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Third grader Chiara Corricelli plants a slash pine with the assistance of SCCF's Richard Finkel during a class project on Monday morning at The Sanibel School

photos by Jeff Lysiak

Third Graders Complete SCCF Slash Pine Project

by Jeff Lysiak

The culmination of a year-long tree project study conducted with the third grade students from The Sanibel School and Richard Finkel, environmental educator from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), was completed when youngsters planted 45 slash pines along school grounds on Monday morning.

"This is a good age to be working on this project," said Finkel. "In fact, any age is good for planting trees."

According to Finkel, each third grade student was given a slash pine seedling at the beginning of the school year, which was provided by SCCF's Native Plant Nursery. The students measured, graphed and determined averages of the tree heights. Field trips

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Environmental educator Richard Finkel explains to Annie Franke's third grade class where their slash pine trees will be planted

Lance Corporal Christian Brown receiving the Silver Star

Operation Open Arms Visitor Receives Silver Star

by Jeff Lysiak

Only 10 days after Lance Corporal Christian Brown was getting some well deserved rest and relaxation on Sanibel and Captiva as the honorary guest of Operation Open Arms, the combat-wounded United States Marine was being honored with a Silver Star at a ceremony held at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

According to a report in the *Jacksonville Daily News*, Brown was awarded the Silver Star on May 3 for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity for his actions on December 7, 2011 in Kajaki, Afghanistan. The award citation credits Brown for carrying a marine casualty more than 300 meters under heavy volumes of enemy fire so the wounded marine could be evacuated.

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Council Makes Headway On Business Stimulus

by Anne Mitchell

Any business use that's not specifically listed in Sanibel's codes is prohibited from opening on the island – at least without a variance or amendment. That poses difficulties for the city council as it works on ways to stimulate the island's commercial districts and encourage owners to upgrade and renovate.

For example, someone wanting to offer ballet classes was deterred because of the high cost of the five- to six-month application process cost – up to $7,000 – because such a use is not listed.

The council held a workshop Tuesday to devote time to its ongoing commercial redevelopment overhaul. They began by looking at five topics: permitted uses, nonconforming structures and uses, on-site parking requirements, interconnectivity between commercial areas and setbacks.

Prior to 1985 permitted uses in the commercial districts were listed as part of the land use plan. If a use was not listed, the planning commission could approve the use if it was found to be similar in character, size, intensity and impact to those listed.

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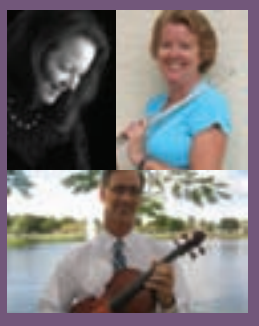

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On Sunday, June 2, come to Post 123 and attend a benefit for Melissa Godfrey, who was diagnosed with acute leukemia.

Nine-ball pool tournaments continue every Monday night throughout the summer. Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are welcome but must be Legion members.

Every Friday, Post 123 serves a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich all day. Check out the daily specials and the entire menu. The half-pound burgers are a local favorite. Food is served all day, every day. The public is welcome.

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City of Sanibel Enhances Lightning Prediction System At Island's Parks

In an effort to enhance the current Lightning Prediction System at Sanibel parks, audible horns were added to the system at two locations: Community Park, located at 2231 Periwinkle Way, and the Ball Field Complex, located at 3840 Sanibel Captiva Road.

The system will now have two warning mechanisms as a storm is approaching – a visual warning (orange flashing strobes) and an audible warning (horn will sound once for 15 seconds for "red alert" and will sound three times for five seconds for "all clear"). The system will be operational from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Prior to the additional installation of the horns, city staff worked with JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge staff as well as the director of the City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department to observe wildlife during system tests and there were no noted effects or disruptions on wildlife.

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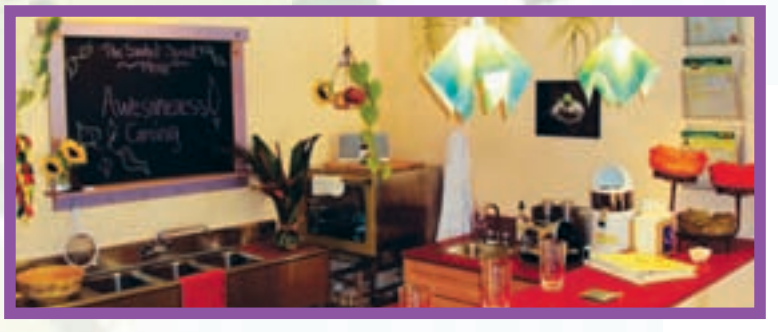

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A new planning effort for the island is just getting under way. Look for announcements about public input meetings in the fall. Information at www.captivacommunitypanel.com

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Center 4 Life Programs

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome.

Island Seniors, Inc. members may attend fitness classes held at the Center 4 Life, 2401 Library Way, by presenting a coupon. Booklets of 12 coupons can be purchased at the center; cost is $42, or buy three coupons for $10.50. Cash or checks to the City of Sanibel are accepted. Members of the City of Sanibel Recreation Center must show their membership cards to attend.

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.

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 – June 4 and 18, 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: (All game times changed to 12:30 p.m.)

Bridge – 12:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

Hand & Foot – 12:30 p.m. Tuesday

Mahjongg – 12:30 p.m. Thursday

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

Watercolor with Bea Pappas – Fridays, 12:30 to 3 p.m. beginning June 7. If you have some painting experience and would like to work from a still life or photo, this class is for you. Cost is $20 per session for members and $25 for non-members.

Page Turners with Ann Rodman – Wednesday, June 12, 2 p.m. Book discussion on *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith.

Computer Classes

Picasa with Patty – June 25 and 26 at 1 p.m. Still have all those photos on your PC or in the camera? It's time to get some printed out or shared in a slideshow. Four hours of your time and you can start getting those treasured memories organized. Class size limited to six. Cost is $60 for members, $90 for non-members, due at signup. Bring your camera, cable, memory card, card reader and 10 to 12 photos. Samples photos will also be available.

Leisure Lunchers Thrift & Consignment Connoisseurs – Wednesday, June 19. Carpooling from the center at 9:30 a.m. to Naples for the yearly visit to Options with dining at The Loving Hut. Check the sign-up sheets in the kitchen for restaurants and thrift or consignment stores.

Circumnavigating Sanibel & Captiva Dolphins – Board the *Sanibel Thriller* on Tuesday, June 4. Board at noon, hear history and see the dolphins. Tickets are $25 for members; $45 for non-members. Launch by Grandma Dot's. Reservation and payment due by May 31.

Mystery Dinner Train – Sunday, June 9, *Devils on the Diamond*. Satan, Lola, the wife and the manager must solve the murder of a ballplayer in this tribute to a Broadway classic and American pastime. The train departs from the Colonial Station depot at 2805 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. You must be at the station at 5 p.m. The train departs at 5:30 p.m.

Join the fun and try to unravel a comical mystery. You to decide who the killer is and why they would do such a dastardly deed. Write down the clues you discover. Clue sheets will be collected before the final act. You will learn why the perfect murder can't be pulled off… or can it? A prize will be awarded in each dining car. Members are $45; non-members are $72. Cost includes a five-course dinner, show and train ride. There will be

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FISH Highlights Success Of The VITA Tax Program

FISH of Sanibel, Inc. is excited to show how another of its client programs, supported by our generous community, has been helping our neighbors on the islands.

The Voluntary Income Tax (VITA) program is a United Way partner agency which offers services at the FISH of Sanibel United Way House. This program provides free tax preparation assistance to individuals and families whose total annual income is $50,000 or less in the previous tax year.

Since VITA's inception at FISH four tax seasons ago, the VITA program has grown from a one day a year offering to four days a year during this past tax season. Assistance is provided by individuals trained by the VITA program, and the services that are provided are at no cost to the recipient.

This tax season, 42 tax returns were completed by the VITA-trained personnel at the FISH Walk-In Center, benefiting individuals and families with no cost tax return preparation assistance and helping them achieve significant refunds. The FISH–VITA partnership has had a significant financial impact on these families.

Jim and Kathryn, along with their three children, moved to Sanibel last spring after Jim was laid off from his long term position in Georgia, and the family

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Islanders Gari Lewis and Alice Gouge, with Rev. Ellen Sloan, practice for the liturgical dance in honor of Bishop Howe's visit

Liturgical Dance At St. Michael's

Bishop Howe will be at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church for the Sunday, May 26 service at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join in for worship, refreshments and fellowship. The bishop and his wife will be at St. Michael's for the whole weekend.

