Ford Motor Company becomes one of the first companies in America to adopt a five-day, 40-hour week. In early 1914, Ford had announced it would pay workers a minimum wage of \$5 per eight-hour day, upped from a previous rate of \$2.34 for nine hours.

- On April 30, 1939, the New York World's Fair opens in New York City on a 1,200-acre site at Flushing Meadow Park in Queens. Among the new technology exhibited was FM radio, robotics, fluorescent lighting and a crude fax machine.

- On May 3, 1946, in Tokyo, the International Military Tribunals begins hearing the case against 28 Japanese military and government officials accused of

committing war crimes during World War II. The trial ended with 25 of 28 Japanese defendants being found guilty. Of the three other defendants, two had died during the trial, and one was declared insane.

- On May 5, 1955, the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) becomes a sovereign state when the United States, France and Great Britain end their military occupation, which had begun in 1945. With this action, West Germany was given the right to rearm and become a full-fledged member of the western alliance against the Soviet Union.

- On May 2, 1964, an explosion of a charge assumed to have been placed by Viet Cong terrorists sinks the USNS Card at its dock in Saigon. No one was injured and the ship was eventually raised and repaired. The Card had arrived in Saigon two days earlier.

- On May 4, 1970, at Kent State University in Ohio, students protesting the Vietnam War torch the ROTC building on campus, and Ohio Gov. James Rhodes called in the National Guard to restore order. The Guardsmen fired into the crowd, killing four and wounding 11. They were later brought to trial for the shootings, but found not guilty.

- On April 29, 1986, in a game against the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park, Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox becomes the first pitcher in Major League Baseball to strike out 20 batters in a nine-inning game. Ten years later, Clemens repeated the feat.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was beloved American humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "Everything is funny as long as it's happening to somebody else."

- In 1952, in an otherwise rather uninteresting hockey game, Bill Mosienko, right wing for the Chicago Black Hawks, scored an amazing three goals against the New York Rangers in 21 seconds.

- You probably know that the phrase "rack your brain" means to think hard, but did you ever wonder where the term originated? The rack being referred to is the medieval torture device on which victims were stretched, sometimes until limbs were dislocated. The idea is that when you're thinking very hard, you're undergoing a sort of mental torture.

- The venerable diner saw its peak as a place for a casual meal in the late 1940s, when there were around 7,000 of them across the country. Today there are only about 2,000.

- A fully mature oak tree gives off 7 tons of water every day through its leaves.

- Farmers in Turkey marched on both the American and Soviet embassies in 1967, demanding reparations for crops that they lost to floods. Why were the Americans and Soviets to blame for floods in Turkey? The farmers claimed that the flights of spacecraft created "holes in the sky."

- The idea for the Tooth Fairy seems to have originated in Germany, but the tradition has changed over the years. Instead of putting the tooth under a pillow, Germans used to put the tooth in a rat hole in the hope that the new tooth would grow in to be as strong as the teeth of the rat.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go into the library and read a good book."  
-- Groucho Marx

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# Mid-April Sanibel Fishing Report



Elliot Sudal with bull shark caught last week

Submitted by Elliot Sudal

With the water temperature dancing around the 80s and the generally fantastic weather we've been having, many kinds of large underwater creatures have been moving inshore. This last week of fishing has produced a variety of species around Sanibel and Pine Island Sound.

You never know what you may pull up when fishing around here, and that adds to the excitement. The majority of my fishing is based around targeting sharks. This is usually done by soaking large live or cut baits on the bottom, held there with a few ounces of weight attached to very large hooks and wire leaders. I personally feel that the absolute best bait is a fresh, legal size Spanish mackerel... still alive, if possible.

Over the course of the last week, me and a buddy pulled up 17 sharks, a 30-pound kingfish, many big stingrays and – to top it off – a nice six-foot tarpon. All of these were caught within a half-mile of shore, which was quite a surprise when we pulled up

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Ryan Skoff and Elliot Sudal with a nurse shark

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# Yacht Club Group Explores The Everglades

In March, the Environmental Committee of the Captiva Island Yacht Club invited The Everglades Foundation to make a public presentation at the Captiva Island Yacht Club. Members and guests were very impressed by the work being done by The Everglades Foundation. So when The Everglades Foundation extended an invitation to the CIYC to explore the Everglades on air boats with scientists, yacht club members enthusiastically accepted.

On April 8, the Captiva Island Yacht Club chartered a bus and made the two and a half hour drive from Captiva to "Shark Valley." Fourteen members of the CIYC ventured out into the Everglades aboard two air boats with scientists from The Everglades Foundation.

"It was an extraordinary experience," remarked



**CIYC Environmental Committee**

Paul McCarthy, chairman of the CIYC Environmental Committee. "Our members got an up close and personal view of the Everglades, complete with scientific commentary. All of us left with a commitment to help The Everglades Foundation in its mission to save this amazing



**Susan Ervin of The Everglades Foundation**

eco-system, which is so vital to our quality of life here in Southwest Florida."

The next public program of the Environmental Committee of the Captiva Island Yacht Club will be held on Tuesday, November 12.✪



Alligators were spotted during the excursion



Airboat rides were taken through the Everglades

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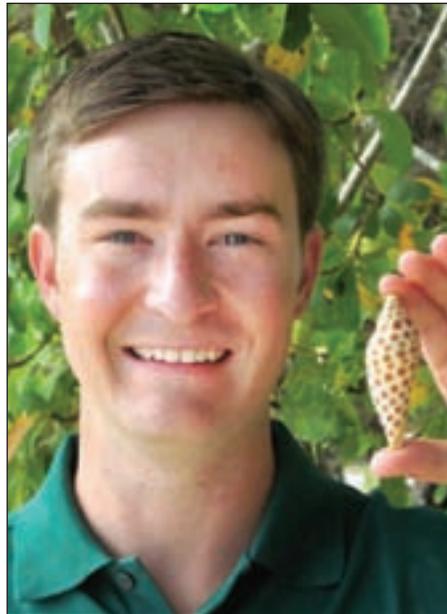
Fish Caught



Rocco Costanzo

Rocco Costanzo, 7, a Sanibel resident, caught his first snook in an east end canal using shrimp as bait.\*

Shell Found



Bo Clayton

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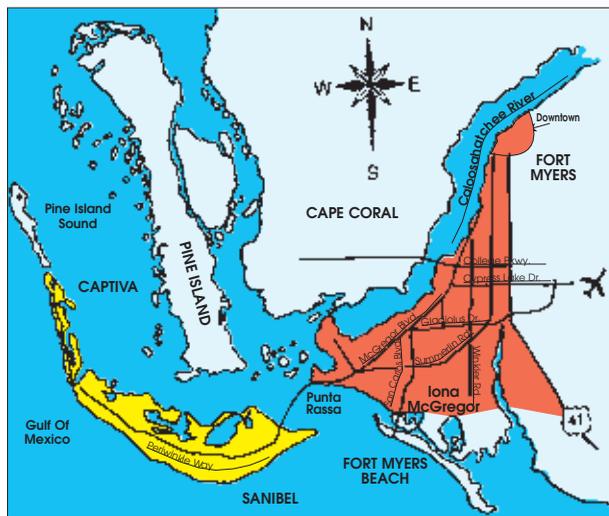
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The next CROW Picture Show is on Friday May 3 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and 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.

For more information, call 472-3644, ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



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# Watch For Wildflowers



Tickseed and oakleaf fleabane are visible from the road, narrowleaf blue-eyed grass not

by Gerri Reaves

Think twice before you refer to a field as empty or say there's "nothing there." Wildflower lovers know different – especially this time of year – when even the most common blooms are in greater profusion along roadsides and in fields.

If you can safely catch a glimpse of these beauties while at a stop light, enjoy.

Or even better, pull over, park the car and yield to the temptation to explore a field on foot.

Some wildflowers are easy to see from a distance, such as swathes of yellow tickseed (*Coreopsis leavenworthii*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), and white-petaled Spanish needle (*Bidens alba*) and delicate oakleaf fleabane (*Erigeron quercifolius*).

Get a little closer, however, and you'll discover flowers and colors too small to perceive from the car.

In the field pictured here, for example, are hidden treasures like native star-rush whitetop (*Rhynchospora colorata*), yellow husk tomato (*Physalis pubescens*), narrowleaf blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*), and pink marsh fleabane (*pluchea rosea*).

Nature has already landscaped this roadside with Spanish needle, a larval and nectar food for butterflies



"Empty field" is a misnomer for this wildflower-laden area along U.S. 41

photos by Gerri Reaves

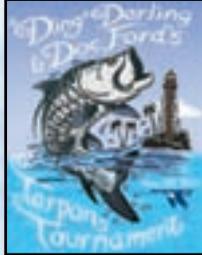
Also present are the non-native but Florida friendly red tasselflower (*Emilia fosbergii*), various bright-yellow members of the pea family and many others.

The fact that these wildflowers are unbidden, uncultivated, and uncared for – that they simply appear where they can and triumph over bulldozers and pesticides – makes them all the more enchanting and deserving of appreciation.

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Elliot Sudal with a large barracuda



Ryan Skott with a small shark and Elliot Sudal with a Spanish mackerel

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## Fishing Report

the kingfish. The biggest sharks were bull sharks in the seven-foot range and a nine-foot nurse shark. Other than that, it was mostly blacktip sharks up to six feet, small lemon sharks and a sandbar shark.

The tarpon was caught on a catfish tail in 20 feet of water off Sanibel. I haven't seen many around and wasn't targeting them specifically; it was just one of those fluke things that happens every once and a while. I was using a 500-pound mono leader, which I like for sharks, so it's even stranger for them to pick up something that heavy. Many more should be around in a few weeks.

Overall, fishing has been great for larger species in the area. Bait is abundant, Spanish mackerel blitzes have been occurring near the lighthouse and all sorts of awesome angling opportunities are available around Sanibel Island.\*

## Gulf Recreational Red Snapper Season To Open

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved a 44-day recreational red snapper season for Gulf of Mexico state waters at its meeting on April 17 in Tallahassee. State waters are from shore to nine nautical miles in gulf waters.

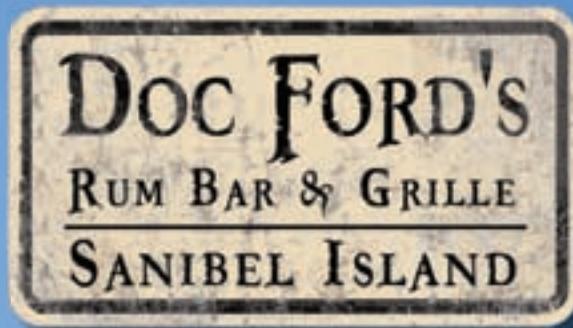
This season will start on June 1 and end on July 14. It is inconsistent with the current proposed federal season.

Federal fishery managers recently passed a rule that grants NOAA Fisheries the authority to shorten the federal recreational red snapper season off states that adopt inconsistent red snapper regulations. The current estimate of the recreational red snapper season is 21 days in federal waters off the gulf coast of Florida.

While the federal limit for how many pounds of red snapper can be caught has increased, the season length has gotten shorter over the past few years because of more fishing effort and larger fish, according to federal fishery managers.

The commission chose to go inconsistent based on reports that the upcoming

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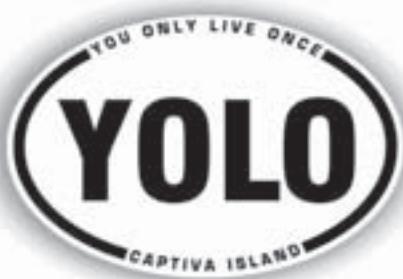



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Capt. Bryan Dollar

## Fishing With A Hero Guide

submitted by Ralph Clark

Last week, I took my two grandsons, Theo and Cole Kammerer, fishing with Capt. Bryan Dollar. It was an exciting day of catching as we loaded up on very large trout. But that is not the story, nor why we were meant to be there.

We were about to leave our fishing spot on North Captiva when Capt. Dollar said, "Let's try one more cast." Five minutes later, Capt. Dollar spotted a little girl who jumped off the end of a dock about 50 yards north of us. After about one minute, it was clear she could not swim and was flailing in the water. She started to scream for help and Capt. Dollar sprang in to action. He released the anchor line into the water, yelled at us to hold on, and gunned the boat toward the little girl. She had gone down at least three times when we reached her and Capt. Dollar dove in, pulled her out and took her to shore.

Her parents were two doors away and knew nothing until Capt. Dollar appeared at their door with their crying daughter in his arms.

Another 30 seconds and she would have drowned.

We were honored to witness a hero in action and a little girl who has a life ahead of her, thanks to Capt. Dollar.✱

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## Red Snapper

federal stock assessment would likely show red snapper populations are doing better than previously thought and reports from anglers that the fishery is improving.

For more on the proposal that was given to the commission, visit [www.MyFWC.com/Commission](http://www.MyFWC.com/Commission).✱

## Winter Visitors Rose In February

by Anne Mitchell

In February, the occupancy rate for Lee County hotels and motels – including Sanibel and Captiva – reached 83.6 percent. That's a 5.8 percent increase over last February, according to Smith Travel Research, which consults for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

RevPAR (revenue per average room) increased 11.4 percent during the same periods, from \$113.15 to \$126.08.

In line with those increases, 827,147 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in February, an increase of 8.5 percent compared to February 2012. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 6.5 percent from the same period last year, airport officials said.

TripAdvisor recently award Sanibel with a 2013 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Islands award. The awards recognize 100 islands around the world; Sanibel landed in the top 10 favorite island destinations.✱

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Bird's Eye View

# Scorpions



by Mark 'Bird' Westall

In my continuing discussion about what are the most dangerous animals to humans, we will now leave the large, powerful herbivores and carnivores of Africa, India and Southeast

Asia, and come to an Order of Arachnid that, though they are much smaller in size, install an equal amount of fear in most humans; the scorpions.

While the annual mortality rate for humans caused by scorpions is still relatively low when measured on a per capita basis, the fear they generate is a little bit more justifiable when compared to the subjects of my last two articles. As I reported last week, the two groups of predators in the Old World (big cats and crocodilians), each kill around 800 people a year, but these tiny little creepy-crawlies (scorpions) are responsible for an estimated annual fatality rate of between 800 and 2,000 people per year.

And also, once again, just as we have seen before, some of the most dangerous species of scorpions are found in the same part of the world where early hominids got their start. Humans, the "intelligent" species, seem to carry an

awful lot of emotional baggage from their evolutionary past.

As we humans slowly spread out and colonized the whole world, we also brought along with us that evolutionary past and the perceptions that come with it. Scorpions are found almost everywhere in the subtropical and tropical regions of the world. In reality, however, out of the 1,752 described species worldwide, only 25 species are known to have venom capable of killing humans; none of them on Sanibel.