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church is at 2304 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 472-2173 or visit www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org.☆

Tarpon Tourney Reels In $40,000 For Conservation

The second annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament held on May 4 netted $40,000 from tournament sponsorships to benefit the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

"One hundred percent of the anglers' registration fees goes to the awards purse," said tournament organizer Birgie Vertesch, executive director of "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). "That's why our sponsorship partners are so dear to us. They pay the costs for putting on the tourney and the charity proceeds."

DDWS hosted the tournament along with Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille of Sanibel Island, Fort Myers Beach and soon-to-be Captiva Island. Tournament social events took place at the Fort Myers Beach location.

DDWS has also announced the dates for next year's tournament, which will start on Friday, May 2, 2014, with the captain's pre-party and continue on Saturday, May 3, with the "catch, release and care" tournament and Silver King for "Ding" After-Party.

The public will again be invited to purchase advance tickets to the After-Party, which includes an awards ceremony,

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Business Stimulus

dropped the language allowing the planning commission to approve uses not listed. In today's marketplace, businesses that were not envisioned back when the codes were written may now be needed or wanted in the community.

Planning Director Jim Jordan said he would like "to be able to entertain uses that are similar (in type and intensity) to those that are already permitted," as in the case of ballet classes. Other overtures for non-permitted uses that have been abandoned include a doggy dare care and a micro-brewery.

Commercial redevelopment is a challenge, because there are major issues at play, such as many older structures being nonconforming under current codes, and some hampered by setback rules. Changes to those codes are expected to be highly controversial.

However, as the council worked through the five topics, it was clear that the members wanted to streamline the application process, lower the cost and get the changes in place in the next few months. It was also clear that they did not want to give carte blanche for all uses, some of which would require public hearings.

Councilman Mick Denham noted that, for instance, he would want to have hearings on such uses as a marine repair facility or a micro-brewery.

Council also concurred on "grandfathering in" the seven non-conforming uses so they will be allowed to make improvements without having to comply with current rules. They are:

- 6460 Sanibel-Captiva Road (The Mad Hatter)
- 2761 West Gulf Drive (The Sandbar)
- 2807 West Gulf Drive (John Gee Realty)
- 1177 Causeway Boulevard (Formerly VIP Realty)
- 2133 Periwinkle Way (Realty Title Services and Jerrold Stern, Attorney)
- 2000 Periwinkle Way (VIP Realty)
- 959 Periwinkle Way (Royal Shell)

Council also considered parking space requirements, acknowledging spaces may not need to be as big as cars are smaller these days. They also sought ways to encourage connectivity between commercial centers.

Denham said he'd like council to take a wider view of connectivity, citing the fact that there's no easy way to walk from Bailey's General Store to Palm Ridge Road and that perhaps the city should acquire land for such purposes.

"Bravo!" said resident Larry Schopp, noting that council had laid to rest his biggest concern, that they would do something "that would unalterably change the character of Sanibel."

The next step is for council "to get a clearer vision," said Mayor Kevin Ruane. He urged swift action. "Do what you can do to get it to us," he directed City Manager Judie Zimomra. The topic will be on council's June 4 meeting.☆

City Identifies Land Potential For 'Civic Core'

by Anne Mitchell

A survey of land in and around the city hall complex – carried out to gauge the potential for creating a core civic area encompassing BIG ARTS, the library, farmer's market and historical village – has determined that there's the potential for some 30 acres of developable land.

The city's public works department would have to be moved to accomplish this and would need four to five acres, said Henry Woodroffe, the Tampa-based consultant who did the study.

"Obviously there are issues of who owns what," he told the city council at a workshop on Tuesday, but added, "There is some wonderful potential."

Mayor Kevin Ruane said, "It's exciting to see the list of what the possibilities are. I am intrigued as we begin to peel this back…"

The cooperation of the various organizations in the area are crucial to any plan, but they appear to be in agreement. Mayor Kevin Ruane and Councilman Mick Denham have met with those and other organizations.

Ralph Clark, vice president of BIG ARTS, said, "We are very excited about it… very excited about working with other organizations and doing some sharing. Our board is unanimously in support of the project."

The Community House, on the south side of Periwinkle Way, may be moved as part of the plan, though it is in the very early stages. Council members have said they want to avoid the safety issues and congestion of having people cross Periwinkle.

Richard Johnson, SCA spokesman, told council, "We are prepared to discuss anything. We very much appreciate the city taking on this leadership effort. "I endorse your sense of urgency," he added.

Center 4 Life, currently on Library Way and in need of major renovation and expansion, is also being considered for relocation to the civic core.

In the report, Woodroffe identified wetlands, gopher protection and drainage areas and other elements of the area north of Periwinkle stretching from east of Dunlop Road to just beyond the historical museum and village to the west.

The project is not budgeted and will need council approval before going much further. It will be on the council's June 4 agenda for further discussion and clarification.☆

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SCCF Slash Pine Project

Mackenzie Orsino and Richard Finkel add soil around a newly-planted slash pine
photos by Jeff Lysiak

Livia Von Wowern and Kayla Nette plant a slash pine

were taken to SCCF's Pick Preserve – located across the street from The Sanibel School – to observe, study and research trees in their native tree habitat, which complemented classroom work, which included research projects and creative writing exercises on their own slash pine tree, as well as the native trees they observed along SCCF's Pick Preserve Nature Trail.

"This is a wonderful project that Richard does with the kids," said third grade teacher Annie Franke. "He takes them over to the Pick Preserve and teaches them all about these trees. It's a fantastic project that the kids learned from all year long."

On May 20, third graders from both Franke's and Emily Wells' classes were divided into two teams. Each team was sent out behind the school, where the students – each of whom had their own slash pine identified by name – learned how to remove the tree from its pot, place it in a pre-dug hole, surround it with soil and pack it securely. Finkel would return later to water the newly-planted trees.

One by one, the students took their own trees, and then assisted their friends in planting the slash pines around the gated skate park adjacent to the recently-dedicated playground area, located between the school and Sanibel Recreation Center.

In recent years, students have planted slash pines in the parking area of the school during Arbor Day ceremonies.

SCCF is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed through: environmental education, land acquisition, marine research, natural resource policy, native plant nursery, sea turtle conservation and wildlife habitat management. Donations are greatly appreciated to help support these educational programs SCCF provides.

For more information, visit www.sccf.org.

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Silver Star Recipient

Brown is the 42nd United States Marine to receive the Silver Star for heroic actions in Afghanistan.

Brown and his mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, visited Southwest Florida for five days in April thanks to Captain John "GiddyUp" Bunch's non-profit organization, Operation Open Arms. During their stay on the islands, Brown and Braden-Reed went fishing, took part in the Marching Mullet Parade on Captiva and a fish fry at American Legion Post 123 on Sanibel.

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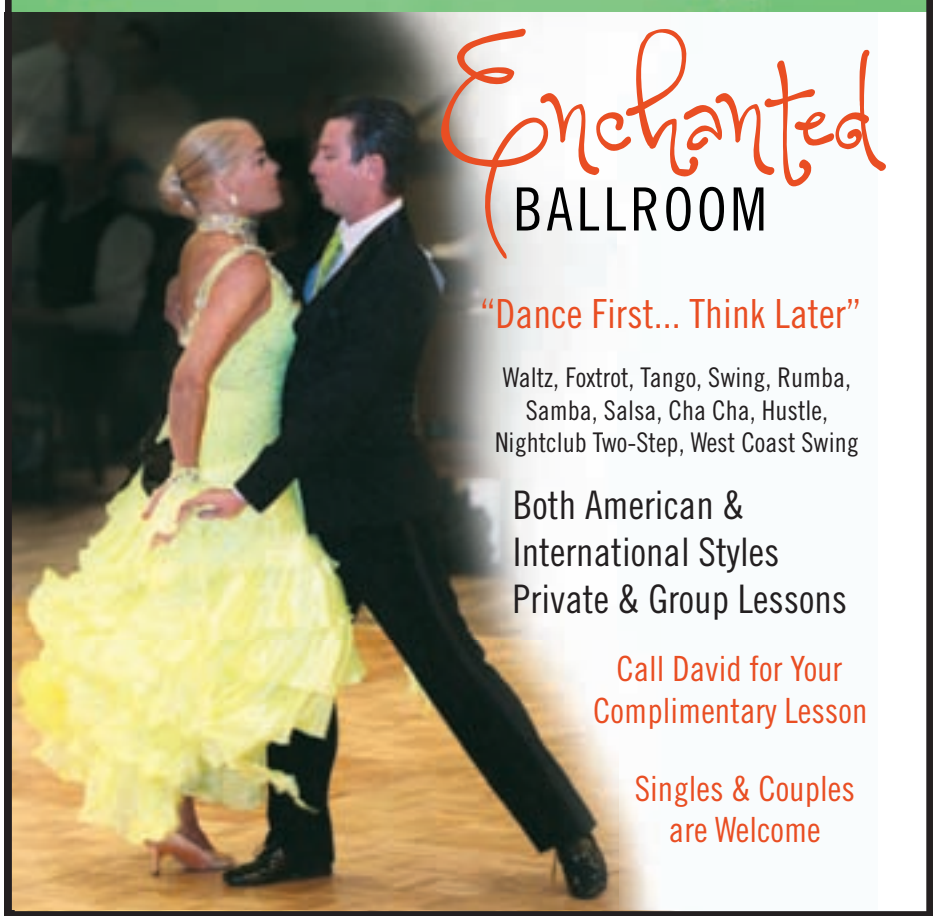

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James O'Bryan assists a customer at Bank of the Islands

Spotlight On CHR

James O'Bryan lives a few blocks away from Bank of the Islands and now has an easy commute, riding his bicycle to work.

O'Bryan had vacationed here with his grandparents since 1998 and liked it so well, he answered an ad for a part-time position as projectionist for the Island Cinema. He was hired, moved to Sanibel from the Detroit area in January 2012 and qualified for CHR's affordable housing that October.

The staff at Bank of the Islands got to know O'Bryan and offered him a part-time job as a teller in November 2012. He then found himself balancing two jobs until the bank promoted him to his current position as full-time teller, with training as a customer service representative.

One of O'Bryan's accomplishments on Sanibel was coordinating the December 2012 benefit at Island Cinema for the Betty Allen Ovarian Cancer Foundation, which featured the premiere of Rusty Farst's documentary about artist Stella Farwell's *Journey to the Poles*.

Bank of the Islands Vice President/ Office Manager Rob Lisenbee has taken O'Bryan under his wing and is grateful

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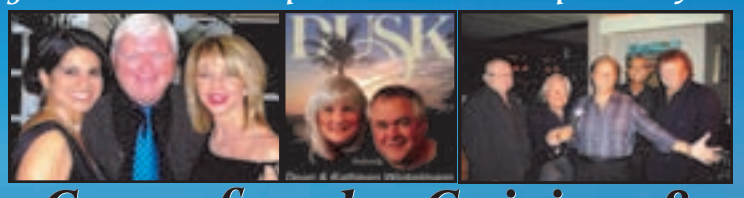

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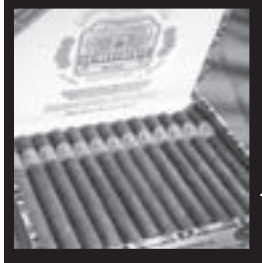

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OBITUARY

RABBI SELWYN G. GELLER

It is with great sadness that Bat Yam Temple of the Islands announces the death of Rabbi Selwyn G. Geller. Rabbi Geller was semi-retired and accepted a position in the fall of 2010 to lead Temple Bat Yam. He made a major move from New Jersey in 2010 to resettle in Sanibel with his ailing wife in order to become part of the community. He served Bat Yam until his sudden death on May 15, 2013 in Tom's River, New Jersey where he had returned to sell his home there.

An honors graduate of Brooklyn College, Georgetown University and a university fellow at Princeton, where he received a second master's degree, he pursued additional studies at the Air Command and Staff College and the National War College. He taught politics at Princeton and political science at the University of Tennessee. Rabbi Geller had been ordained at Mesivtah Torah Vodaath in Brooklyn and served as air force chaplain during the Korean War, reaching the rank of colonel. He was the first and only Jewish chaplain to head a division of the chaplain service at the National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, DC where he was responsible for religious education for air force personnel and their dependents. He also taught American government at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He coordinated the National Catholic Bishops' pastoral with the chief of the air staff's office. His experience there was the subject of the last book he was writing at the time of his death. He retired from the air force in 1992.

Rabbi Geller served Temple Beth Shalom in Tom's River, New Jersey for 14 years and part time as the rabbi for Temple Covenant of Peace in Easton, Pennsylvania before coming to Bat Yam.

Rabbi Geller and his wife, Eva, were married for 52 years and he adored her throughout the decades. The last several years, he spent enormous amounts of time and devotion to her while she remained in a steady decline with Alzheimer's disease.

Rabbi Geller touched the lives of many in positive ways. Former students and congregants speak of his superior academic and rabbinic skills, of his superior intellect, honor and unwavering integrity. He was thought to be a gentle and caring man who was respected and loved by many. He leaves one daughter, Robin Daysy; son-in law, Gad; grandson,15 year-old Gal; and 10-year-old granddaughter, Mika, who reside in Ra-anana, a suburb of Tel Aviv, Israel, and one brother, Rabbi Myron Geller of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Rabbi Geller will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be announced. The family requests that any donations in his memory be made to the charity of one's choice with acknowledgment to: Rabbi Myron Geller, 6 Ledge Road, Gloucester, MA, 01930. Temple Bat Yam will have a memorial service at a date to be announced.☆

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OBITUARY

DOROTHY M. COOPER

Dorothy M. Cooper of Sanibel Island passed away on May 19, 2013. She was born in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to Miami, Florida in 1953. She retired to Sanibel following a career with Bell South Phone Company.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond J. Cooper; brothers, Charles and Daniel McGlinchey and sisters, Catherine O'Neil and Helen McLaughlin. Mrs. Cooper is survived by her two children, Kelley Reyff and husband Howard, Kerry Cooper and his wife Carolyn and grandchildren Samantha and Gabrielle; sisters, Mary Murnane and Margaret Flynn; brothers, John, James, Richard and William McGlinchey.

An avid volunteer, Dorothy devoted much of her time volunteering as a Baby Cuddler at the Health Park Birthing Center in Fort Myers as well as a Eucharistic Minister at ManorCare for Blessed Pope John XXIII.

A Celebration Mass was held on May 23 at Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church in Fort Myers. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 300, Chamberlain, SD 57325.

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OBITUARY

MANFRED HEINZ STROBEL

Manfred Heinz Strobel, 74, of Presque Isle, Michigan and Sanibel, formerly of West Bloomfield, Michigan, passed away on May 17, 2013. He was born on October 5, 1938 in Germany. Loving husband of 49 years to Ellen (McDonald), cherished father to Petra (Andy) Martlock and Marga (Dr. James) Decker. Proud grandfather of Zach, Mallory, Brianna, Owen, Jimmy, Karlin and Audrey.

He retired from Chrysler Corporation after 36 years of employment. His last position held was Manager of Photographic Services.

Private burial to take place at Presque Isle Township Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to Sanibel Historical Museum and Village (www.sanibelmuseum.org) or Presque Isle Township Museum Society (presqueislelighthouses.org). Online condolences may be shared at www.mcwilliamsfh.com.✲

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Center 4 Life

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

There seems to be a strange feeling of economic optimism in the air right now. Here in Lee County, tourism figures have been outstanding. The county's economic development office recently announced an impressive incentive package to lure Hertz Corporation National Headquarters to relocate to Lee County and the real estate market has seen an increase in sales.

Jeff Tumbarello

Our recent Rotary guest speaker was Jeff Tumbarello, director of the Southwest Florida REIA (Real Estate Investment Association). The association gathers information on real estate transactions in Lee County and provides networking and educational training for individuals who are interested in real estate investing in the county. Tumbarello presented some facts that indicate our real estate market has recovered partially from the free-fall market of 2008/2009. Foreclosures are moving, inventory is lowering and the economy is resetting. Lower cost housing moved first, higher end continues to sell but slower than previously, and mid-range properties are now seeing an upturn from local buyers now ready to move up. Commercial property is still in a somewhat stall position.

Tumbarello said, "Cash transactions are the norm here in Southwest Florida." I believe he stated that 67 percent of all real estate transactions are paid in cash here in Lee County. That is the marker of a stable real estate market and has a steadying effect on stabilizing our county's economy.