The scorpions found on the island are from the genus *Centruroides*. This genus does include species whose sting can be fatal, but generally the injury suffered from a Sanibel scorpion is no greater than that of a wasp sting. Of course, some people are more allergic to these types of stings than others and they should always be careful putting on shoes stored outside on the patio or when cleaning and shaking things like curtains around the house. And it should go without saying that no one should stick their hands under a log or rock or inside a water meter box buried in the ground without first checking the area closely.

But other than that, there are a lot more things for us to worry about while living on Sanibel, like trying to turn left onto Periwinkle Way during tourist season!

Years ago, when my family was participating in a city-organized night-time survey of alligators in The Dunes subdivision, my young stepson placed his hand on top of a wooden post as we walked

from one lake to another. Suddenly, he yelled that something had bit him and his mother and I checked his hand with our flashlights, then shined our lights at the post and there scurrying away was a small one- to two-inch scorpion. At first, there was some concern that, "Oh, my God! He's been stung by a scorpion! What do we do now?" But I suggested that there was no real concern and said we should continue on with the survey, only keeping a close eye out for any negative reaction.

There wasn't any and he was fine. The next week he was able to tell his friends at school how he was stung by a scorpion and it didn't bother him hardly at all.

Basically, scorpions are opportunistic predators of small arthropods and usually only sting a human when accidentally trapped in a shoe or pinched against the skin while putting on a shirt. They are generally fairly inactive creatures, being most active at night, and can go for long periods of time without eating, sometimes for as long as six to 12 months.

During breeding, the male and female scorpions clasp their front claws together (these claws are not part of their legs, but rather a highly modified part of their mouth structure) and do a courtship dance. After fertilization of the female has occurred, the male makes a fast exit, probably to keep from being cannibalized by the female.

Another interesting trait of scorpions is that, like our alligators, the females are very good mothers. Unlike most arachnids, scorpions are ovoviviparous and the young are born one by one after hatching

inside the mother's body and the brood is then carried about on the mother's back until the young have gone through, at least, one molt. And although there has not been much research done on scorpions, the age range for these creatures appears to be between four and 25 years.

And while we are on the subject, it should be mentioned that there is also a creature found on Sanibel that is quite often mistaken for a scorpion. It is called the whip scorpion, or vinegaroon. This creature is given its name because it looks very much like the creepy-crawly we fear, but if you look closely, you will see that it only has a whip-like tail instead of the sharp stinger.

The whip scorpion can be found usually on the ground under logs and rocks and functions very much like the true scorpions feeding on small arthropods. And actually, being a little bit larger than most scorpions, it is another natural way to keep the local palmetto bug population around the house under control. That is, if you haven't already killed all the small creatures around your house with pesticides.

When it comes to these little creepy-crawlies I always like to say, "Just because something is ugly and a little scary looking doesn't necessarily mean they have no reason to exist!"

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

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## Attention Sanibel-Captiva Gardeners

submitted by Dr. Phillip Marks

The 66th Master Gardener Lecture Series will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. The speaker will be Jenny Evans, manager of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Native Plant Nursery since 2005. Her topic will be Your Garden Matters, a discussion on what you plant and how the actions you take in your yard will have a positive or negative effect on our environment and ecosystem on Sanibel. Evans will discuss the link between plants and wildlife (particularly insects) and will recommend small actions you can take in your own backyard to make a positive change.

The SCCF Native Plant Nursery was established over 35 years ago and was

the first native plant nursery founded in America. The nursery has established a wide range of sources for their native plants, which are replenished continuously. The nursery also propagates native plants onsite. SCCF plans to establish a demonstration garden at the Bailey Homestead property.

As a member of SCCF, you are entitled to a free evaluation of your property and a 10 percent discount on nursery plant material. Delivery of large specimens or large orders of mulch is available.

Evans is an articulate and knowledgeable professional who combines a strong scientific background with a wealth of practical knowledge on Sanibel's climate and ecology. The PowerPoint digital photography is superb and will add interest to her presentation. Questions are welcome from the audience.

The lecture is free and open to the public but seating is limited. The Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road.\*

## Fish Caught



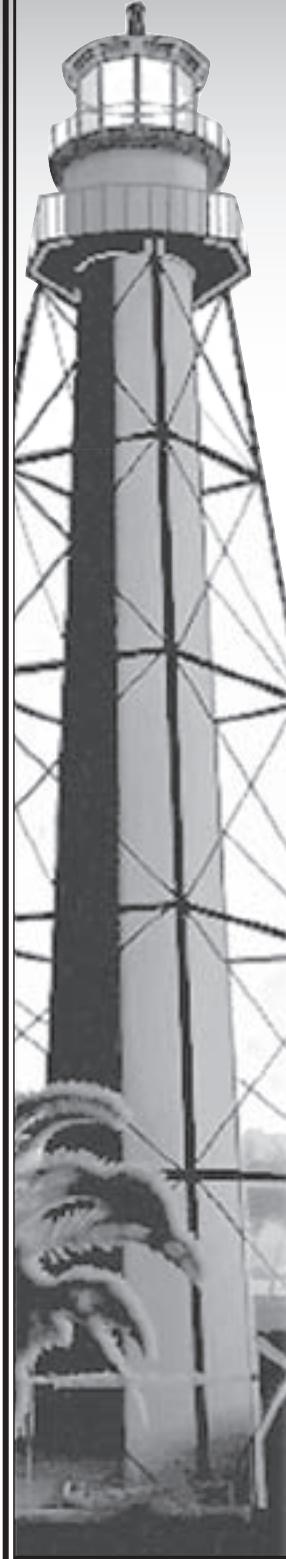
Wally Mulka holding a 27" trout

Sanibel resident Wally Mulka recently caught this 27-inch trout using a White Zara Spook lure. Mulka released the trout back into the local waterway.\*

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Andrew Corke and Jessica Baxter

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## Award Winners For Fine Crafts Exhibition

**B**IG ARTS Phillips Gallery hosts the Fine Crafts Exhibition juried visual arts exhibit through April 30. Awards presentation and artists reception was held on April 5 in Phillips Gallery.

The exhibit's first place winner is Andrew Corke for *Bird Bath*; Second place is Muffy Clark Gill for *Aqua XI*;

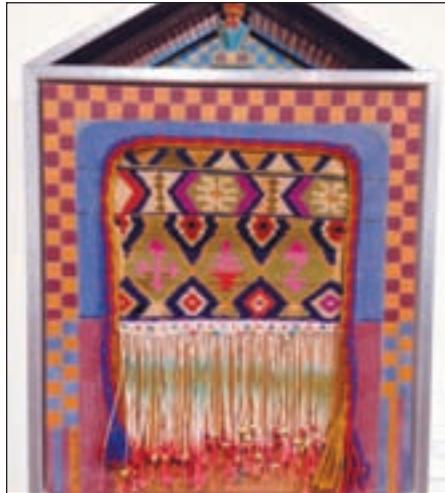
Third place is Phil Krym for *Purple Calle #1392*.

Judge's Merit Awards went to Benton Jones and Martha Soshnick. An Honorable Mention was given to Dawn Boesen, Jerry Churchill, Polly Matsumoto and Charles Reina. Eliza Brewster received the Gail Jones Ceramic Award. The juror was Anica Sturdivant, Interim Gallery Director at Florida Gulf Coast University.

The exhibit's first place winner, Andrew Corke, is a past recipient of the BIG ARTS/Robert Rauschenberg Award, which is part of BIG ARTS Scholarship program. This award is granted to assist



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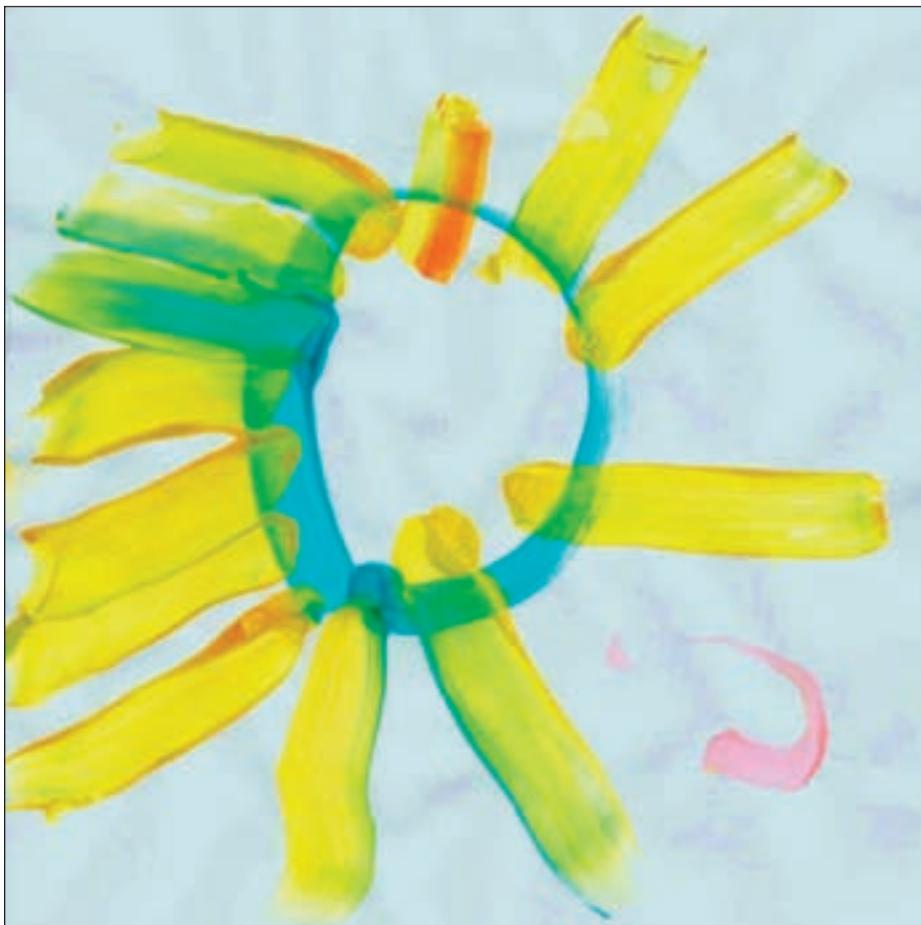
# Family Day At BIG ARTS



Open Doors instructors Leo and Krista Johnson

People of all ages are invited to a fun afternoon in BIG ARTS Boler Garden on Sunday, May 5. Family Day activities include student vocalists, student art exhibits and light refreshments. The event is free and runs from 3 to 5 p.m.

Vocalists Haley Ondrejka, a student at Palm Beach Atlantic University, and Hannah Steele from North Fort Myers



Artwork from the Art by Kids with Cancer project

Academy for the Arts will be performing. Sarah Best, a finalist in the 2012 Young Artists Awards competition, will perform

with her sister, Elisabeth. Young Artists Awards is a performing arts education, audition, performance and scholarship

program for southwest Florida youth ages eight to 21.

BIG ARTS Family Day will feature exhibits in Phillips Gallery with artwork created by Sanibel School and Cypress Lake High School students as well as works from the Art by Kids with Cancer project. The Young Artists Awards program works with the Pediatric Oncology/Hematology at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida to showcase and auction artwork created by children who are being treated for cancer. Donated art supplies are used in a therapeutic setting for children being treated at the Hospital. Proceeds from the sales will provide assistance to families facing the financial challenges of childhood cancer.

Open Doors Exhibit is open May 4 through 20, in Founders Gallery. The Open Doors program provides classes for children with artistic talent and/or financial need.

All of the student art will be displayed in Phillips and Founders Galleries May 4 through 20, exhibits are open from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays.

BIG ARTS Family Day Reception Sponsor Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream. Phillips Gallery Patron Sponsor FineMark National Bank & Trust. Founders Gallery Patron Sponsors Deborah and John La Gorce.

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John Hoppner's *Portrait of Lady Jane Orde*, oil on canvas

## Rush Gallery Opens New Exhibition

A new exhibition of paintings adorns the walls of The Julia and Richard H. Rush Collections Gallery at Edison State College. The exhibition, entitled High Renaissance to Impressionism, features works from the early 1500s to the beginning of the 20th century. Paintings by world-renowned artists Luini, Bassano, Rembrandt, Hoppner, Manet, Renoir and more will be on view. The paintings are on loan from the collection of Julia

and Richard H. Rush for the next year.

"The exhibition gives us a glimpse of 500 years of painting," said Ron Bishop, director of Exhibitions and Collections, Edison State College. "We can see how painting has progressed and how it mirrors the changes in society and culture."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students in our art history, studio art, and humanities classes to see artwork from so many important artists in person and not solely in the pages of a book. It also provides them with a better understanding of the values of the time periods these pieces reflect," Bishop added.

The Julia and Richard H. Rush Collections Gallery is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Monday through Friday.

For more information about the gallery and exhibition, contact Ron Bishop at 489-9314.✪

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# Brightest Horizons Derby To Debut Next Saturday

by Jeff Lysiak

**B**ringing some of the pomp and pageantry of the legendary Churchill Downs racetrack to Sanibel Island, the 1st annual Brightest Horizons Derby – a fundraiser for Brightest Horizons Child Development Center in Fort Myers – will be held on Saturday, May 4 at George & Wendy’s Seafood Grille on Sanibel.

Nan Sprague, a volunteer at Brightest Horizons, came up with the idea for staging a Kentucky Derby-themed party in order to raise desperately-needed funds for the nationally-accredited child development program, which has been awarded the Gold Seal of Excellence by the State of Florida.

“I’ve been to the Kentucky Derby in person... I used to live in Lexington,” said Sprague. “Even if you didn’t go to The Derby, everybody had parties, which were a lot of fun, so we thought it would be fun to hold a fundraiser that would be like those parties.”

In addition to watching the 139th



Youngsters from Brightest Horizons Child Development Center in Fort Myers, with executive director Tina Parsons, and the decorated horses to be entered in the 1st annual Brightest Horizons Derby on May 4 at George & Wendy’s Seafood Grille

Kentucky Derby, dubbed The Most Exciting Two Minutes In Sports, partygoers will be able to sip mint juleps, show off their most fashionable hats and sing *My Old Brightest Horizons Home* (to the tune of *My Old Kentucky Home*). Prizes will be awarded for the Best Derby

Hat.

“You can’t place bets, but you can buy tickets to participate in a special horse race we’ll have before the big race,” added Sprague. “The 1st annual Brightest Horizons Derby will have horses with names picked out by the children from the center. A portion of the proceeds will go to Brightest Horizons.”

Tickets – purchased by patrons attending the event – will be placed in a bucket representing each horse. A roll of the dice will move the horses around a designated track and a winner will be determined following the random rolls.

Sprague also hopes that the Brightest Horizons Derby winner gets into the spirit of the event and donates a portion of their winnings back to the center.