Now that Hertz is moving in, Tumbarello said, "We will see money in motion." This money will bring a sea of change in investment opportunities whether in the construction phase of the Hertz headquarters or in developing properties for housing or commercial entities to support this influx of employees and their families in both Lee and Collier counties.

The forecasted second wave of foreclosures has not materialized to a great extent. Banks have been able to sell some of these properties to renters and in these cases everyone wins. The market has seen a slight increase in property values. Properties are being bought by both retirees and investors. Retirees from the north are still coming to Florida for the sun and surf. We now see investors coming from the states and Canada, but not so much from Europe and Asia, as in the past.

The most current census indicates there are strong numbers reflecting a younger demographic in Lee County. Job development will bring them here and help them stay. We need a diverse population of both young and old to make our county strong. Full time jobs in varied business sectors build stability in a region. The Hertz deal will provide a showcase to other large companies across the nation that Lee County is a good place to do business.

Are there opportunities for investment in Lee County? Tumbarello believes that Lehigh holds some potential for investment. You can now find lots in Lehigh selling for as little as $1,500 an acre with a potential of only going up. Watch Estero, Bonita, and even Naples to strengthen now that Hertz is moving in.

Real estate investments may still be a little risky so do your homework. Tumbarello and REIA follow the trends in this market, study and follow the money to gather information pertinent to investment in this sector of the economy. If you would like to discuss this type of investment with Tumbarello, you can contact him on Facebook or just go to Google and see what pops up about REIA.

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

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CHR Spotlight

that his new employee lives on Sanibel. "We are happy to support an organization such as CHR and the workers they provide for our community," said Lisenbee. "It is encouraging to know that their efforts make it feasible for our employees to work and live on the island."

CHR (Community Housing & Resources) 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 10 rental complexes plus 14 limited equity ownership homes throughout Sanibel, thus facilitating local workforce for island businesses and ensuring economic diversity in our community.

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

James O'Bryan (second from left) with producer Rusty Farst; Sharie Allen Kearns, founder of the Betty Allen Ovarian Cancer Foundation; and artist Stella Farwell
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Bird's Eye View

Microorganisms, Mosquitoes And Humans

by Mark 'Bird' Westall

I have finally come to the last group of creatures that the media tells us are the most dangerous to humans. And to be honest with you, I was a little bit surprised when I saw who the culprit was. Maybe this surprised me so much because the United States had already done such a good job of controlling these dangerous creatures before I was born that their threat did not seem that severe. The most dangerous threat to the human species – according to the media – is mosquitoes. They are accused of killing between 2 to 3 million people a year!

Think about it. When you go through the list of all those animals I've been writing about for the past two months – such as bears, sharks, lions and tigers, crocodilians, scorpions and especially snakes – think of the powerful feelings of potential danger and fear they instill in us. But in reality, it is a delicate little insect – one that we can easily crush with a simple slap of our hand – that is responsible for killing millions of us every year in the world. And I would be willing to bet that when you see a mosquito buzzing around your head, you may think nothing about squishing it... but I doubt if it sends a cold chill up the back of your neck.

And, of course, it is not really the mosquito that will kill us. It is the microorganism that is only using the mosquito to perpetuate its own lifecycle. Microorganisms, as represented by infectious diseases, are the BIG killers of humanity. But they are such small, invisible killers that it has been difficult for natural selection to put pressure on our gene pool to help us avoid these creatures. If the killer is basically invisible, it is difficult for the human organism to evolve the recognition that that invisible creature is dangerous. Although I tend to use a skeptical eye when the media puts forth another "doomsday" prophecy, I do tend to look at theories about "the coming plague" with concern. On a purely biological level, with over seven billion humans on the planet, and still growing, I can't help but think the microorganisms of the world, if they were capable of conscious thoughts, would be saying to themselves, "Boy, look at all that biomass! Could we feed off of that, or what?"

But as far as mosquitoes are concerned, I will have to take a step back and not be quite so hard on Lee County Mosquito Control District in the future since I have learned that mosquitoes are such big killers of humans. I have always

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CROW Case Of The Week

Peninsula Cooter

by Patricia Molloy

As one of the most common freshwater turtles in Florida, the Peninsula cooter *(Pseudemys peninsularis)* can often be seen near fresh bodies of water like lakes and slow moving streams. These environments provide soft sandy bottoms, ample basking sites and abundant vegetation on which to feed. They will, however, occasionally enter brackish water. While Florida cooters *(Pseudemys floridana)* are found throughout the southeastern coastal plain, the subspecies *peninsularis* is only found in Florida.

Reaching nearly 15 inches in length as adults, the body and shell are darkly colored with bright yellow lines. One of the most interesting facts about these freshwater turtles is that while primarily omnivorous (youngsters have been known to eat some fish and insects), they become more vegetarian with age.

It is a common sight for drivers in Southwest Florida to see a turtle slowly, but determinedly, crossing a road. Be patient. These gentle terrestrial beings have survived on this planet for millions years; a few minutes of your time pales in comparison. If you feel compelled to accelerate its journey and protect it from less attentive drivers, please relocate it in the direction it is traveling. If you return a turtle to its point of entry, it will simply try to cross again once you have driven on your merry way.

A Peninsula cooter was admitted to CROW after being hit by a careless driver. "She came in with a flattened front paw, which we amputated," said Dr. Helen Ingraham, DVM intern. During the amputation surgery, an esophagostomy tube was inserted to that the turtle received sufficient nutrients; Peninsula cooters generally do not eat well in captivity. "We also use the e-tube to flush her with fluids in the mornings and afternoons," Dr. Helen continued. "She's being fed reptomin pellets [a turtle supplement], so she should be receiving plenty of fiber," stated Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director. "She's also being fed plenty of greens," added Dr. Helen.

Dr. Helen warned the staff and students, "She is still to be grazed outside, but if you see the bandage come off, please bring her back inside. A few days ago, her bandage came off within a few minutes of being outside and we had to clean the wound immediately."

The surgical site is healing well after approximately one month at the clinic. Nonetheless, it takes several months for a cold-blooded reptile's wounds to heal. If you would like to sponsor this Peninsula cooter on its long road to recovery, go to CROW's website and donate to patient #0761.

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This Peninsula cooter, patient #0761, underwent surgery on her flattened paw during which time an esophagostomy tube was inserted to ensure she receives plenty of fluids and nutrients

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Biggest Snook Of The Year On My Boat

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Even though we had a terrible week of slow moving day-time tides, action was still great with some very memorable days on the water. Tides were almost non-existent, so to find snook so fired up was really a surprise to me. Most of my week was spent chasing snook and redfish with only a few tarpon trips. Although the redfish bite was not that great, catch-and-release snook fishing action was awesome. While targeting snook, we also caught some very good sized trout.

Tarpon action slowed a little after a front passed through early in the week, bringing strong winds and a few cooler mornings. As things got back to normal and the water cleared up, we had a few slick calm mornings that made locating tarpon easy. In the sound, tarpon were eating well once you found them. Cut baits on the bottom and live crabs fished under a float were the baits of choice for me this week.

While tarpon fishing, we caught the attention of sharks. Blacktips, small bull sharks and bonnetheads could not resist the easy meal of a soaked chunk of fresh mullet. Although sharks have not been my target species, they help pass the time while waiting for that tarpon bite. A few four- to six-foot blacktips almost had us fooled a few times into believing we had a tarpon on. Good numbers of tarpon can be found throughout the sound along with pods moving up and down the beaches.

Fishing with Jim White from Stanford, Florida during his annual business trip to 'Tween Waters Inn this week, we had a great day of catch-and-release snook action. Starting our trip out in the passes, we quickly had the rods bent. Live chumming the edges of the passes, we had snook exploding on live shiners all around the boat. Though most were on the small side, the action was crazy hot. After a few hours of catching snook after snook, we decided to go after a larger linesider or, as Jim put it, a "picture fish."

Jim White from Stanford, Florida with his trophy-size snook, caught and released while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

Our first stop was a deep mangrove key in the sound that had some moving tide. After a few big hits where the fish quickly ran back into the structure and broke us off, I had one more stop in mind. Jim has been a client for six or seven years and has caught lots of slot-sized snook with me, just never a real monster. Moving on to the next stop, I had my fingers crossed that today would be the day.

After anchoring up for 15 minutes on the spot I had been catching good-sized snook all week, our baits were not even touched. Moving down the shoreline on the trolling motor while perched up on the tower, I kept my eyes open for the big snook that have been laid in here all week. Not 50 yards down from the usual spot, there they were.

The group of a dozen-plus big, fat female snook were laid way out from the bank on a sandy drop-off. Staying way off the fish, I came back around and set up the boat as far from them as I could while still able to reach them with a long cast. Throwing our live shiners to the sandy edge, it did not take long. Jim's line just barely twitched as he wound tight and set the hook. Once this fish was hooked, all hell broke loose as the big snook screamed the drag, first running out into the deep water then making the turn back towards the barnacle-crusted mangroves.

Pumping the rod and trying to turn the big fish, Jim just could not gain any line to change the course of the charging snook. I really thought it was all over as the fish made it five feet up under the roots. I raced the boat in at the trees on the trolling motor as Jim kept the rod tip down in the water. As the boat came in close, the fish pushed out from under the trees then right around a mangrove-crusted piling.

Holding the boat against the piling gave us our first look at how big this fish really was. Jim opened the bail of the reel as the line was hung tight around the piling. As the fish felt the line go limp, it relaxed and the line fell off the pilling. The snook made a few more runs, almost making it back around the piling before it wore out. What a fight this fish was and, as always with big snook, you have to get a little lucky to land them.

After carefully bringing the snook in

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

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This native of Florida has rough seed capsules and banana-like leaves

photos by Gerri Reaves

Bandanna-of-the-Everglades grows in moist sunny areas

Plant Smart

Bandanna-Of-The-Everglades

by Gerri Reaves

Bandanna-of-the-Everglades (*Canna flaccida*) grows in the wild in marshes, swamps, ponds, lakes and ditches. A native emersed plant, its thick stalks usually reach about four feet tall.

It is also called golden canna because of the bright yellow flowers that cluster at the top of the stalks. Flowering peaks in spring and summer.

The flowers measure several inches across and typically open late in the day. Their floppy, or flaccid, appearance the next morning explains the term flaccida in the Latin name.

The leaves are thick, succulent and up to six inches wide and two feet long. Lance-shaped or oval, they resemble banana leaves and attach in a spiral along the stems.

New stalks spread via thick underground rhizomes. Nutrients stored in those rhizomes enable the plant to survive drought and cold.

Plant bandanna-of-the-Everglades by a pond or in a boggy area or water garden. Give it full sun for maximum bloom.

Thinning the stalks and removing the seed capsules are optional maintenance.

Propagate it by rhizome division or with the seeds inside the rough-textured three-part capsule.

Hybrids of this showy plant come in a variety of colors.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *National Audubon Society's Field Guide to Florida*, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, plants.ifas.ufl.edu and floridata.com.

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Shells Found

Ryan Nolan, Kimberly Pearsall, Katie Pearsall, Kenneth Pearsall and Mary Pearsall

Katie Pearsall from Moravia New York found alphabet cones on Bowman's Beach while staying at Periwinkle Cottages on May 14.☼

CROW Receives Support From Disney Conservation Fund

CROW has received a $5,000 grant from the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund's Rapid Response Fund for their work with sea birds and sea turtles impacted by red tide. CROW has already cared for 120 animals affected by red tide this year.

In 2012, 439 birds were admitted to CROW with brevetoxicosis, a potentially deadly disorder that occurs after exposure to red tide. The toxins that birds and turtles are exposed to after ingesting or inhaling red tide cause disorientation, stumbling, weakness, depression, and tremors as well as respiratory problems. These issues can disappear with treatment.

Red tide algae blooms occur regularly along the gulf coast releasing toxins that produce serious illness. In 2012, only approximately six continuous weeks were free from the impact of red tide. Serious red tide algae blooms continued into the first three months of 2013. Support from the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund will enable CROW to cover the costs associated with treating such a large number of animals sickened by red tide.

Visit CROW at www.crowclinic.org.☼

SCCF Sea Turtle Nesting Statistics

First nest of 2013 on Sanibel's east end

Nesting activity has started to pick up. Below is where it stands as of May 17, as well as the previous two years for comparison.

As of 5/17/2013:
Sanibel East – 1 nest, 3 false crawls
Sanibel West – 6 nests, 19 false crawls
Captiva – 4 nests, 3 false crawls

As of 5/17/2012:
Sanibel East – 3 nests, 7 false crawls
Sanibel West – 28 nests, 49 false crawls
Captiva – 17 nests, 12 false crawls

As of 5/17/2011:
Sanibel East – 1 nest, 6 false crawls
Sanibel West – 15 nests, 23 false crawls
Captiva – 9 nests, 0 false crawls
*False crawl = a failed nesting attempt

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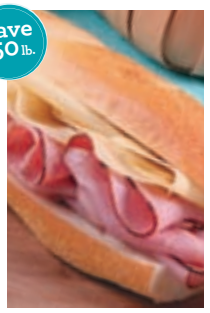

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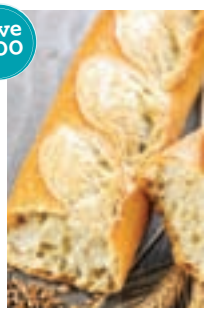

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Find Your Treasure

Fulbright Fellowship Awarded

submitted by Michael Saenz

Sanibel Island resident Peter Blaze Corcoran will be contributing to environmental education in Africa as a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi next year through the prestigious Fulbright Scholar Program. A professor of environmental studies and environmental education and director of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University, Corcoran will join the distinguished company of past American scholars to have received the highly-competitive award.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 through legislation introduced by Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Administered by the United States Department of State, it represents the flagship international exchange program of the U.S. government and is made possible primarily through annual funds appropriated by Congress.

For many, a Fulbright award represents the ability to turn dreams into reality and gives both students and educators the rare opportunity to travel abroad to work on a research project of their choosing. Corcoran's Fulbright will bring him to Kenya to advance the legacy of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Muta Maathai through his work at the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies. In addition to educational lectures and seminars on sustainability in higher education, Corcoran's scholarly contributions over his 10-month residency will include research and curriculum development with the ultimate goal of developing a comprehensive educational program for the institute. Corcoran's scholarship will give him an opportunity to continue Maathai's work while also establishing an invaluable foundation for international collaboration between FGCU and African universities in the future.

The late Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and founder of the Green Belt Movement Wangari Maathai

Center director Peter Blaze Corcoran with Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai, center director Peter Blaze Corcoran, and center board of advisors member Akpezi Ogbuigwe preparing for a speech at a United Nations Environment Program meeting in 2009

Corcoran will work with the United Nations Environment Programme to develop an informal, international and intergenerational research network to strengthen sustainability in higher education. The network will promote research on scholarly centers in institutionalizing strong sustainability in higher education as well as encourage intergenerational collaboration with students and young scholars.

Maathai was not only a friend to Corcoran, but also a colleague who graciously agreed to serve as the center's distinguished international advisor and guided the center on its strategic planning process shortly before her passing in 2011. "The award is a great honor but also a privilege and an opportunity to advance Wangari Maathai's legacy," said Corcoran. The news comes as an honor not only for Corcoran but also for Florida Gulf Coast University as a whole.

For more information about the work of the center, please contact Corcoran by phone at 590-7166, via email at cese@fgcu.edu, or by visiting the center's website at www.fgcu.edu/cese.

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Bird's Eye View

said that I was not anti-mosquito control out here on Sanibel and I had no desire to go back to the time, when you couldn't look out the screened-in window because you couldn't see through all the mosquitoes. I have also come to respect the District for their professionalism and science-oriented work. I just didn't (and still don't) like the idea that our society is so willing to poison the environment so intensively merely so the tourists could wear their bathing suits on the beach in the summer and not be carried away by the bugs.

Years ago, George Campbell, took me to a private meeting with a representative of the EPA who came down from Washington, DC to specifically discuss his complaint that the label on containers of fenthion (a chemical Mosquito Control used to kill adult mosquitoes) stated clearly that fenthion was "NOT to be sprayed over open water" and the label was "enforceable." George showed the EPA guy aerial photographs of the mangrove islands and forests of Pine Island Sound and all the open waterways within the system. He then asked, "If the label says, 'No spraying over open water,' how is it legal for Mosquito Control to use fenthion in a mangrove forest?" The immediate response was, "As long as it is the "intent" of the pilot for the chemical to land in the trees and not on the waterways, the spraying is legal; you can't help "wind drift." Having grown up in a relatively mosquito-free environment in Indiana and being educated in college about the dangers of chemicals such as DDT, I couldn't believe the EPA was defending Mosquito Control's use of fenthion. Why were we so scared of mosquitoes? I have mentioned before while writing this column, that I got a lot of good information out of Stephen E. Ambrose's book, *Undaunted Courage*, that was about the Lewis and Clark exploration of the Louisiana Purchase. Having been born and raised in the Midwest, I was fascinated when Ambrose stated that during Lewis and Clark's time in the early 1800s, they didn't understand diseases like we do today, but it was just assumed that if you lived west of the Appalachian Mountains, you had malaria! Now, who would ever think about getting malaria in Indiana? Well, back in the 1800s, it was a real threat!