According to executive director Tina Parsons, the state-licensed not-for-profit organization provides an educational program for 170 children, from four weeks old to age 12. Brightest Horizons has a goal of raising \$375,000 each year from individuals, organizations, churches

and foundations in Lee County and elsewhere. All contributions are tax deductible.

“We have been supported by the Sanibel and Captiva communities for as long as Brightest Horizons has been around,” said Parsons, who noted that the facility was built in 1960. “Our dream is to find that million dollar donor.”

The cost to attend the derby, which includes a gourmet buffet dinner, one drink (beer, wine or a mint julep) and party-related activities, is \$75 per person. Space is limited to the first 50 participants; reservations must be made in advance by calling Brightest Horizons Child Development Center at 481-2100 or by sending an email to [tina@brightest-horizons.org](mailto:tina@brightest-horizons.org).

“Our motto is ‘break the cycle of poverty through early education,’” added Parsons.

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Eva Particska reads a book to the three-year-old class at Brightest Horizons Child Development Center

photos by Jeff Lysiak

From page 8

## Randy Carson

recently moved to a one-bedroom unit at Riverview.

Today, his kids grown and gone, Carson is a grandfather, officially retired and working part-time at Island BBQ. He is a past officer of the American Legion Post 123 and has time for volunteer activities including helping out at FISH of Sanibel and performing odd jobs for CHR. A naturally modest man, he says, "Helping at FISH is a way of giving back. When times were tough for me, they were there. Now I do what I can to help them." He also served on the City of Sanibel's Parks and Recreation Committee, prior to the construction of the Recreation Center on San-Cap Road.

Next week, with his friend Richard McCurry (featured earlier in this series), Carson will embark on planning for the 34th annual Optimist Road Rally, which always takes place on July 4th. "Richard and I have been organizing the rally for fifteen years," he commented. He first met McCurry at Island Pizza more than 30 years ago, and the friendship has endured. Carson has served as president of the Optimist Club, and is currently vice president. "That takes a lot of my time," he said, indicating that it is enjoyable time, and well spent.

Carson acknowledges the value of CHR for working folks. "They would have to spend more time and money driving from off island," he said. "The way it is, people can live here and be a part of the community."

CHR executive director Kelly Collini commented, "It's wonderful to have Randy available when we have practical maintenance needs – such as re-screening doors and windows – that would require costly attention. He is one of our most reliable volunteers and we can always count on him to help out."

CHR is a non-profit organization that partners with the City of Sanibel to provide affordable housing for families and individuals who work in and/or serve the community of Sanibel. Today, CHR administers housing for 150 island residents in 11 locations plus 14 limited equity ownership homes throughout Sanibel, thus facilitating local work force for island businesses and ensuring economic diversity in our community.

CHR relies on private donations to supplement income received from renters which doesn't always cover the costs of insuring and maintaining their properties. For information, stop by the CHR office at 2401 Library Way or call 472-1189.✪

## School Poem

Olivia Herman, age 10, granddaughter of islander Steen Metz, wrote this poem following a recent visit to Sanibel. She wrote it for a school assignment and sent her grandparents a copy. Metz lives on Sanibel seven months each year.

Sanibel's sights make me smile  
the sunsets me go whoa  
and now I think I might stay a while  
Sanibel is quite a show

The warmth of the sun feels good on my skin

sometimes I start to tan  
because I like to spend time with my kin

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the water is cold on my feet  
I love the salty smell

I pick up shells with my hand  
that's why I came to Sanibel.✪

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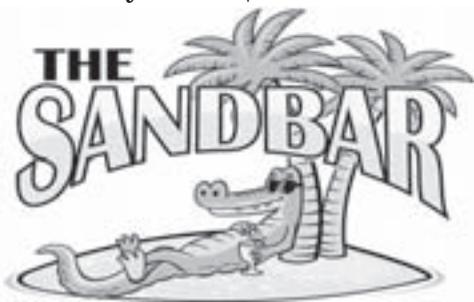
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selected by Tanya Hochschild

### Junonia Shells

(To the Beach Boys tune *California Girls*)

submitted by Michael and Sharon Bugler

The East Gulf Beach is hip  
I really dig those shells up there  
and the Mid Gulf Beach is kinda cool  
I've found some shells that are quite rare.

The West Gulf beach in sunshine  
so I also get a tan  
it's the best darn shelling, in the whole wide world  
so I've become a Sanibel fan.

I wish that I could find a Junonia  
I wish that I could find a Junonia  
I wish that I could find a Junonia shell.

I walk the beach each morning  
with my coffee in my hand  
searching for that most elusive shell  
here among the tropical sand.

The Sanibel stoop developed  
I must really look a sight  
but I will find that prize that I am looking for  
even though I can't stand upright.

I wish that I could find a Junonia  
I wish that I could find a Junonia  
I wish that I could find a Junonia shell.

Then on Bowman's beach one morning  
I just couldn't believe my eyes

for lying there just looking up at me  
I saw my perfect prize.

The Junonia shell I've been searching for  
this shelling has been real fun  
Cause I find that I'm quite famous now  
Got my photo in the Island Sun.

Now that I have found a Junonia  
Now that I have found a Junonia  
Now that I have found a Junonia shell.

*Michael Bugler and his wife Sharon are full time Sanibel residents and he is a member of the chorus, where this poem/song was first heard.\**

### Monday Night Movie

## Chico & Rita

by Di Saggau



The BIG ARTS movie for Monday night, April 29 is *Chico & Rita*, a grown-up animation film that is an unusual treat. The lush, delicate animation depicts a love affair in late-

40s Havana between Chico, a talented young pianist, and Rita, a beautiful, sultry, talented singer.

The two experience success, heart-break and career setbacks.

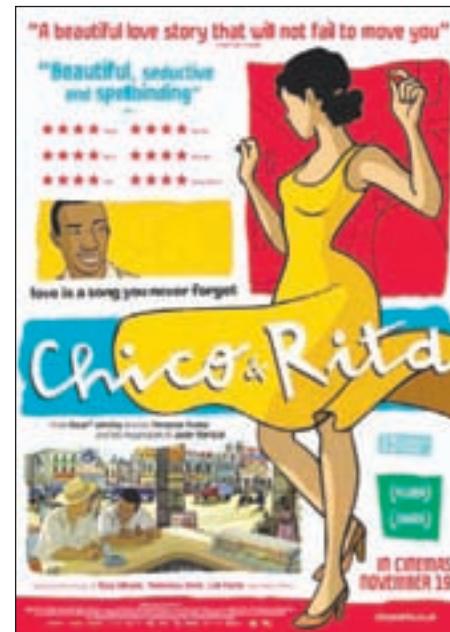
From the start, the couple's effervescent relationship is fraught with hot-tempered misunderstandings, yet they remain attracted to one another. After a spat, Chico follows Rita to New York, where she is on the road to becoming a star, and then to Paris where both meet up with bad luck and betrayal.

The direction by Fernando Trueba along with Javier Mariscal's drawings make for a magical film, capturing everything from the ruined elegance of a Havana street to the shafts of sunlight falling through a dusty window. The late Roger Ebert said in his review: "The parts I liked most were Havana in its pre-Fidel days of big spenders, New York in the heyday of jazz, Paris when foreign musicians were hot, Vegas in its early golden years. Architecture, neon signs and big classic American cars are all done with brio and abandon. It's entertaining to watch, and I enjoyed the way they slipped in such real-life figures as Dizzy Gillespie beside the fictional leads.

"The music is terrific. Idania Valdes dubs Rita's sensuous, smoky singing voice, and the film is essentially constructed as a musical.

"There came a point when the sweep of the romantic story caught me up as much as a narrative film might have, and I wasn't distanced by the animation. After seeing the film, I went online to see if Chico and Rita were inspired by real-life musicians. Non in particular, I learned, but probably a great many in general."

The film scored one of the biggest surprises of the 2012 Oscars by winning a nomination for best animation feature. The reason for that is the story and the music along with the animation. The swaying, snake-hipped Latin music from Bebo Valdes, Tito Puente and others reinforces the languid, sensual mood. It celebrates the moment when American jazz legends fell in love with the intoxicating rhythms that Cuban musicians carried



with them to the nightclubs of New York. Discussion following the film will be led by Stan and Visnja Gembicki.

BIG ARTS Film Society's Monday Night Film Series presents a mixture of critically-acclaimed independents 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.

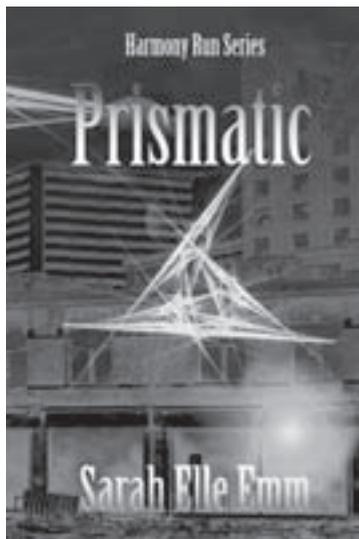
Films are shown in high-definition on a large screen with surround sound. Assistive listening devices are available.

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

For tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, call 395-0900, e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org), or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).\*

## Young-Adult Fantasy Author Tackles Segregation And Teenage Love

Sarah Elle Emm Brings Us The *Harmony Run Series*



Sanibel author Sarah Elle Emm will be joining the Middle School Book Club for their discussion of *Prismatic*, book one from the *Harmony Run Series* on Saturday, April 27th at ten a.m. at The Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

Copies of *Prismatic* are available for check out at the Sanibel Public Library and the Captiva Memorial Library.

Emm's novels are also available in local bookshops and online retailers.

## Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Bubble Moment* by Katie Gardenia
  2. *Night Moves* by Randy Wayne White
  3. *Fatal Decree* by Terrell Griffin
  4. *Light Between Oceans* by ML Stedman
  5. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
  6. *Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey
  7. *Gifts from the Sea* by Ann Morrow Lindbergh
  8. *Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
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Around The Islands With Anne

# Eating 'Green' At The Sanibel Sprout; And Cooking With 'Green' Pans From Bailey's



by Anne Mitchell

When customers are clamoring for kale salad, something special must be happening in the kitchen.

Nikki Rood's **Sanibel Sprout** organic health food store is having a great season with its recently opened juice and smoothie bar and daily gourmet vegan take-out items.

She has built a clientele of health-conscious and well-informed islanders and visitors who want fresh, organic food, whether it be in the form of salads, soups, smoothies or "wellness shots."

Rood said, "It has been very gratifying to put the passion and the love into the food and have it come back to us."

Last fall, co-owners Rood and her mother Edith Rood, installed state of the art juicing and blending equipment to produce the pure essence of such power-packed fruits and vegetables as kale, wheat grass, broccoli, strawberries and avocados.

Rood said the most popular juice has been Emerald Island – a mix of cucumber, kale, celery, apple and lemon. That's what islander Joelene Black likes. She was in the store to pick up a kale salad for lunch on Monday. Black's husband is noted Italian chef AJ Black of Il Tesoro restaurants on Sanibel and in New York City.

The kale salad is wilted by "massaging" it with sea salt, then adding a creamy chipotle dressing whose main ingredient is avocados flavored with toasted sesame oil and supplemented with hemp and other seeds and grains. I sampled it and found that breaking down the kale's fibers by massaging makes it more flavorful and easier to chew.

Rood, a trained vegan chef, makes everything from scratch, including some healthy takes on family favorites such as vegan tuna and vegan burgers – and makes them just as delicious as they are nutritious. Her dishes are also very filling, she adds.

Other popular menu items are Nikki's Raw Vegan Pizza whose crust is made with crushed seeds and meals and nut cheese and topped with a tomato and red pepper sauce and vegetables. Pizza is the Thursday lunch special. A chalkboard shows the specials each day. They include a soup, salad, entrée and dessert.

Juice bar drinks are half price during Happy Healthy Hour Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m.

The store also carries organic cotton T-shirts, eco-friendly Sprout watches, made by focusing on materials that are easy on the planet, plus a wide selection of dietary supplements, vitamins and snacks.

The Sanibel Sprout is at 2330 Palm Ridge Road, phone 472-4499 or log onto [www.thesanibelsprout.com](http://www.thesanibelsprout.com).

I always find something new and different at **Bailey's Hardware Store** – and this week was no different.

The store carries The Original Green Pan, a line of "healthy ceramic non-stick" pans at a surprisingly affordable price.

These pans have a Thermolon ceramic coating, which does not use any toxic chemicals or persistent pollutants. The coating is resistant to high temperatures, which means if you overheat your pan, it won't emit toxic fumes. It is cadmium- and lead-free.

The line available at Bailey's has metal handles which can go from cooktop to oven, which is something I always look for in cookware.

The pans are priced from \$19.99 for a small skillet up to \$49.99 for a wok.



Sprout eco-friendly wristwatch from a selection at The Sanibel Sprout



Hand-made kimono silk eye pillows made with flax and lavender, available at The Sanibel Sprout



The Sanibel Sprout juice bar

I also noted that at the grocery store entrance, Bailey's has printed information on the many gluten-free items it carries. This list is 12 pages long and very useful for those who are gluten-intolerant or who follow a gluten-free diet.

Bailey's General Store is at 2477 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-1516.

**Il Cielo** will host a reception Sunday, April 28, for Florida artists Carmen Lagos and Gustavo Castillo, whose colorful paintings hang in the restaurant. The reception is free and open to the public from 4:40 to 6 p.m.

Those who attend will be able to speak with the artists and purchase limited editions of their art. The couple have been painting for 24 years after successful careers as a commercial pilot and architect.

Il Cielo is at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-5555.

## LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

**George & Wendy's Seafood Grille** offers music Tuesday through Sunday. Tonight, Friday, there will be live music by rock band Slow Deal; 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. This will be Coile's last performance until next season. Karaoke is Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to midnight. George & Wendy's is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

**Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn this week features: 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 Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; Monday and Tuesday, Mike Arnone aka "The Jersey Kid," pop pianist and vocalist, performing everything from The Rat Pack to Motown; Wednesday, Prime Rib and Prime Jazz!; and Thursday, dancing to Joe McCormick's and Marvilla 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](mailto:islandsuncity@aol.com) or 395-2299.\*



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## Monday After The Masters Winners



Mark Willis receives the Captiva Green Jacket from South Seas General Manager Shawn Farrell after winning the Monday After The Masters shootout

Recently voted a Top 20 Florida Golf Resort by *Condé Nast Traveler*, South Seas Island Resort hosted Captiva's Monday After The Masters event to benefit the Captiva Community Panel. This year's winners were Sanibel resident Bob Rohl, who shot a tournament low 28 on the par 27 executive course, and ninth hole shootout winner Mark Willis of the Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille team.

The par-3 golf event on the award-winning nine-hole course was a sunset community celebration that included chances to win a variety of prizes, including five \$10,000 hole-in-one prizes. More than 100 attendees participated in golf, cocktails and a closest to the pin shootout on the ninth hole.