Maybe the reason that seems so absurd of an idea is because all those farmers did such a good job of draining all those wetlands when the country was first being settled. Ambrose helped me understand why mosquito control and wetlands drainage programs were able to gain so much political power in this country. There was a time when wetland areas and mosquitoes could kill you.

As an environmentalist, what it really comes down to is "balance." My whole thrust behind writing these articles about the reality of the dangers the natural world presents to us and how the media constantly over-exaggerates that threat is to, once again, stress that for many humans, truly "co-existing with the environment" has to be a conscious, intellectual decision. And that sometimes means learning how to live even with the "scary" things.

If this world is to survive, it will only be by using our intelligence to find ways that allows us to live comfortable, peaceful lives and still makes room for the "natural world" around us to continue providing us that all-important "diversity of life." It is possible to have both!

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

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John Vessels as Lillian Baxter

John Vessels

Local Favorite Appearing In Two Musical Shows At Strauss Theater

BIG ARTS will be presenting two musical shows featuring local favorite John Vessels June 11 through 16 at Herb Strauss Theater. These original shows, *The Lillian Baxter Show* and *An Evening with John Vessels,* are filled with songs delivered by this accomplished singer who has performed in several national musical productions.

Join washed-up TV variety show hostess Lillian Baxter (played by Vessels) and her third – and favorite – ex-husband Corky Weinstopper (played by Jay Schwandt) as she tells the stories of her long, arduous climb to the middle. This new comedy boasts hit after hit after hit with tunes like *Little Girl from Little Rock, Born to Entertain, The Boy from Ipanema* and a string of songs from the Great American Songbook ranging from her early days in Hollywood right up to the night of Lillian's big concert in 1972. The show covers popular hits by Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Cy Coleman, Burt Bacharach, Michel Legrand and Steven Sondheim. Show time is 8 p.m. June 11 through 13.

Vessels also plays his most challenging role ever – himself – in *An Evening with John Vessels*. He'll sing favorites by Irving Berlin such as *Let Me Sing and I'm Happy* and *I Love a Piano* as well as Rodgers and Hart's *Johnny One Note*. Vessels will also perform his one-man *Wizard of Oz*. Pianist, arranger and composer Jay Schwandt will accompany Vessels. Show time is 8 p.m., June 14 through 16.

Tickets for both shows are now on sale at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, the Herb Strauss Theater, 2244 Periwinkle Way, or by calling 472-6862. Adults are $42, children ages 17 and under are $20.

2013 Festival Of Dance To Open This Sunday

Dance Bochette and Gulfcoast Dance present the Festival of Dance on Sunday, May 26 at Bishop Verot's Anderson Theater. One of the area's oldest family-owned dance studios, Dance Bochette is celebrating its 63rd season. The festival will showcase dancers spanning a large range of ages and genres including ballet, tap, jazz and modern.

Young dancers will celebrate nature through a series of ballet dances built on a picnic theme, including dancing fireflies, bumblebees, flowers, wood sprites and children as picnickers. Pre-teen and adult dancers will showcase a new interpretation of Igor Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, inspired by Michel Fokine's original choreography for the *Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo*.

The show will include professional dancers, courtesy of Gulfcoast Dance, a local non-profit dedicated to furthering dance education, awareness and appreciation. Special guests André Valladon and Carla Amancio of Dance Alive National Ballet will perform the classic *Grand Pas de Deux* from *Don Quixote*, choreographed by Marius Petipa with music by Léon Minkus, and a contemporary ballet *Folia*, choreographed by Cristina Helena with music by Heitor Villa-Lobos. Dance Alive National Ballet consists of 15 full-time professional dancers and is based in Gainesville.

Tickets are $12 each and available at the door or for pre-purchase at the studio. The box office will open at 2 p.m. and the show begins at 3 p.m. Bishop Verot's Anderson Theater is located at 5598 Sunrise Drive in Fort Myers.

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Photography, Painting And Dancing Planned For Summer Arts Campers

Dance class at BIG ARTS Summer Arts Camp in 2012

Summer Arts Camp at BIG ARTS is an excellent way for children to get creative and keep engaged during the summer break from school. Camp runs weekly Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 3 through July 26.

This year's activities include acrylic painting, ceramics, dance, photography, puppetry, improvisational acting, music appreciation, film editing, folk art and general arts and crafts.

Tuition for campers entering grades K through 5 in the fall is $130 per week. If attending three or more weeks, the cost is reduced to $115 per week.

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

Campers learn musical notes using Boomwhackers at BIG ARTS Summer Arts Camp in 2012

In observance of Independence Day, there is no camp on Thursday, July 4. Tuition is adjusted during this fifth week of camp to reflect the four-day session.

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

BIG ARTS Summer Arts Camp Sponsor Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Foundation, L.A.T. Foundation, and Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank.

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

Zachary Costa and Lisa Gould paint

Foundation Catches Exotic Fish As Part Of New Study

Dr. Rick Bartleson, research scientist for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Marine Lab, uses a cast net to catch exotic fish species in one of the lakes within The Dunes subdivision photos by Jeff Lysiak

by Jeff Lysiak

A new study currently being conducted by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) is looking into two aquatic invasive species of fish found on Sanibel – the Mayan cichlid and the blue tilapia – which may be disruptive to the natural balance of the island's ecosystem.

As part of the study, SCCF Marine Lab scientists and interns are collecting samples of both exotic fish species from lakes located within The Dunes subdivision. On the morning of May 15, seven team members fished for several hours and caught dozens of Mayan cichlids and blue tilapia, along with several other fish species.

"We caught some bluegills and a few red ears, which are both native species," said Dr. Rick Bartleson, research scientist with the SCCF Marine Lab. "Actually, that's a good sign that we've got a clean lake here. I didn't know that we had (bluegills) in here."

According to MaryKate Swenarton, an intern working with SCCF's Marine Lab, the Mayan cichlid *(Cichlasoma urophthalmus)* is native to Central America and has been repeatedly released by aquarium owners throughout Florida. This species has been found in the Everglades, freshwater habitats throughout south Florida, and in Charlotte Harbor.

The blue tilapia *(Oreochromis aureus)* is native to inland waters in Africa and was introduced in Florida back in the 1960s for aquaculture and as a biological control

The Mayan cichlid, a native of Central America, was introduced to Florida through aquarium owners

for aquatic weeds. Since then, it has spread throughout freshwater habitats in south Florida and has been found in estuarine and brackish waters in the Caloosahatchee and Matlacha Pass.

Both of these invasive species, although they prefer freshwater, can survive at estuarine salinities, but it is unclear whether they are reproducing and how long they can survive in the estuary.

Swernaton's report led to the marine lab's study.

"It's a little bit salty in here, so I'm a little bit surprised to see the bluegills in here," added Dr. Bartleson, who demonstrated his cast-netting skills. "Over the next couple of days, the salinity level is going to rise, too."

Across the lake, research associate Mark Thompson was catching his share of invasives. He opened up a bucket to reveal seven Mayan cichlids.

"We really need to be catching thousands of them, not just because they're a non-native, but because their populations are out of control," said Thompson. "Down in the Everglades, Mayan cichlids are causing natural habitat degradation. And people are seeing them out in Tarpon Bay. I know we're not going to be able to control them just by doing this, but it has to start somewhere."

Invasive species can disrupt the local ecosystem by competing with native species for food, habitat, water and other resources, predating on native species, or spreading diseases and parasites.

"We caught a few decent-sized tilapia and a couple of Mayan cichlids," said Toby Clark, a SCCF intern, who seemed eager to get back into his boat and attempt to catch more fish before the morning turned into midday.

The Dunes' Homeowners Association provided SCCF's Marine Lab with a grant to conduct this research project.