"South Seas pulled out every stop to make this second annual Monday After The Masters a huge success," said Captiva Community Panel president Mike Mullins.

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Rob Rohl, second from right, poses with his group. Rohl was the overall champion after shooting a 28.



Mark Andrews and April Tzanis in action during the SCCF Tennis Tournament

## SCCF Holds Tennis Tournament, Thanks Many Sponsors And Donors

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) held its 21st annual Tennis Tournament at The Dunes Pavel-Blackwood Tennis Academy on April 6 and 7. SCCF acknowledges Barbara Chappell, Francis Bailey and FineMark National Bank & Trust as lead sponsors, and all of the championship, match, set and game sponsors.

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First place winners Kris Van Olst, Erny Bonistall, Keith Geiger and Eric Carlson

## CROW Classic Held At Sanibel Island Golf Club

CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, held its CROW Classic on Saturday, April 20 at Sanibel Island Golf Club. In addition to an 18-hole scramble, 73 golfers had breakfast, lunch, bid on silent auction items and took a chance in the 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the tournament will be matched by a grant from

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Bridgit Stone-Budd, Chris Heidrick and Blanaid Colley at the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at 'Tween Waters Inn on April 16

## Chamber Holds Annual Meeting, Presents Awards

by Jeff Lysiak

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting on April 16 at 'Tween Waters Inn, taking time to recognize their successes over the past year, passing the torch to a new chamber chair and handing out awards to a number of volunteers, business members and the Citizen of the Year.

Outgoing chamber chair Michael Miller welcomed more than 160 members and guests to the meeting, which lasted about one hour. Chamber president Ric Base offered a presentation of the previous year's accomplishments, which included a 98 percent retention



Maureen Tesoro of BIG ARTS with Tom and Donna Puma of Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream

rate of members.

During his report, Base noted that the chamber's visitor center welcomed approximately 190,000 visitors during 2012 while fielding more than 12,000 phone calls. In addition, Sanibel and Captiva was ranked #1 on TripAdvisor's website. The chamber's own website generated over one million referrals to members.

"Everybody's doing a great job getting the word out there, from the *London Times* to the *Island Sun*," Base said.

During fiscal year 2012, the chamber generated more than \$784,000 in income while producing some \$741,000 in expenses, leaving a total of \$43,339 in reserves. He told members that during the coming year, the parking lot at the chamber visitor center will be paved.

Base also thanked the volunteers who work at the visitor center, who contributed more than 3,000 volunteer hours during 2012. All of the volunteers attending the chamber meeting were asked to stand up, and were warmly applauded for their efforts. He also handed out



Anne Liese, 10-year chamber volunteer, with chamber president Ric Base



Outgoing chamber chair Michael Miller with newly-elected chair Chris Heidrick

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a 10-year volunteer award to Anne Liese and a five-year volunteer award to Lisa Williams.

Miller then introduced Chris Heidrick, who was elected to serve as chamber chair for 2013-14.

"I am very fortunate to be accepting this role while the chamber is so incredibly strong," said Heidrick. "As much as we'd like to believe that our great businesses are the main attraction that draws so many visitors to Sanibel and Captiva, we know that is not true. Our sanctuary island environment is the single most important reason our community is continually recognized as one of the most attractive vacation destinations in the world."

Heidrick also introduced the 2013-14 chamber board of directors, including Mark Anderson, Benchmark General Contractors; Doug Babcock, Tween Waters Inn; Mark Blust, Timbers Restaurant; Blanaid Colley, Hillgate Communications; Chris Davison, Island Inn; Dru Anne Doyle, *Times of the Islands*; Lee Ellen Harder, BIG ARTS; Barb Harrington, RLR Investments; Ken Kouril, The Sanctuary Golf Club; Michael Miller, Michael P. Miller, CPA, PL; Robert Monk, Murty & Monk, PA; Chris Pendleton, Edison & Ford Winter Estates; Fran Peters, Island Vacations of Sanibel & Captiva, Inc.; Donna Puma, Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream; Jeff Shuff, Tween Waters Inn; and Sonja Smith Sutor, Condominium Association of Sanibel, Inc.

"Whether it is the clean waters, the beaches, the wildlife, the shells, the



**Melissa Congress, Sue Rosica Gray Volunteer of the Year award-winner, with Chris Heidrick**

nature preserves or the harmony with nature, we all recognize that the environment is the most important factor in the success of any business on Sanibel or Captiva," said Heidrick. "In other words, having business interests and having environmental interests are not mutually exclusive. In fact, on Sanibel and Captiva, they are one in the same."

Miller and Heidrick took turns handing out a number of awards, including:

- Sue Rosica Gray Volunteer of the Year – Melissa Congress
- New Business of the Year – Cip's Place



**Paul McCarthy, Businessperson of the Year award-winner, with Chris Heidrick**

- Businessperson of the Year – Paul McCarthy
- Citizen of the Year – John Schubert

Following the meeting, a cocktail reception was held at The Old Captiva House.

"The future for our chamber looks incredibly bright, and I am looking forward to a very successful and exciting year," added Heidrick.✱



**John Schubert, Citizen of the Year award-winner, with Michael Miller**

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**Alison Dry of Cip's Place, New Business of the Year award-winner, with Michael Miller**

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The cost of the course is \$70 for members and \$87.50 for non-members and includes all materials. Skills acquired in this course cannot be applied to a lifeguarding certification as this course certifies participants in rescue skills for lay responders, not professional rescuers. For more information, call 472-0345.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Visit the website at [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).

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## Schneider To Speak At Luncheon



Lynn Schneider

Lynn Schneider, APR, CPRC, assistant vice president of marketing and communications for Shell Point Retirement Community, will present The Psychographic Stages of Adult and Senior Living at the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch to be held at the Sundial Beach Resort and Spa on Sanibel on Tuesday, May 14 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Schneider's presentation will review the various life stages adults and senior adults go through as they age, beginning at the age of 18. These psychographic stages explore the potential changes adults may experience in personality, attitudes and interests as they age and define the life choices they may make based upon these stages. This topic also addresses the milestones so notably experienced by Baby Boomers as they have reached retirement in the 21st Century.

Schneider is one of 23 industry experts listed in the 2013-2014 Speakers Bureau provided as a community service by Shell Point. Across the country, the senior adult population is the fastest growing segment of this society. With this unprecedented growth comes significant challenges, as well as exciting opportunities.

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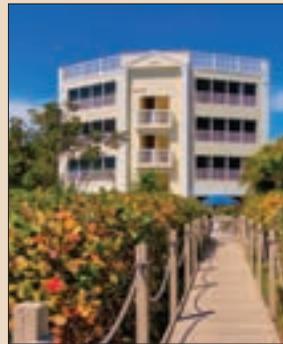
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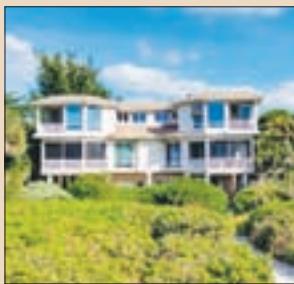
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About 250 national and international waste-to-energy industry leaders attend

this conference, which included technical sessions, presentations and a trade show. A tour of the Lee County Solid Waste Division's Waste To Energy facility campus and the county's integrated solid waste management system were included in the conference program.

According to SWANA, 89 waste-to-energy facilities currently operate in 27 states and generate the equivalent of 2,500 megawatt-hours of electricity while disposing of more than 29 million tons of trash. Enough electric power is generated from the combustion of trash to supply more than 2 million homes with clean,

renewable energy. In Florida alone, 11 waste-to-energy facilities process about 20,000 tons of garbage each day; that's enough trash to fill a football stadium.

Waste-to-energy facilities eliminate 90 percent of the waste that once would have been disposed of using traditional disposal practices such as land-filling. They also eliminate millions of tons of greenhouse gas emissions from the avoidance of methane caused from land-filling the waste, and they promote the waste hierarchy of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and then Recover.\*

### Insurance Tip

## Friendly Dogs... Really?



by Marge Meek

Recently, having been scratched by a sweet little dog trying to get more petting and nearly knocked down by a big dog who was happy to see me, I thought I'd look at how insurance would respond to a liability issue. Because, believe me, almost every dog owner says their pooch wouldn't hurt anybody.

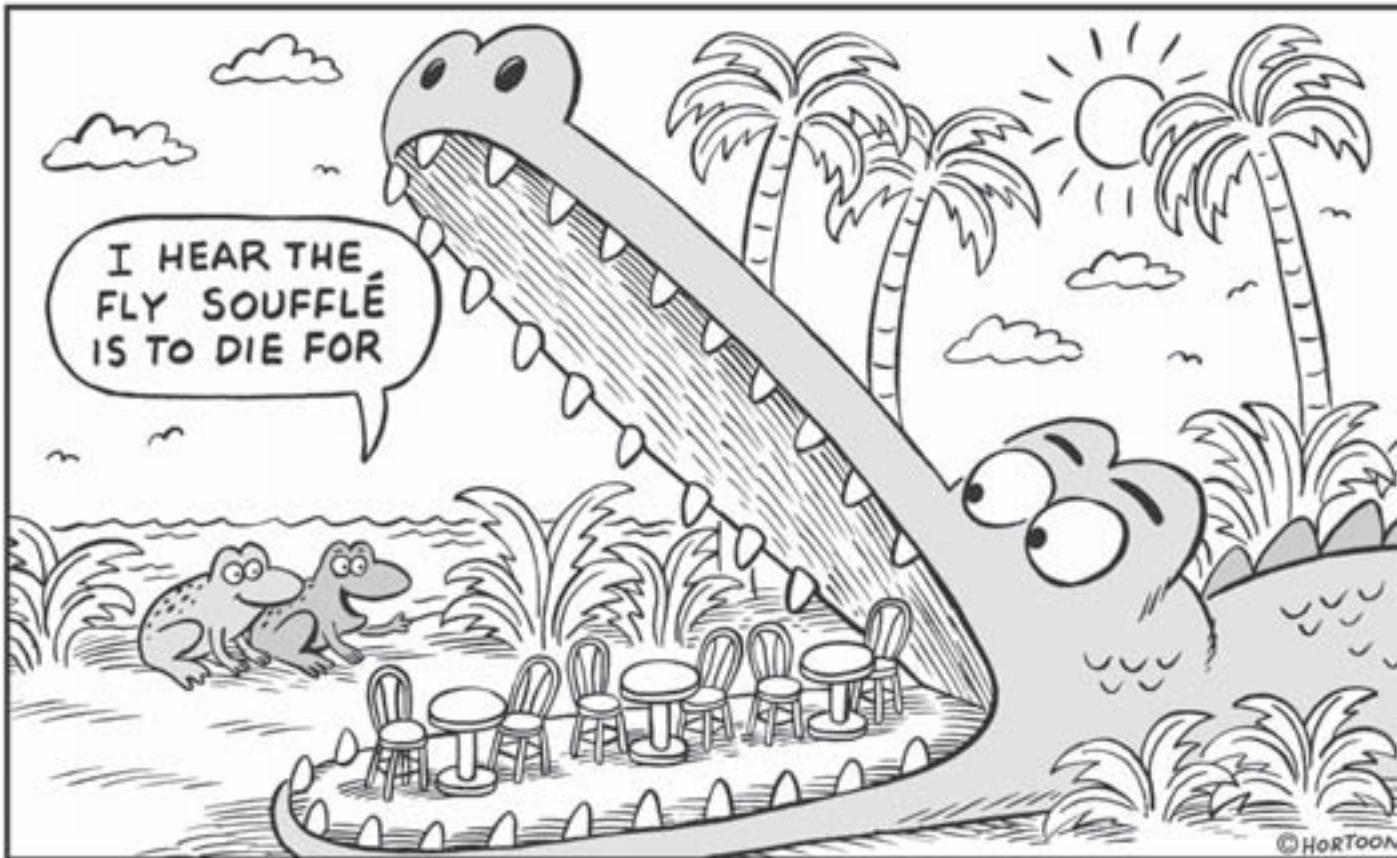
Statically, there are about 4.7 million injuries from dog bites annually; 50 percent happen inside the dog's home. Thirty three percent of money paid out on homeowners liability is a result of dog bites, with the average claim over \$24,000. Dog owners take heed!

Many homeowners' policies specifically exclude dog liability. If you get a dog after you purchase your homeowners insurance, remember to read the policy or call your agent and see to what extent you are or are not covered for liability claims.

After you check that out, look at your umbrella policy. Some types follow the underlying homeowners insurance, which means, if your homeowners doesn't cover dog liability, the umbrella won't either. Some will drop down and cover dogs no matter what the underlying policy says, but often have a deductible on this type of claim.

Maybe I'll stick with cats.  
Marge Meek is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent, who can be reached at [mmeek@rosierinsurance.com](mailto:mmeek@rosierinsurance.com).

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Rookery Bay	Bonita Springs	1999	4,056	1,799,000	1,500,000	133
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2012	3,958	2,750,000	1,149,876	74
Devonwood	Fort Myers	2005	4,496	959,000	940,000	67
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers	1990	6,413	1,195,000	925,000	113
Cape Coral	Bonita Springs	2003	3,337	1,075,000	875,000	157
Whiskey Creek Terrace	Sanibel	1986	2,899	979,000	860,000	20
Cape Coral	Bonita Springs	2004	3,021	899,000	857,000	298
Beachview Country Club	Fort Myers	2005	4,391	895,000	840,000	31
Cape Coral	Fort Myers	2006	3,679	1,049,000	735,000	175

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## Dunes Men's Golf Association Raises \$2,500 For Teen Suicide Awareness

On April 10, the Dunes Men's Golf Association (DMGA) held their annual charity shootout, this year benefiting the Will-To-Live Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to spreading the message of teen suicide awareness.

The Will-To-Live Foundation was established by John Trautwein, the son of DMGA member Jack Trautwein, in memory of his son Will, who tragically took his own life in 2010 at the age of 15.

The work of the foundation and the Trautwein family has been honored by both houses of the Georgia state legislature. The Big Ten Conference and Northwestern University have similarly recognized John Trautwein and the Will-To-Live Foundation. Learn more about the foundation at [www.will-to-live.org](http://www.will-to-live.org).

Through the generosity of the men who participated in the shootout, plus many more who donated even though they did not play, the DMGA raised over \$2,500, which will be sent to the foundation.

Foundation President John Trautwein advises that the money raised will be used to sponsor sports tournaments, cub scout and boy scout dinners, scholarships and training classes on the signs of suicide for teachers. "It will go to activities that the kids create, organize, implement and deliver together ... building those bonds ... all the while increasing their will to live," he said.

The shootout competition, held after the DMGA monthly luncheon, was an exciting, down-to-the-wire event again this year. The participants were divided into three flights. In a shoot-out format, one player is eliminated at each hole.