SCCF Marine Lab research participants, from left, Toby Clark, Jeff Siwicke, Mark Thompson, AJ Martignette, Wade Brenner and MaryKate Swenarton

Mark Thompson retrieves a Mayan cichlid from his cast net

Dr. Rick Bartleson prepares to cast his net

Shell Point Spring Academy Class

Professor Adrian Kerr will speak as part of the Spring Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point on Tuesday, May 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room of The Woodlands at Shell Point Retirement Community.

Kerr will discuss the 119-mile-long Suez Canal, which connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea; St. Catherine's Monastery, the oldest monastery in the world; and Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

Tickets for the class are $10 and can be purchased by calling 489-8472.

"We are delighted to welcome Professor Adrian Kerr back to The Academy," said Teri Kollath, manager of volunteer services and The Academy at Shell Point. "He has a wonderful way of making history come alive for us in his informative and interesting presentations."

Kerr is the author of *Ancient Egypt and Us*, a review of 3,000 years of history that focuses on how modern religion, literature, art, architecture, medicine, cosmetics, warfare, peace treaties, mathematics, government, women's empowerment and science all have their roots in ancient Egypt.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point is an educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. The academy provides approximately 80 classes each semester that encompass a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults. The academy was named as one of 2008's most innovative active aging programs by the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), an association that supports professionals who develop wellness/fitness facilities and services for age 50-plus adults.

Shell Point Retirement Community is located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.

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. 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.

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Tax Program

lost their home to foreclosure. Jim's brother helped him find a job working in maintenance on the island and the family settled into a two bedroom rental. Kathryn soon found employment in a local shop, but the family continued to struggle financially. A neighbor told them about FISH and the services available to assist island residents. After meeting with a social worker, completing the intake process and meeting certain criteria, FISH was able to assist the family with food from the pantry, the backpack program for the children, and referrals to resources in the Lee County area.

The couple also utilized the services of the VITA program, and with the help of a professionally trained tax preparer, completed their 2012 income tax forms electronically. As a result, the family received a $4,835 refund, which they used to pay down debt. They expressed immense gratitude for the program and the difference it has made in their lives. Because of the assistance FISH provides through its programs, Jim and Kathryn have a greater sense of stability.

The VITA tax program is one many workshops and services that FISH provides to its clients, through collaboration with other United Way partner agencies, and Captiva islanders who would like to take part.

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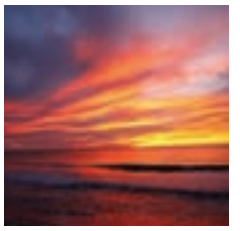

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Sherry Collier, vice president, Sanibel-Captiva Art League, with Michael Moukios, Rita McLain and Sheila King, presenting the DVD to Duane Shaffer, head of the library collection development and events coordinator for the Sanibel Library

A Gift Of Appreciation To The Sanibel Library

On Monday May 6, Sherry Collier, vice president of Sanibel-Captiva Art League, presented the Sanibel Library with the gift of a new DVD: *Color Foundation for the Painter*, by Stephen Quiller. Quiller, an award-winning water media artist, author of six books, and developer of a color wheel for painters, has produced this new instructional DVD which is a guide to the use of color. According to the Internet (www.quillergallery.com), the DVD is divided into 13 chapters and includes demonstrations, examples and exercises. "This DVD is a complete course that will fine tune the artist's eye and help the painter grow in personal expression. The instructional videos are designed to help all artists and craftspeople who want to expand their knowledge of art." It will now be available to borrow from the library. Sanibel-Captiva Art League is grateful for the library's support of local art and artists.☆

Pat Smart and Margaret Mohundro

Captiva Memorial Library To Be Renovated

Beginning on May 21, the Captiva Memorial Library hours will temporarily change due to remodeling and construction. The temporary hours will be Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors to the library will also be directed to a new entrance during construction.

The library remodeling project is part of the Captiva Civic Association's plan to renovate the Captiva Community Center. The library will have access to more conference room space and a reorganized interior.

This project is being funded and managed by the Captiva Civic Association.☆

The Doc Ford's gang is all smiles about the big payoff for this year's tarpon tournament

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Tarpon Tourney

dinner, drinks and a silent auction. Nearly 160 guests attended this year's after-party.

"We call it a 'catch, release and care' tournament because education and research are at the forefront of the event's mission," said John McCabe, DDWS president and tourney participant the last two years.

"The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission needs help from citizen scientists, and that is the primary purpose for this tournament," added Vertesch. "The anglers get extra points for doing DNA scrubs, which give the FWC important information to track tarpon and learn more about helping them survive as a species."

For more information on the tournament and to view this year's winners, visit www.dingdarlingtarpontourney.org.

Tournament sponsors for 2013 included Title Sponsor: Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille; Presenting Sponsor: Diversified Yacht Services of Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel Bean; Platinum Sponsor: *Florida Weekly*, Lamar Advertising, Suncoast Beverage; Gold Sponsors: Anisa Stewart Designs, Bella Signs & Designs, Dan Hahn Custom Builders, Fort Myers Marine, Holiday Inn of Sanibel, *Island Sun*, Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA, Sealife by Congress; Silver Sponsors: Blue Ash Media, Gulf Star Marina, John Grey Painting, Key West Express, Paradise Advertising and Design, R.S. Walsh Landscaping, Sanibel Captiva Daily, Sanibel Island Fishing Club, Shoreline Lumber.

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Cleverly designed bow ties will be worn by the artists

Arts For ACT Sneak Preview

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. and Robb and Stucky International are teaming up for the kick off reception and preview of the live art from the annual fundraiser, Arts for ACT 2013, An Evening at the Cabaret. The reception, called Tie One On, will be held Friday, June 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Robb and Stucky International, 13170 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

Jenna Persons is the chair for this year's event and there will be 50 live auction items to preview. Local artists have created bow ties for the kick off reception and will wear them that evening. They may not all be made to be worn around your neck either. They might be wearable jewelry, garters, even purses. The viewers will have the option of buying the bow ties right from the artists with the proceeds benefitting ACT, the domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking center serving Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. There will be music and light refreshments.

Sponsors for this year's Arts for ACT fine art auction are *Florida Weekly,* NBC-2, *Naples Guide*, Robb & Stucky International, Rauschenberg Gallery, Pulse Business Solutions, Stilwell Enterprises, Chico's, IBERIABANK, Scanlon Auto Group, *The Happenings Art & Entertainment Magazine*, and Dr. and Mrs. Mark Mintz.

This event is free and open to the public.☆

Poet's Corner

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selected by Tanya Hochschild

Two poems

by Barbara Finkelstein

full moon origami
while the reek bend sings
tree shadows crease light –
and dark –
night folds, then springs

a pink pagoda
this frangipani blossom
upside down in rain

Barbara R. Finkelstein spent 15 years on Sanibel and now lives in Safety Harbor. She has an MFA in creative writing. She meets weekly and works with Safety Harbor poets and writers.☆

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Snook

for a few quick pictures, we could only sigh and then laugh as we watched this big female swim off unharmed. We had been so lucky, everything had gone just right, from spotting the fish and setting up just right to getting the fish out from the piling and mangroves. Talk about teamwork. At 40-plus inches and over 20 pounds, this was the biggest snook of the year caught on my boat. Way to go, Jim!

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

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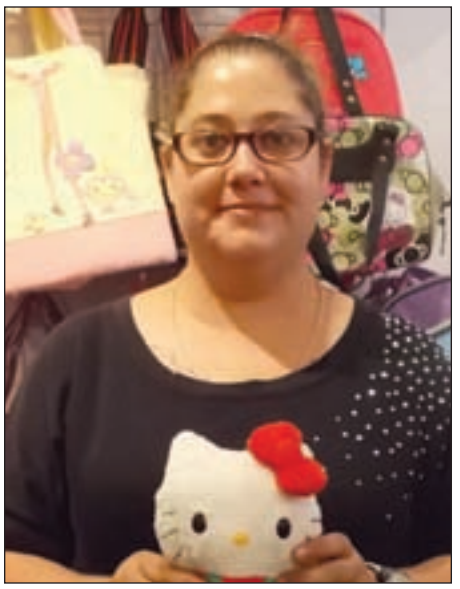
From Needful Things, from left: Custom made iPhone cases; a selection of Zippo lighters; gag items that have long been a mainstay at Needful Things; and Russian nesting dolls

Around The Islands With Anne

Needful Things Needed New Owner, And Along Came Alison Ferrer

by Anne Mitchell



New owner Alison Ferrer in the Hello Kitty section of Needful Things

For a time it looked as though **Needful Things**, that wacky, surprise-filled little store in Tahitian Gardens, Sanibel, would be closing. Then along came Alison Ferrer, 34, who had been a regular customer there since she was eight years old. She learned from the owner Jaclyn Koc that it was for sale and if no one purchased it, Needful Things was destined to put up the shutters.