Gordon Rains took the win in the White Tee Flight, edging out Terry Finzen by two inches in a chip-off on the final hole.

In the first of two Gold Tee flights, Jack Roberts sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the last hole to win over Bob Lindman. In the second Gold Tee flight, Bob Orr won on a chip-off over Ley Smith to end the day's activities.

All the members of the Dunes Men's Golf Association who had a hand in the Will-To-Live Charity Shootout gained great admiration for the work the foundation is doing in preventing teen suicide and improving the lives of kids. They were honored and proud to contribute.\*

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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.\*

## Dunes Sunday Mixed Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Sunday Mixed Golf results from April 21, format 1 Gross, 1 Net and Lowest Putts Added Together, are:  
 1st Hank Humphrey 149  
 Ann Humphrey \*76 Back Nine  
 Gordon Rains  
 Maureen Rains

2nd Bob Rohl 149  
 Roberta Rohl  
 Jack Chestnut \*78 Back Nine  
 Fay Chestnut  
 3rd Jim Fantozzi 149  
 Janet Fantozzi  
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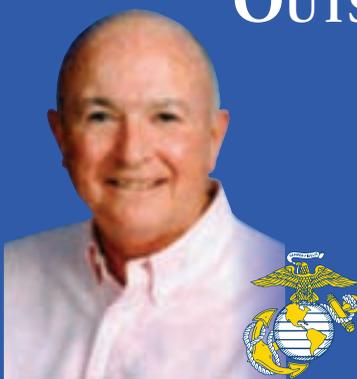
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## Tennis Tournament

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Food donations for the courtside reception were donated by Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille, Lazy Flamingo and Trader's Restaurant.

Raffle prizes were an Eternal Light glass sculpture, donated by Lucas



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Century, and a one-week island stay, donated by VIP Vacation Rentals. Silent auction items were donated by Terry See, Sherrie and Chris Hughes, Captain James Branca, Jim Castle, Deborah La Gorce, Laura@Creative Baskets, Jessy Lees, Jodi Cort and Warren Schwab, Tarpon Bay Explorers, Michael and Charlene Zausner, Ace Hardware, Lucas Century, Ed Wheeler, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, George and Wendy's Seafood Grille, Lazy

Flamingo, Veranda Restaurant, Danny Morgan and Congress Jewelers.

Entrants received tournament T-shirts, and first place winners and finalists received an etched glass piece created by Lucas Century.

Thanks from SCCF to Lisa Newmeyer-Cochrane and to co-chair Warren Schwab. All tournament proceeds benefit SCCF's General Operating Fund.✪

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## CROW Classic

tournament sponsor Royal Shell Real Estate. They will be used to support direct patient care in CROW's wildlife hospital.

Event sponsors were Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. Lunch sponsor was Coral Veterinary Clinic. The Sanibel Deli provided breakfast. Corporate sponsors were Thomas August, Bailey's General Store, The Burns Family, Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille, Global Solutions, Inc., Island Management, *Island Sun*, Brian Murty – island realtor, and John Schubert. Hole sponsors were Billy's Bike Shop, Mary Bondurant – realtor, John R. Wood Island Real Estate, Inc., Island Insurance Services, Pfeifer Realty Group, Sanibel Sunglass Company, Stewart Title of Sanibel-Captiva, Law Office of Janet M. Strickland, PA, Superior Title, and West Wind Inn. The tournament was organized by the CROW Classic Golf Committee: Jeff Burns (committee chair), Steve Greenstein, Craig Albert, Jeff Weigel and Ed Lockard.✪



Camp is open to beginners and experienced young sailors

## Junior Sailing Camp At Captiva Island Yacht Club

Registration is open for the fourth season of the Captiva Island Yacht Club's (CIYC) Junior Sailing Camp, which will be held this summer. Families do not need to belong to the yacht club to participate.

The first session of the camp – for beginning sailors – is scheduled for Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 19. The second session – for sailors who have had an introduction to sailing and want to learn more about racing and tuning a boat for speed – will take place Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 26.

At the end of each two-week session, every camper will be able to rig and sail a boat single-handedly and properly handle a kayak. Youngsters will demonstrate their newly acquired sailing and marine skills at the Parents' & Friends' Day

Luncheon at the club on the final day of each session.

Activities begin each morning at the Captiva Island Yacht Club, next to Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, and move to the waters of Roosevelt Channel.

Each Friday the program will feature Fun Fridays including paddleboarding, kayaking and a sailing outing. Pick up is at 4 p.m. each day.

CIYC sponsors the camp, with support from the Edison Sailing Center. The enrollment fee is \$600 per two-week session (\$300 per week). Each child will be assigned his/her own sailboat and kayak. There will be a certified instructor for every three to five students.

The only qualification for participation is successful completion of a swim test; 50-yard swim, tread water, put on a PFD (personal floatation device) in the water and swim back 50 yards wearing the PFD.

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

## Sanibel Doubles Tennis Championships

The Beachview Tennis Club will host the inaugural Sanibel Island Doubles Tennis Championships to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which works to eradicate breast cancer.

"Our pro shop manager Cheryl Clark battled breast cancer and is a survivor; she has been very active in making this event happen," said Toni Halski, Beachview tennis professional and long-time tennis tournament organizer who will direct the tournament. "We hope it will be successful in raising much-needed funds for the Komen Foundation."

The tournament will be April 27 and 28 and feature men's and women's doubles for all skill levels, as well as a consolation tournament for teams who lose their first round match. In addition to the tennis action, Beachview Tennis Club will have a cocktail party at 5 p.m. April 27 during which raffle prizes will be drawn with proceeds donated to the Komen Foundation. Raffle tickets will be available until the drawing during the courtside cocktail party.

There will also be a silent auc-

tion held during the tournament with prizes including a necklace by jewelry designer Charles Krypell. It is part of his Breast Cancer Hope for a Cure and Pink Promises collection to be unveiled by tournament co-sponsor Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery during the tournament. The auction will close at noon April 28 with all proceeds being donated to the Komen Foundation.

"We are excited to unveil this new collection at the tournament," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. "This will be a wonderful way to bring breast cancer awareness to our community. With the help of Charles Krypell, Lily & Co. will donate 15 percent of all future sales of this new collection to the American Breast Cancer Association."

The entire Hope for a Cure and Pink Promises collection will be on display and available for purchase or special order at the tournament to help generate donations. Lily & Co. will also provide complimentary gift bags to all entrants. There will be a complimentary lunch both days of the tournament, as well as courtside beverages.

The entry fee is \$50 per person and the deadline to enter is 5 p.m. April 24. Main draw finalists and consolation champions will receive a commemorative etched glass award. For more information or to enter, contact the Beachview Tennis Club at 472-9099.✪

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## Masters Winners

"Speaking for my wife Cannella and I, we appreciate every painstaking effort that made this such a fun and overwhelmingly successful event. Monies raised will go to fund the Captiva Community Panel's initiatives, which include reviewing and updating the Captiva Plan portion of the Lee Plan to protect the long-term interests of the island."

"It was a pleasure for the staff of South Seas Island Resort to host the 2nd annual Monday After The Masters," added Shawn Farrell, general manager of South Seas. "The resort is deeply entrenched in both protecting and furthering the island of Captiva and remains dedicated to serving its community." ✪

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Jerry Mader and Fred Zimmer

## Men's Golf Results At Sanibel Island Golf Club

On Saturday, April 20, the men at Sanibel Island Golf Club played a two-person shamble. A shamble is a combination of a scramble and regular golf; you take the longest or best drive that you or your partner hit from the tee, and then play your own ball on

to the green and into the hole. The best ball is counted for the score.

The winning team was president Jerry Mader and Fred Zimmer. It seems they won with a net score of 45, with Zimmer's long drives in the fairway and Mader's chipping and putting. Their score of a 3 on the long par five ninth hole tells the story of how they played. Rich Rompala and Al Krause took second with a net score of 48, and Dave Lewis and Joel Goodman were in third with a net score of 50.\*



First prize winners, from left, Porter Goss, Edward Ball III, Chauncey Goss, Doug Quelch (event coordinator) and Scott Logan

## Military Officers Host Golf Tourney

The Lee Coast Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) held its first annual golf tournament at Shell Point Golf Club on April 12. Forty-eight golfers played in a scramble format to raise money for the chapter foundation. A post-tourney luncheon was held at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Port Comfort, Fort Myers. The winning team included Scott Logan, Edward Ball III, the Honorable Porter Goss and Chauncey Goss. The second place team included Jerry Bartys, Mike Connolly, Bill Miller and Steve Nance. Third place went to Ron Campbell, Bart Harrod, Bruce McAbery and Perry Wydman.

The outing was highlighted by a hole-in-one by Chauncey Goss at the 16th hole on his very first drive. Winner of the

longest drive for men was Gene Taylor, while Janice Whiting won for the women. Closest to the pin for men was Mike Kurzava, while Mary Bondurant won for the women. Closest to the middle line was John Bathke and Roger Triftshauer had the longest putt.

Proceeds from the tourney benefit the Lee Coast Chapter 501(c)3 Foundation in its continued effort to financially support military veterans organizations. These include the Lee Memorial Hospital Military Support Program, the Fisher Houses at the VA hospitals in Tampa and St. Petersburg, the Wounded Warriors of South Florida, FISH of Sanibel and the Lee County VA Healthcare Center in Cape Coral.

For details on the Lee Coast Chapter Foundation or for membership information, visit [www.leecoastmoaa.org](http://www.leecoastmoaa.org) or contact membership chairman Steve Epkins via email at [sepkins@aol.com](mailto:sepkins@aol.com).\*

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# Fort Myers Miracle Begin Season With A Blazing 14-3 Record, Best In Franchise History



by Ed Frank

The torrid streak cannot last forever, but it's certain that the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team is enjoying while it can.

The Miracle began the week with a 14-3 (.823) season record – probably the best season start in all of professional baseball, major, minor or independent leagues.

Miguel Sano, the number one prospect in the Minnesota Twins organization, was leading the Florida State League in batting (.375), home runs (6) RBIs (16) and total bases (47). With those kinds of numbers, don't be surprised if it isn't long before the Twins move him out of Fort Myers with a promotion to

## Double A New Britain.

The Miracle was atop the FSL in hitting, with a team average of .296. In addition to Sano, two other Miracle players were in the league's top eight – Adam Pettersen at .360 and Eddie Rosario at .352.

The feistiness of this Miracle team was evident last weekend in a game against the Palm Beach Cardinals in Jupiter. Although the Miracle lost the game 6-5 in 10 innings, there were plenty of fireworks earlier in the game.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Cardinals reliever Brandon Creath sailed his first pitch behind Sano's head. After working the count to 3-1, Sano launched a monster home run that cleared a training facility far beyond the left field wall.

Apparently as Sano rounded the bases, he spouted a few words at Creath and was ejected by plate umpire Fernando Rodriguez just after the home run.

That set off an argument that resulted in the ejection of Miracle manager Doug Mientkiewicz, and then field umpire Charlie Tierney tossed Stephen Wickens from the Miracle bench.

As the old saying goes, "There's nothing like fun at the 'ol ballpark."

The 14-3 start by the Miracle is the best in the team's 21-year franchise history. How long that pace continues is anyone's guess. But the first three weeks of the season has been great baseball.

Fort Myers is home this weekend opposing the Charlotte Stone Crabs tonight, Friday, at 7:05 p.m. and tomorrow at 6:05 p.m.

## Everblades 1-1 In Conference Semi-finals

The Florida Everblades, the ECHL defending Kelly Cup champions, has advanced to league's American Conference semifinals after defeating the Elmira Jackals four games to two in the first round of the playoffs.

At this paper's deadline earlier this week, the Everblades had split the first two games of the conference semifinals against Reading. Those first two games were played at Reading.

The Everblades returned home to Germain Arena for games three, four and five of the seven-game series. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, in game four and 7 p.m. tomorrow for game five.

If a sixth and seventh games are necessary, the series will move back to Reading.\*

## Ultimate Water Games And Racing Exhibiton

The Ultimate Water Games will host a full day of racing exhibitions in outrigger canoe and paddleboard races within 150 feet of the shoreline of Fort Myers Beach all day on Sunday, April 28 in front of the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina. A spring break crowd exceeding several thousand people is expected to watch the paddling competitions.

The event is 16.4 miles in length, racing in 4.1 mile legs, featuring Lemans-style beach starts on all four legs. Six member-crew outriggers will begin race for prize money over a course that parallels the shoreline of the northern point of Fort Myers Beach.

Two of the top outrigger competitor teams – Huki California from Sacramento, California and Kai Aniani from Clear Water Florida – are sending full teams in the hope of winning top

honors among the many teams expected to compete in the four-hour program.

The competition will feature individual racing around a quarter mile oval on the Gulf of Mexico next to the Pink Shell beach. The race is 2.5 miles with obstacle challenges for paddlers. Six member collegiate teams will compete from regional colleges and universities.\*

## Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, April 16, there were five tables in play at The Sanibel Community Association.

The winners were:

1. Maureen Hnatow and Gail Leach
2. Martha and Tom Kelso
3. Joan and Bob Kent
4. Linda Tedeschi and Kenneth Appel

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The game runs for six months – November through April at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays – at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. For further information, call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.\*



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Griffin Kupsaw, Anna Kjoller, Deanna Craig, Matthew Lucker and teacher Diane Cortese

## Sanibel Math Team Scores

The Sanibel Mathematics Team participated in the Spring Lee County Mathematics Competition at Diplomat Middle School on Saturday,

April 13. Members are Deanna Craig, Haley Keller, Anna Kjoller, Griffin Kupsaw, Matthew Lucker and Colin Maw. The team placed second out of 18 schools and over 130 students at the competition. Deanna Craig placed 5th in the 8th grade individual Algebra I test.\*



Deanna Craig

## Scholarships Open To High School Grads

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club is offering two four-year college scholarships. This brings the number of current Optimist Club scholarships to six. Each scholarship is \$1,250 per year (\$5,000 total). The competition is open to all 2013 graduating seniors in Lee County.

Applications are available at most Lee County high schools (see your guidance counselor) and online at [www.sancapoptimist.org](http://www.sancapoptimist.org). For more information, call Stan Howard at 472-0836. Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, June 12. The scholarship committee plans to make the final selections a few weeks later.

Academic records, financial need, extracurricular activities, civic/community service records and references are integral parts of the selection criteria. The application package gives exact procedures.\*

## ABWA Sponsoring Grant Scholarship

The Sanibel-Captiva Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association is sponsoring a \$1,500 Outright Grant scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Education Fund. The Outright Grant Program offers junior level (or higher) college students a small scholarship that helps to offset costs associated with their college tuition, books and fees. The amount awarded for each Outright Grant is \$1,500. Outright Grant scholarships awarded are non-renewable. Applicants may receive only one Outright Grant each award year.

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## School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



**Dear Shelley,**

My son has a student in his third grade class that has emotional problems. Some of the children are mean to him and say he's "mental."

Fortunately, my son knows this is wrong but he is confused about why this other student has so many problems and acts out. How can I explain this to him accurately?

Courtney L.,  
Fort Myers Beach

**Courtney,**

What a great question! It is especially fitting, since the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services had declared that Thursday, May 9 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

Kids are naturally curious and have questions about mental illnesses. Understanding mental illnesses can be challenging for adults as well as for children so before you begin your discussion, make sure that you have a basic understanding about mental illness. You may need to do some background reading to prepare for this conversation. Myths, confusion and misinformation about mental illnesses cause anxiety, create stereotypes and promote stigma. Parents can help children understand that these are real illnesses that can be treated.

Here are some general tips for this discussion as well as age specific suggestions. When talking about mental illnesses, parents should:

- Communicate in a straightforward manner and at a level that is age appropriate for your child
- Have the discussion when your child feels safe and comfortable
- Watch your child's reaction during the discussion
- Slow down or back up your child becomes confused or looks upset

### Pre-School Age Children

Young children need less information and fewer details because of their more limited ability to understand. Preschool children focus primarily on things they can see, for example, they may have questions about a person who has an unusual physical appearance, or is behaving strangely. They would also be very aware of people who are crying and obviously sad, or yelling and angry.

### School-Age Children

Older children may want more specifics. They may ask more questions, especially about friends or family with emotional or behavioral problems. Their concerns and questions are usually very straightforward. "Why is that person crying? Why is that person talking to herself?" They may worry about their safety or the safety of their family and friends. It is important to answer their questions directly and honestly and to reassure them about their concerns and feelings.

### Teenagers

Teenagers are generally capable of handling much more information and asking more specific and difficult questions. Teenagers often talk more openly with their friends and peers than with their parents. As a result, some teens may have already have misinformation about mental illnesses. Teenagers respond more positively to an open dialogue that includes give and take. They are not as open or responsive when a conversation feels one-sided or like a lecture.

Two excellent websites to visit for more information are [www.samhsa.gov/children/index.asp](http://www.samhsa.gov/children/index.asp) and [www.nasponline.org/resources/mentalhealth/mhtips.aspx](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/mentalhealth/mhtips.aspx).

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Superior Interiors

## Furniture Placement Can Be Tricky



by Jeanie Tinch

**T**he second biggest conundrum my clients struggle with is furniture placement (the first being paint color selection). Because it is difficult for many people to visualize the three-dimensional effect

of furniture placement, costly mistakes are often made during the initial phases of a new design project, even if only a re-arrangement of the furnishings in a room. Careful planning is necessary for proper balance. The dimensional qualities of each piece of furniture must be taken into consideration.

Whether dealing with a very large room or one of a more modest size, here are a few dos and don'ts for successful furniture arranging:

DO, space permitting, "float" your furniture in the room by pulling it away from the walls. Furniture lined up against the walls of a room tend to take on the look of an office waiting room.

DO place large pieces first. Placing smaller pieces such as lamp tables and accent pieces first will only serve to frustrate you as you attempt to attain a balanced grouping.

DON'T use too many matched sets of tables, lamps, chairs or accessories in the same room. While matching pieces do help to unify a room, too many pairs will make your room resemble a furniture store display. Balance is best achieved by scale, visual weight and rhythm, rather than matched sets.

DO remember that the human eye prefers odd numbers over even. Three pieces in a set will always be easier on the eye than two or four. That third throw pillow on your sofa will avoid the regimental look of a pair.

DON'T use only one material for your tables or for your upholstered furniture.

Mix metal, glass, wood and stone in your table assortment and use fabrics that complement each other beautifully, but don't actually "match."

DO be aware of any awkward architectural elements in your home and attempt to place furniture and accessories in a manner that will minimize their impact in your overall design.

DO try to place your furniture in an interesting configuration that will facilitate good conversation. Remember that the optimum separation for people engaged in conversation is six to eight feet.

DON'T hesitate to call us or another professional designer if you need assistance in arrangement or to deal with some missing pieces in your furnishings scheme.

And above all, DO remember these three important guidelines for every room of your home: convenience, comfort and composition.

*Jeanie Tinch is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at [jeanie@decden.net](mailto:jeanie@decden.net).\**

## Edison Professor Receives Award

**E**dison State College Adjunct Professor Joseph van Gaalen is the recipient of the inaugural Outstanding Adjunct Faculty award for the Geo2yc Division of National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT). Recipients of this award are adjunct faculty who should be recognized for the work they do in supporting education in the geoscience area, and the efforts they put forth to contribute to the departments in which they work.

"Joe embodies all the characteristics of what we expect from our full-time faculty," said Dr. Rozalind Jester, professor of marine science at Edison State College. "He makes a point to participate in departmental projects, meetings and discussions, as well as contribute to curricular development."

Dr. van Gaalen received his BS in environmental science in 2002, his MS in geological oceanography in 2004 and his PhD in geology in 2011. He has worked in the private sector for six years, and in the academic and research area for seven years, and has been published in various publications related to the field of geoscience.



Professor Joseph van Gaalen

Additionally, van Gaalen served aboard four research vessels while working on his MS degree. These included research vessels *Bellows*, *FG Walton Smith*, *Pelican* and *Suncoaster*. He also spent time in New Zealand working with the National Institute for Water & Atmospheric Research on beach morphology investigations, which produced a series of publications in the *Journal of Coastal Research*, *Geomorphology*, and *EOS*.\*

## What Is A Float Switch?



by Bryan Hayes

**I**f you've never heard of a float switch or seen one of these before, it doesn't mean that your air conditioning system doesn't have one. This device helps protect your home

in case of a clogged drain line. This little gem can save you thousands of dollars. In an earlier article about raining in your living room, it was due to a condensate overflow. This little device can help that from happening. Since air handlers and overflow pans are usually, but not always, installed in the attic, if the drain pan overflows, you can find yourself facing some serious damage.

How does the float switch work? When the main drain line leading from your air handler gets obstructed (usually by dirt and dust that builds up), the backed up water drains into the pan. The float switch has a float that will trip

when the pan is about to overflow, effectively shutting off the air conditioner. I know that it's hard to believe that an air conditioner can really cause a significant amount of water damage, but I have seen some pretty horrific scenes. The worst damage usually occurs when people are not home and don't notice that something is wrong, allowing the air conditioner plenty of time to pump a tremendous amount of water into their home. While drain obstructions can be prevented by regular maintenance, a float switch is that extra insurance. They are very inexpensive to install, and if it prevents a back up, they are literally worth their weight in gold (by the way, they don't weigh much).

*Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at [Bryan@Sanibelair.com](mailto:Bryan@Sanibelair.com).\**

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Will Power

## Comfort In, Dump Out How Not To Say The Wrong Thing



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

**S**usan Silk, a clinical psychologist, recently wrote an interesting piece for the *Los Angeles Times*, explaining how not to say the wrong thing when interacting with

told Katie's husband. "I don't know if I can handle it."

While the visitor clearly was moved by Katie's condition, what she said wasn't appropriate. And it was wrong in the same way Dr. Silk's colleague's remark was wrong about her cancer being "not only about you."

Dr. Silk has since developed a simple technique to help people avoid this mistake. It works for all kinds of crises: medical, legal, financial, romantic, even existential. She calls it the Ring Theory.

Draw a circle. This is the center ring. In it, put the name of the person at the center of the current trauma. For Katie's aneurysm, that's Katie. Now draw a larger circle around the first one. In that ring put the name of the person next closest to the trauma. In the case of Katie's aneurysm, that was Katie's husband, Pat. Repeat the process as many times as you need to. In each larger ring put the next closest people. Parents and children before more distant relatives. Intimate friends in smaller rings, less intimate friends in larger ones. When you are done you have a "Kvetching Order."

Here are the rules. The person in the center ring can say anything she wants to anyone, anywhere. She can kvetch and complain and whine and moan and curse

the heavens and say, "Life is unfair" and "Why me?" That's the one payoff for being in the center ring.

Everyone else can say those things too, but only to people in larger rings.

When you are talking to a person in a ring smaller than yours, someone closer to the center of the crisis, the goal is to help. Listening is often more helpful than talking. But if you're going to open your mouth, ask yourself if what you are about to say is likely to provide comfort and support. If it isn't, don't say it. Don't, for example, give advice. People who are suffering from trauma don't need advice. They need comfort and support. So say, "I'm sorry" or "This must really be hard for you" or "Can I bring you a pot roast?" Don't say, "You should hear what happened to me" or "Here's what I would do if I were you." And don't say, "This is really bringing me down."

If you want to scream or cry or complain, if you want to tell someone how shocked you are or how icky you feel, or whine about how it reminds you of all the terrible things that have happened to you lately, that's fine. It's a perfectly normal response. Just do it to someone in a bigger ring.

Comfort IN, dump OUT.

There was nothing wrong with Katie's friend saying she was not prepared for how horrible Katie looked, or even that she didn't think she could handle it. The mistake was that she said those things to Pat. She dumped IN.

Complaining to someone in a smaller ring than yours doesn't do either of you any good. On the other hand, being sup-

portive to her principal caregiver may be the best thing you can do for the patient.

Most of us know this. Almost nobody would complain to the patient about how rotten she looks. Almost no one would say that looking at her makes them think of the fragility of life and their own closeness to death. In other words, we know enough not to dump into the center ring. Ring Theory merely expands that intuition and makes it more concrete: Don't just avoid dumping into the center ring, avoid dumping into any ring smaller than your own.

Remember, you can say whatever you want if you just wait until you're talking to someone in a larger ring than yours. Unfortunately, we all get our turn in the center of the ring. Until that happens, this Kvetching Order may be a useful guide when comforting those closer than you are to the ones who are in the center of the ring.

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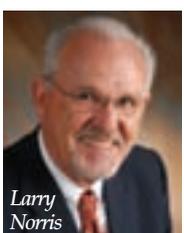
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# Tarpon Bay Explorers - New Faces

**T**arpon Bay Explorers, the official concessionaire for the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, welcomed three new staff members to their working family. In an effort to continually provide excellent customer service, the Explorers



Dan Bridgers



Doug Coupar



Jessica Greissing

filled three additional positions this year, including a fishing guide Dan Bridgers, boat ramp professional Doug Coupar and gift shop professional Jessica Greissing.

Currently residing in Cape Coral, the abundant sunshine and warm weather brought Bridgers here from his hometown of Ahoskie, North Carolina. What he likes most about working at Tarpon Bay Explorers is the way employees are treated... and the fact he can fish!

Coupar originally hails from Vancouver, British Columbia. He visited Sanibel 10 years ago for sea trials in the gulf. He marvels at the fact that he learns something new about the natural environment every day.

A Florida native, Greissing attended Edison State College and FGCU, studying marine science. She enjoys fishing, boating and hunting, and on her 18th birthday she was excited to catch, clean and cook her first dolphin fish.

Open seven days a week, Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at 900 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel. Call 472-8900 for information and reservations or visit their website at [www.tarponbayexplorers.com](http://www.tarponbayexplorers.com).\*

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## ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



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### Top Producers

Royal Shell Real Estate recognized their top producers for the month of March from their Sanibel and Captiva offices.

Top Listing Producers – Team: McMurray & Nette  
Top Listing Producer – Individual/Partners: John and Denice Beggs

Top Sales Producers – Team: McMurray & Nette  
Top Sales Producer – Individual or Partners: Sally Davies.\*



Sally Davies

### Top Agents

John R. Wood Island Real Estate announced its top agents for the month of March.

Top listing agent was Ellie See, top closed sales agent was Christie Dufinetz and top pending agent was Phaidra McDermott.\*



Ellie See



Christie Dufinetz



Phaidra McDermott

### Top Producers

VIP Realty Group's top agents and sales teams for the month of March are:

Mary Lou Bailey, top sales agent; The Bell Team, top sales team, top producing team and top listing team; Robin Humphrey and Martha Smith, top listing agents; David Schuldenfrei, top producing agent.\*



Mary Lou Bailey



Karen Bell



Robin Humphrey



Martha Smith



David Schuldenfrei



Doris Hardy

## Exceptional Volunteer Award

Sanibel islander Doris Hardy, a nine-year volunteer at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and vice president of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), recently received word of the 2013 Exceptional Volunteer Award from *Philanthropy Journal*. The award is a result of nominations culled from nonprofit organizations throughout the nation.

"With National Volunteer Appreciation Week beginning April 21, the journal wanted to recognize volunteers around the country who make good things happen," said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Vertesch, who nominated Hardy. "Doris definitely makes 'good things happen,'" and it is so exciting that others around the country can see what she is helping to accomplish."

Hardy, who began serving on the DDWS board of directors in 2009, heads the education committee and has effectively expanded the refuge's student scholarship and teachers grants programs in the field of environmental education. She actively fundraises for DDWS and recently joined the society's \$1.8 million Preservation Campaign committee to save Woodring Point and upgrade the "Ding" Darling Education Center.

"She has been a very enthusiastic volunteer from the start," said refuge ranger and volunteer coordinator Jeff Combs. "Doris saw the problems we were having with birds and other wildlife being entangled in discarded monofilament line and volunteered to lead a crew of volunteers to remove the line from the mangroves."

Other recent projects with Hardy's fingerprints on them include a new, sophisticated sightings board outside the education center and upgrades and added exhibits to the Calusa Shell Mound Trail.

"She helps others when they are in need, trains new volunteers, and always goes above and beyond the call of duty, asking for nothing in return," said Vertesch.

"Thank you 'Team Refuge,' it is an honor to be so recognized and I share this with each of you," said Hardy. "It is said that many opportunities catch your attention, but only a few captivate you: pursue those. To which I add, 'indeed.'"

"Thank you to Doris for her everlasting positive attitude and amazing commitment to the missions of both the refuge and the society," said Vertesch. "Our

volunteers are precious commodities, and we are blessed to have Doris as a member of the 'Ding' family and a role model and mentor to other volunteers."

To see the article in *Philanthropy Journal*, visit [www.philanthropyjournal.org](http://www.philanthropyjournal.org). For information about becoming a refuge volunteer, go to [www.dingdarling-society.org/volunteering-at-the-refuge](http://www.dingdarling-society.org/volunteering-at-the-refuge). ✨



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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

**L**izzie 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 doctor was a personal friend. When he was diagnosed with a terminal illness all three of us felt badly.

The doctor tried to help my husband all he could to relieve his suffering and also extend his life. My husband would not change his lifestyle, so his condition worsened. One day, the doctor called and said he wanted to drop by our house on his way home. This man stayed for over an hour and tried to convince my husband to help himself, but it didn't have any effect. Before the doctor was at the

end of our lane, my husband was already doing what the doctor had told him to stop doing. My husband died six weeks later.

While I miss him terribly, I'm really not the grieving widow. I'm still annoyed that he was so selfish not even to try and make a better life for both of us. I'd like your comments,

Gertrude

### Dear Gertrude,

Most men don't seem to think it is important to care for their own health. Statistics are all around us to prove this is true and all the high percentage of widows in our country. Men will only seek medical care when their symptoms are so severe, the illness is frequently beyond a curable state. Health care (what we can do for ourselves), diet changes, the need for stress management, preventive screening and yearly or bi-yearly physicals seem to be beyond their comprehension. Men feel it is fine for their wives and children, but they will find all kinds of excuses not to do it for themselves.

Your husband did have a terminal illness and he knew it. He was probably a take-charge man and had decided months before what he was going to do and how he would manage his illness. He just did not want to talk about it with you or anyone else.

Try not being too harsh with his memory. He enjoyed himself and did what he wanted to do until the end.

Lizzie & Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).✱

dearRPharmacist

## Calcium Supplements For Bone Strength



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

### Dear Pharmacist:

I'm concerned about my bone density because I was told I have osteopenia. Are all calcium supplements the same? Do you have other recommendations?

AF, New York

Osteopenia, or lower-than-normal bone density, is frequently found in postmenopausal women but can affect men and women of all ages. Over the past few years, some questionable research suggested a connection between calcium supplements and atherosclerosis. But last November, Harvard researchers presented research showing no connection between calcium supplements and coronary artery calcification. If your doctor suggests calcium supplements for you, here's some information:

Calcium carbonate – The least expensive form of calcium to manufacture, calcium carbonate is also called bone meal or dolomite. This requires lots of stomach acid to digest, so very little calcium goes to your bones where needed. Because it

stays in the gut, you will find this compound also sold as Tums and Roloids, two products used to neutralize acid (not for bone growth).

Calcium citrate – The easiest form of calcium to find, calcium citrate is absorbed about as well as calcium carbonate but requires less stomach acid to digest, so it can be taken with or without food. But be careful, as this type of calcium can sometimes cause headaches. There's a bunch of brands for this.

Tricalcium Phosphate – Easy to absorb, this is a combination of calcium and phosphorous which your bones (and body) need as well. Nature Made makes adult gummies with this type of calcium.

Calcium aspartate or calcium gluconate – These intelligent forms of calcium offer your body aspartate or gluconate which is used in other metabolic pathways to produce energy. Sometimes this bioavailable form of calcium is combined with vitamin D, magnesium and/or zinc.

Calcium collagen chelate – Minerals that are ingested as chelates, or organic salts offer good absorption and that means less tummy upset. Life Extension and Swanson brands both make this.

Calcium as Microcrystalline Hydroxyapatite (MCHC) – This easily absorbed form of calcium is derived from freeze-dried calf bone. This provides other bone-builders like phosphorous, magnesium, zinc, and chromium that nourish your bones. Solaray and Xymogen brands both make this.

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## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

### A Word About Anxiety

**F**or most people experiencing anxiety, you are out in the future worrying, fretting, stressing out about what might or might not

happen. All of these emotions result from living outside present moment awareness. We all do it. We worry about the mundane, and we worry about circumstances that are out of our control. The mundane are situations we can do something about, for example, the laundry that didn't get finished, the taxes that have not been filed, the house that has yet to be cleaned this week, the studying that has yet to be done, or the car that has yet to be washed.

Examples of anxiety out of our control include: Is our country's economy going to remain in recession? Am I ever going to earn enough money to pay my outstanding debts? Am I going to die of cancer? To manage anxiety, we have to stay in present moment awareness, and do what the present moment requires. Speculating and worrying about future events that may or may not happen is

not productive and can lead to health consequences.

### The Art of Meditation To Lessen Anxiety

The ancient Buddhist practice of mindfulness has become a part of mainstream America in the last couple of decades. The first hospital stress-reduction clinic, at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts, began in 1979, directed by Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn.

Dr. Kabat-Zinn, mindfulness based stress reduction (MBSR) guru, has facilitated thousands of MBSR workshops for professionals and lay persons alike. MBSR is about letting the mind be as it is in the present moment. It is not about getting somewhere else. It is allowing yourself to be where you already are. Breathing mindfully is a simple remedy for reducing our ever-increasing levels of stress.

The question I receive most often is "Can anybody meditate?" The answer is: Yes, you can. Meditation involves intentionality. If you can breath, you can meditate. Meditation is not about feeling a certain way. It is contemplation and reflection. It is truly about moment-to-moment awareness. I tell students that the thoughts will come in, so let them. Just allow yourself to let them pass through.

Make a commitment to meditate and stick with it. You may start with sitting or lying down for at least five minutes, and just relaxing.✱

## Support Group For Adult Children Of Alzheimer's Persons

**A** support group specifically for adults who have a parent with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder will meet at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers. Interested caregivers can attend on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:15 p.m.

Meetings are held each month on the first Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. The meetings are sponsored by the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns and questions adult children face as they provide care to a parent with memory loss or strive to learn more about Alzheimer's disease. The group is open to all interested individuals at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational, and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers. For more information, the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center can be contacted at 437-3007.✱

## Eden Energy Medicine

## Settle Tiff With A Spinal Flush

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



Last week we reviewed neurolymphatic reflex points, those points located on the surface of the body, that when rubbed, enable toxins to be released from the system, clearing stagnate energies (including emotional

energy) and thus leaving you feeling invigorated and energized. Remember that our lymph system has no pump so rubbing these points is quite beneficial to release toxins. Points exist on the front and back of the body. The exercise reviewed last week enables one to clear the points on their own body by using your hands to circle the points.

This week you will learn how to do a flush of the neurolymphatic points on the back, which points are parallel to the spinal column. So, when you and your significant other have a "tiff," say to him or her, "Hands against the wall." At this point you are wondering how this position can possibly resolve the conflict. It is easy. If you are both stressed, the frustration is high, you believe you are right and your partner believes he or she is right, a great way to

expel the emotional toxin is to flush it out!

How? Step 1: Have the partner stand about three feet from the wall with both hands against the wall with elbows locked. By standing firmly in this position, the person is stable since the other partner will be exerting pressure. The other partner stands behind the person facing the wall, placing both thumbs on either side of the spinal column beginning right below the neck

Step 2: The partner circles, with pressure, the points that are on both sides of the spine at the notch of each vertebrae (being careful to never push on the spine itself), using either the thumbs or middle fingers and applying his or her body weight to lean into the points.

Step 3: The points are deeply rubbed or circled for at least three seconds each as you move from the base of the neck all the way down to the sacrum area. If there is a point that is particularly sore, then give extra attention to that point - it needs it in order to release the toxins. Always check with your partner to make sure the pressure is comfortable.

Step 4: Sweep the energy off the body from head to toe by running your hands over the body two or three times. Do the massage a second time if possible and then sweep the energy off the body again.

You have just made your partner feel better and you feel better having released that frustration from both of you. Switch partners and both will feel doubly better. The Spinal Flush works since each of these points is associated with a meridian, and each meridian is associated with an organ; thus creating an immediate release for both giver and receiver.

Other options include having the receiv-

ing party lay down; or if you don't have a partner wrap two tennis balls in a cloth napkin with rubber bands at each end to hold the tennis balls in place and then put the tennis balls behind your back against the wall and lean into them. You will receive immediate gratification!

Have fun with your energy! Send me your questions. Next week's topic is Weave

your Energy Systems for Balance.

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at [ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com](mailto:ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.semmelmanenergy.com](http://www.semmelmanenergy.com). EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.\*

## Letter Carrier Food Drive

United States Postal Service customers in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties are urged to participate in the 21st annual National Letter Carriers Food Drive on Saturday, May 11. This is the nation's largest one-day food drive. Letter Carriers will be collecting nonperishable food when they make their regular deliveries.

The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive will assist in replenishing food banks and pantries. Food banks are notoriously empty during summer months and the need for food is even greater since many children no longer have the benefit of their school food program.

Collected food donations will be delivered to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and Wake Up America in Lee County, Collier Harvest in Collier County and other participating agencies. All food donated is distributed to at no cost to the participating agencies. Monetary donations are also accepted; checks should be made payable to the

Harry Chapin Food Bank or Wake Up America in Lee County and Collier Harvest in Collier County.

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.

Individuals who won't be able to participate on May 11 (seasonal residents and visitors, especially) may drop off their food items in advance at any Post Office for inclusion in the food drive.

The Postal Service is also requesting volunteers to help make this the most successful food drive yet:

- Volunteers are needed to assist rural letter carriers who use their private vehicles for mail delivery 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 food sorting on May 11. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at the Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007, or Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.\*

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## ABWA Scholarship

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## Calcium

Hawaiian Spirulina tablets (a blue-green algae) may help. It actually contains 300 percent more calcium than whole milk, plus other minerals. Remember, minerals like calcium are best absorbed when taken in combination with other minerals like strontium, magnesium, and vitamin D.

Other important factors in bone health include adequate levels of vitamin K2 which is involved in clotting. And strontium. It has a two-fold effect on osteoporosis meaning it prevents bone breakdown while also stimulating new bone growth. Medications only work one side of that equation. A 2004 study in *New England Journal of Medicine* concluded that strontium reduces risk of non-vertebral fractures by 41 percent over three years, and increases bone mineral density by about 14 percent. Eliminated processed and refined foods is a must.

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](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).\*

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- 1 tablespoon Florida honey
- 1 cup Florida orange juice
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce
- Oil for cooking
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Lightly coat the shrimp with the corn starch. Preheat a large sauté pan over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the preheated sauté pan. Carefully add the coated shrimp to the sauté pan and cook until almost done, about 3 minutes.

Remove the shrimp from the pan and add the peppers and onions. Cook the peppers for 4 minutes.

Add the honey, orange juice and soy sauce to the pan. Turn the heat up slightly. Bring the liquid ingredients up to a boil. Turn the heat back down to medium high and add the shrimp back to the sauté pan. The sauce should thicken and the shrimp will be cooked after three minutes. Serve over brown rice. Garnish with sesame seeds.\*



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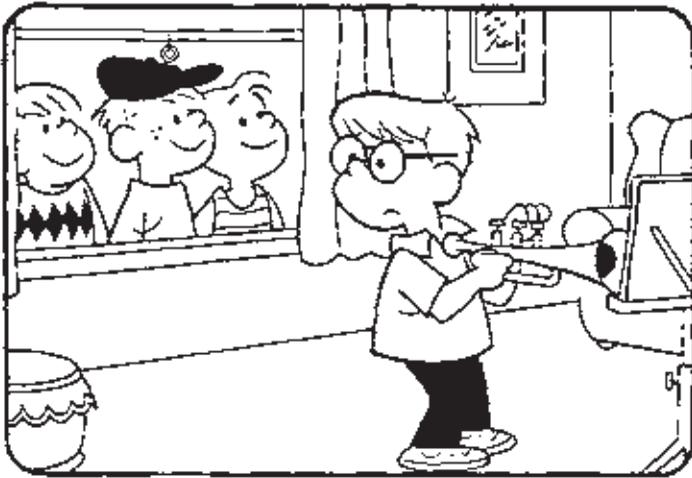
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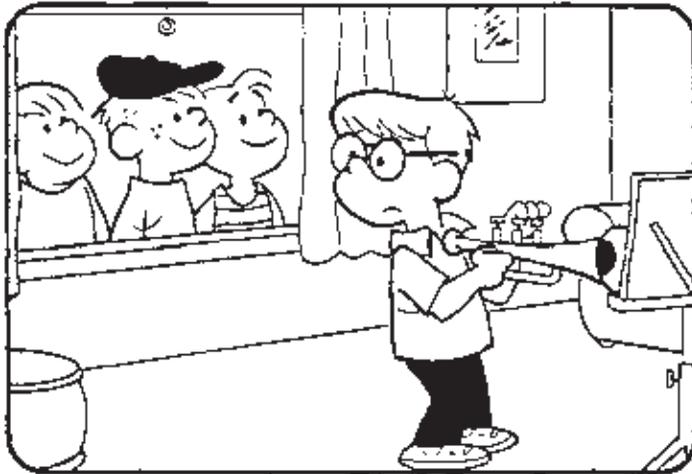
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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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# SUDOKU

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

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The event, which includes free admission and prize giveaways, supports National Travel and Tourism Week. It celebrates tourism's impact on local businesses and the economy and recognizes the importance of travel and hospitality professionals.

"It is exciting to see the support and enthusiasm shown at the rally by members of our travel industry," said Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director. "It's important to appreciate and celebrate how the travel industry contributes significantly to local job growth and the economy."

There will be live music and friendly competitions including a bellmen's race, a luggage lug and a make-the-bed-quickly contest. There will be face painting, slime

making and magic tricks for the kids. The Cape Coral High School drum line will also perform. Information tables will offer brochures about many of Lee County's attractions, accommodations, restaurants, transportation and hospitality partners. There will be seating but guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Visitors can also take part in Art Walk and shop and dine downtown.

The master of ceremonies will be meteorologist Robert Van Winkle with NBC-2. Officials in the tourism industry participating include Dennis Castleman, U.S. Travel Association vice-president, and Paul Phipps with Visit Florida. City of Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson will also attend. Along with music and activities, the VCB will celebrate its 30th birthday with a culinary masterpiece prepared by Andre Gratesol, master baker with Lush Bakery. Along with the cake, there will be snow cones.

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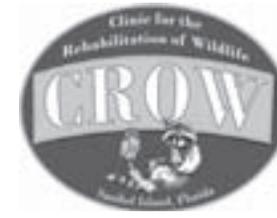
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The Ambassadors also make a difference  
to families by providing educational  
and healthful resources to assist in  
GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.  
We are currently seeking  
year-round volunteers to work  
one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday  
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.  
\*NS 2/8 CC TFN

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At The Sanibel School  
Call Michelle Wesley  
239-910-8000  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

### 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](mailto:trishphillips@mysanibel.com).  
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3883 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL  
Phone: 239-472-3644, ext 1  
Fax: 239-472-2334  
[www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org)

### HELP US PLEASE!!

We need volunteers for:  
Clinic emergency patient admissions desk  
and baby animal feeders  
Visitor education center greeters and gift  
shop cashiers  
CROW - (239) 472-3644, ext. 231 or  
[volunteers@crowclinic.org](mailto:volunteers@crowclinic.org)  
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## Pets Of The Week

**H**ello, my name is Honey. I am a 3-year-old spayed female tan and white terrier mix. I hope you don't think it's corny to name a really sweet dog Honey, but I am really very sweet. I'm a staff favorite and they want you to know that my name really says a lot about my personality. If your looking for a good-natured pet that would love to be a part of your family, then please come adopt me!

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

Hi, my name is Hopper and I am a 2-year-old short brown tabby domestic shorthair. No, I'm not a bunny... even though my name is Hopper. I would love to hop into your lap for some snuggles and cuddles, though. My other favorite things include investigating what my roommates here at the shelter are doing, getting in some serious play time and then taking a nice, long snooze. Please come visit me. I'm the one who'll hop right over to greet you!

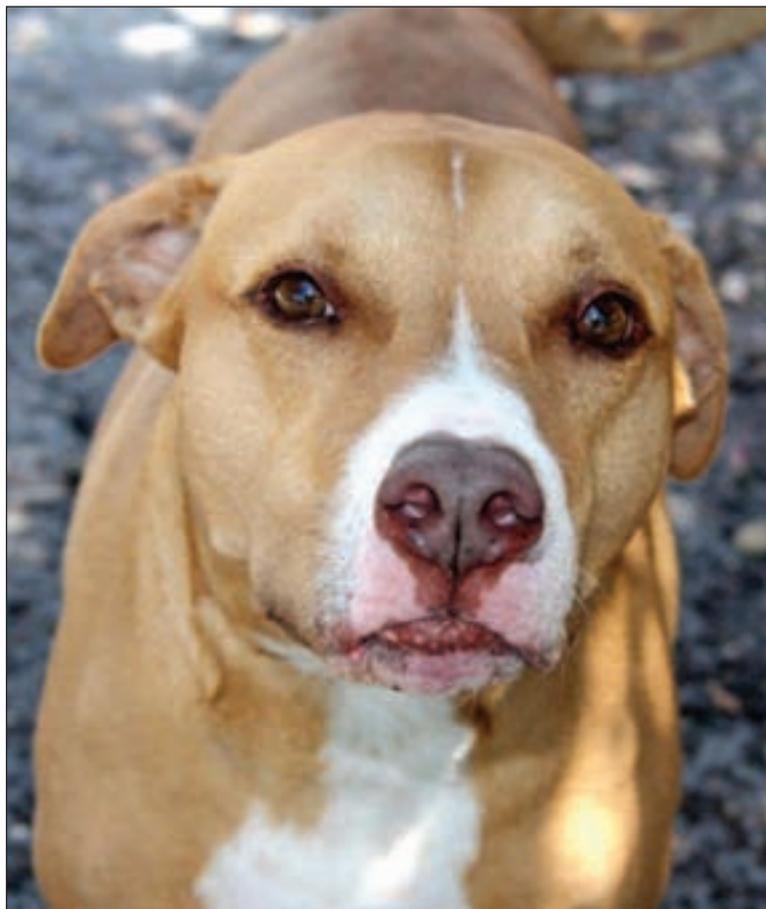
My adoption fee is \$35 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' "It's Raining Cats & Dogs" adoption promotion.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://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.\*



Honey ID# 459426

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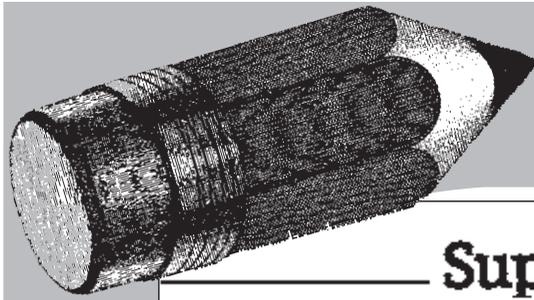
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# Island Sun

NEWSPAPER  
Sanibel & Captiva Islands

### CALLING CARD 239-395-1213

Emergency.....	911
Sanibel Police .....	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office .....	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy .....	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel .....	472-5525
Captiva .....	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol .....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce.....	472-1080
City of Sanibel .....	472-4135
Administrative Office.....	472-3700
Building Department .....	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources .....	472-1189
Planning Department.....	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel .....	472-2483
Captiva .....	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel .....	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free) .....	800-275-8777
Captiva .....	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association .....	472-2155
Senior Center.....	472-5743
<b>ARTS</b>	
Arcade Theater.....	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts) .....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre .....	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic.....	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival .....	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League .....	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
<b>CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.).....	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123 .....	472-9979
Angel Flight SE .....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
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
Lions Club (Tom Rothman) .....	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands .....	472-6940
Newcomers .....	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida .....	768-0417
Optimist Club.....	472-0836
PAWS .....	472-4823
Rotary Club .....	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc. ....	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society .....	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron .....	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.....	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer .....	395-2040
<a href="http://www.sanibelsoccer.org">www.sanibelsoccer.org</a>	
The Military Officers Assc. of America	
(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).....	395-9232
United Way of Lee County .....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline..... (24 hour information line)	211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club .....	671-6381
<b>ISLAND ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge .....	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village .....	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) .....	472-2329



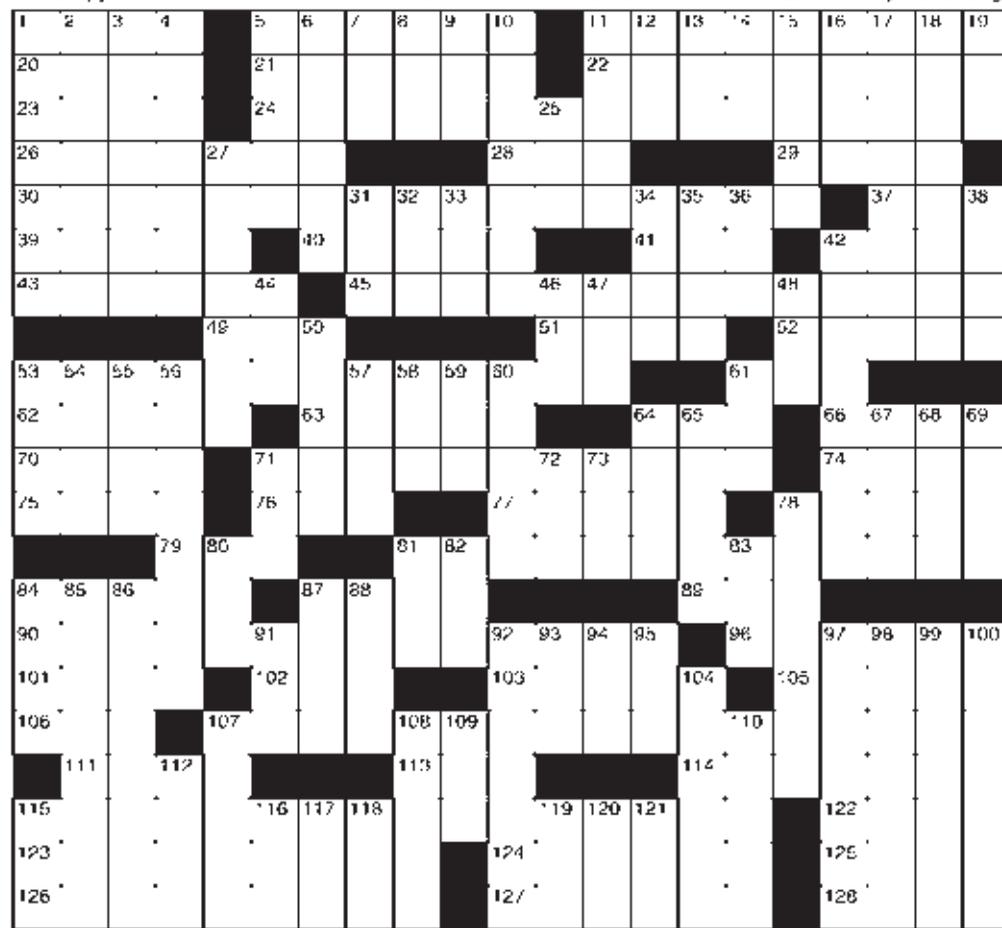
# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 27B

## Super Crossword

SQUARE SHARE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Non-PC computers
  - 5 Refuge
  - 11 Much more desirable
  - 20 Kauai, e.g.
  - 21 "Strut" singer
  - 22 Additional unspecified things
  - 23 Speyer's clarification
  - 24 Mets' division
  - 25 Clock's ancestor
  - 28 41, to Cate
  - 29 "humble opinion on ..."
  - 30 Choosing wisely
  - 37 Had been
  - 39 See 104-Down
  - 40 "The Red Shoes" star
  - 41 Greek letter X
  - 42 "The Hangover" co-star
  - 43 Rushlike plants
  - 45 20-hour-week worker, e.g.
  - 49 3 R's gp.
  - 51 Scapy water
  - 52 — nova (dance)
  - 53 Il recals recent things
  - 61 Fast Internet svc.
  - 62 Subtle grows
  - 63 "Harold & Go to Write Castle" (2004 comedy)
  - 64 "Te Ching"
  - 66 Writer Wister
  - 70 Strip of wood
  - 71 Spirit race
  - 74 Cry "Uncle!"
  - 75 Sentry's cry
  - 76 With one lit, musically
  - 77 Racial rights org.
  - 78 Hash house
  - 79 Rearward
  - 81 Immediately
  - 84 Hand-largest
  - 87 "— Lisa Smde"
  - 89 11th mo
  - 98 Uncontvec. djustations
  - 96 Arm muscle
  - 101 Circle bits
  - 102 "Dr." of rap
  - 103 Writer Joyce Carol —
  - 105 Part of Ozobania
  - 106 Fggy yuletide drink
  - 107 Former name of "PBS News-four," with "The"
  - 111 Writer Fmle
  - 113 — "Se-tung"
  - 114 12 to 14 year-old Girl Scout
  - 115 Webster's lexicon frst published in 1951
  - 122 Hoardros;
  - 123 French novel st Sagen
  - 124 River in a Stephon Foster song
  - 125 Skater
  - 126 African bving in Kinshasa
  - 127 Dogmas
  - 128 Forest airs
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Poisonous vapors
  - 2 Rel eve
  - 3 Sounded like dumping g asses
  - 4 Meeting out
  - 5 Hit — (get hung up)
  - 6 Hebrew "Hi"
  - 7 Deso to this
  - 8 Luau favor
  - 9 Couser of crazy bights
  - 10 Tailless meower
  - 11 Genus of meowing mammals
  - 12 Nibbled on
  - 13 VCR brand
  - 14 Panhandle
  - 15 Sewing cases
  - 16 12th grader, e.g.
  - 17 Mine haulage tracks
  - 18 1930s-'40s serial radio comedy
  - 19 Trio before U
  - 25 — Baba
  - 27 Purposes
  - 31 "Alley —"
  - 32 Juan's "day"
  - 33 Act human
  - 34 Frozer
  - 35 Resistance units
  - 36 Itty-bitty oile
  - 38 Mets' former ballpark
  - 42 Pertaining to animals
  - 44 Spot
  - 46 Medit: nat on
  - 47 Spanish for "very"
  - 48 2.2 in a kg
  - 50 Actor Alan
  - 53 Kimono tie
  - 54 Oahu dance
  - 55 Uttered
  - 56 Some recent appendages
  - 57 Far warmer
  - 58 First-hand pro
  - 59 Might
  - 60 Tailless ape, for snod
  - 61 Cry on "The Simpsons"
  - 64 Dash gauge
  - 65 Go for (drive brrelly)
  - 67 Lush
  - 68 In a tee
  - 69 Oswald's kn
  - 71 Corruption
  - 72 Bit of cheer?
  - 73 "True "
  - 78 Dreamed up
  - 80 Thu. Sat linkup
  - 81 Protein making st. lf
  - 82 "Take Me as —"
  - 83 Weep no sly
  - 84 Persian Gulf borderer
  - 85 Scoreless tie
  - 86 The Pogues' ironman Shane
  - 87 Sable carmaker, brly
  - 88 Yoked pair
  - 91 Recaler of 'aubly marks
  - 92 Player of a game on horseback
  - 93 Part in Papua New Guinea
  - 94 Verb ending in the Bible
  - 95 Sun. church oral on
  - 97 Gamboted
  - 98 Arousing intense feeling
  - 99 Actress Natalie
  - 100 Lustrous cloths
  - 104 With 99-Across: spy
  - 107 Traveler Polo
  - 108 Comedy club host, e.g.
  - 109 "Am ask?"
  - 110 Comic Martha's family
  - 112 Yearn
  - 115 N.Y. Gants' gp.
  - 116 Internet giggle
  - 117 Conk out, as an engine
  - 118 Particular mag. printing
  - 119 Have a dobt
  - 120 Bread from a landoor
  - 121 Math- or prop- ending



## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stucky hard
  - 5 Urduy group
  - 8 Oscar-winner
  - 12 Get up
  - 13 Yoko of music
  - 14 Soon, in verse
  - 15 "Zounds!"
  - 16 Obama, e.g.
  - 18 Elk
  - 20 Alternative to boxes
  - 21 Sidewalk catery
  - 23 Wager
  - 24 Lunt to bubble
  - 28 Discourteous
  - 31 Anger
  - 32 Admit
  - 34 Capek play
  - 35 Ob., for example
  - 37 Outward behavior
  - 39 Work on the soundtrack
  - 41 Roof over hang
  - 42 Slowly, in music
  - 45 Duration
  - 49 Insanity
  - 51 Continental con
  - 52 Pub orders
  - 53 Wall climb
  - 54 War god
  - 55 Fine spray
  - 56 Caribean or Cora
  - 57 Fat
  - 59 Pub orders
  - 60 More fully
  - 61 As part of an exchange
  - 62 War god
  - 63 Fine spray
  - 64 Caribean or Cora
  - 65 Fat
  - 66 stage
  - 67 More fully
  - 68 As part of an exchange
  - 69 React unit
  - 70 French invaders
  - 71 Sonere
  - 72 Lofly
  - 73 Cosmetoear
  - 74 Lauder
  - 75 Insult (Sl.)
  - 76 Historic time
  - 77 Partners of messieurs
  - 78 Everest, e.g.
  - 79 Twosome
  - 80 Blunder
  - 81 Actress
  - 82 Campbell
  - 83 Least minus
  - 84 Virgil hero
  - 85 Grip
  - 86 Leading man?
  - 87 Sandwich shop
  - 88 Elevator name
  - 89 Mentor
  - 90 Genealogy chart
  - 91 Emcee
  - 92 "— been had"
- DOWN**
- 1 Ship's staff
  - 2 Latvia's capital
  - 3 Pronto, on a memo
  - 4 Physician
  - 5 Adapted
  - 6 Individual
  - 7 Pop or

## MAGIC MAZE ● STUFFED —



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

- Animal
- Crust
- Mushroom
- Pork chops
- Cabbage
- Cushion
- Olives
- Tomato
- Clam
- Drawers
- Pepper
- Turkey
- Closets
- Grape leaves
- Pillow

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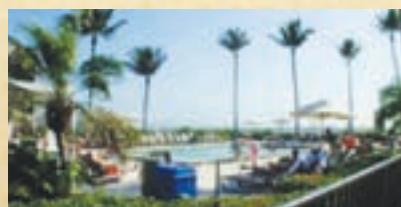
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