Koc has moved to Boston to pursue her passion as a Roller Derby competitor.

Ferrer, a lifelong collector who also sold items on eBay, realized she just had to buy the business, which she did just a few weeks ago – and now she can hardly wait to get to work each day. "It's fun," she says as she walks around the store pointing out Hello Kitty merchandise, Vinylmation figures, Funko bobblehead pop figures and Frank Kozik Smorkin Labbits to name just a few of the many collections she carries. She also makes custom gift baskets for all occasions.

There are humorous greeting cards, Hortoons T-shirts, her own hand-made personalized covers for the iPhone 4, retro candy such as Cow Tails, Pixy Sticks and Big League Chews, crystal jewelry, Zippo lighters, gag items and Grab Bags, a store tradition she wants to keep.

The teensy glass figures of animals are there too, something that drew Ferrer to the store as a child. "We stayed at Casa Ybel (Resort) and I used to ride my bike over to get these little glass critters and ride home carefully so I didn't break them," she recalled.

The Sanibel store was inspired by the book of the same name by Stephen King. The proprietor of King's shop, Leland Gaunt, is a charming elderly gentleman who always seems to have an item in stock that is perfectly suited to any customer who comes through his door. Of course, with horror master King as the author, this shop is nothing like the cheery, fun-filled one on Sanibel.

Needful Things is at 1989 Periwinkle Way, Tahitian Gardens, phone 472-5400.

Il Tesoro Italian Ristorante is offering happy hour appetizers from $6 to $12 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. along with a special Italian tapas menu, all items served with grilled bread. Tapas include Roasted Eggplant with Grilled Fennel, Baby Caprese, Orancini Fritti Stuffed with Fontina and Bacon, Zucchini and Mushroom Agro Dolce, Soppresata with Rosemary Honey, Polpetta Meatball over Sauteed Spinach, Proscuitto Con Melon and Calamari Fritto Piccolo.

Two-for-one drinks include bottles of house wine, all beers, glasses of wine and house made sangria (white or red) by the bottle or by the glass.

Il Tesoro is at 751 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel, phone 395-4022.

Periwinkle Place shopping center is hosting a sidewalk sale Memorial Day weekend with a Hot Chili Rods car show Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sidewalk sale will run from Friday through Monday with selected items at half price. Periwinkle Place is at 2075 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Scott McDonald will be playing piano every Friday and Saturday at **Il Cielo** from 7 to 9 p.m. starting tonight, May 24. McDonald, a Sanibel resident, has had a long music career including being pianist for singer Andy Williams. Locally, he has played events for the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce and Congress Jewelers. Il Cielo is located at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, and their phone is 472-5555.

Scott McDonald will be playing piano Friday and Saturday nights at Il Cielo starting tonight

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille has live music tonight, Friday, by Marty Stokes & The Captiva Blues Band; Saturday, Robby Hutto, guitar and vocals. Sunday is Hospitality Night with happy hour pricing from 8 p.m. to close. Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight. George & Wendy's is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 395-1263.

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn includes: Friday Night Dance Party with Joe McCormick and singer Barbara Smith; Saturday, smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan with the sounds of Broadway, Latin hits and all styles of popular dance music; Sunday, Dusk Duo, Dean and Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; 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! vocalist Paul Ventura joined by Father Al & the Jazz Congregation; and Thursday, Joe McCormick with popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, jazz and pop for dancing and listening. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m. Traditions is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 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 live music several nights a week.

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.

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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.

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FOR WEEK OF MAY 27 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On May 30, 1431, in Normandy, Joan of Arc, the peasant girl who became the savior of France, is burned at the stake for heresy. Her most serious crime, according to the tribunal, was her rejection of church authority in favor of direct inspiration from God. She was 19 years old.

• On May 31, 1889, the South Fork Dam in Johnstown, Pa., collapses, causing a flood that kills more than 2,200 people. It was the largest earthen dam (made of dirt and rock, rather than steel and concrete) in the United States. Reportedly, a baby survived on the floor of a house as it floated 75 miles from Johnstown.

• On May 29, 1914, heavy fog on the St. Lawrence River in Canada causes a collision of boats -- the Empress of Ireland and the Storstad -- that kills 1,073 people. Caused by a horrible series of blunders, it was one of the worst maritime disasters in history.

• On June 2, 1924, with Congress' passage of the Indian Citizenship Act, the government of the United States confers citizenship on all Native Americans born within the territorial limits of the country. Before the Civil War, citizenship often was limited to Native Americans of one-half or less Indian blood.

• On May 27, 1937, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opens to the public after five years of construction. On opening day -- "Pedestrian Day" -- some 200,000 walkers crossed the bridge, which spans the Golden Gate Strait at the entrance to San Francisco Bay and connects San Francisco and Marin County.

• On May 28, 1957, National League owners vote unanimously to allow the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers to move to San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively, at the mid-season owner's meeting in Chicago.

• On June 1, 1980, CNN (Cable News Network), the world's first 24-hour television news network, makes its debut. Today, CNN is seen in more than 89 million American households and more than 160 million homes internationally. In its first years of operation, CNN lost money and was ridiculed as the Chicken Noodle Network.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was ancient Roman dramatist, philosopher and statesman Seneca the Younger who made the following sage observation: "While we are postponing, life speeds by."

• You might be surprised at some of the seemingly innocuous things that arouse passions in a group of people. Take the venerable 1960s television show "Mr. Ed," for example. Evidently, an evangelist named Jim Brown took issue with the show's theme song, claiming that when played backward, the tune contains the message "the source is Satan" and "someone sang this song for Satan." His preaching on the subject was so persuasive that members of a church in Ironton, Ohio, made a bonfire of recordings of the song.

• If you're planning to visit the Hawaiian island of Kauai, you might want to trek up to Mount Waialeale. If you do, though, be sure to take an umbrella, as that mountain holds the distinction of receiving more rainfall than any other place on Earth, with an average of about 40 feet -- yes, feet -- of rain annually.

• A recent national survey of adult children with living parents found that a whopping 70 percent of respondents are against the idea of a parent moving in with them. If it became necessary for one parent to move in, though, two-thirds would choose Mom over Dad.

• It was noted wit Ambrose Bierce who, in his "Devil's Dictionary," defined faith as "Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel."

• Those who study such things say that an ordinary human being can live four weeks without food, four days without water and four minutes without air.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Most people would sooner die than think; in fact, they do so." -- Bertrand Russell

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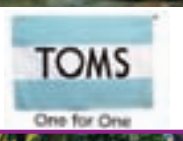

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Students Show Off Scientific Skills During STEM Night

Middle school science teacher Dana Sanner, second from left, watches her students conduct a demonstration during STEM Night on May 16. From left are Landon Scharf, Tabitha Carrigan and Megan Carrigan

by Jeff Lysiak

Across the campus of The Sanibel School last Thursday night, students – many dressed in white lab coats and carrying items such as tape measures, tuning forks and magnifying glasses – demonstrated their scientific, mathematic and engineering skills learned over the past academic year during STEM Night.

According to middle school science teacher Dana Sanner, STEM Night was put together through the coordination of local scientists, community members, students and the school's schedule, having been postponed from an earlier date.

"I think the kids are really excited to see some of the interactive exhibits," said Sanner. "Students always do better when they can get their hands on things and learn how they work. They're also excited to show off their projects they've worked on this year."

Audrey Mereday learns how an anemometer – a device used to measure wind speeds – works from JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge employee Jeremy Clothier

Among the student projects demonstrated on STEM Night was InstaSnow. A large tub of the cold, moist snow-like powder – presented by Jennifer Crown – drew a small crowd of eager onlookers. A chemical reaction when water meets sodium polyacrylate created enough artificial snow to dazzle a growing horde of youngsters, many of whom had never felt real snow before.

Other student projects included Riley Johnson's experiment with aerodynamics of airplane flights, Sarah Jarlowe and Samatha Strickland's electrical circuits and Michael Junkin's collection of Newton's Cradles.

At the table set up by interns from the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Audrey Mereday was fascinated with many of the items on display, from the alligator and crocodile skulls to the electronic gadgets used by refuge personnel, including infrared motion-activated cameras to anemometers, a device used to measure wind speeds.

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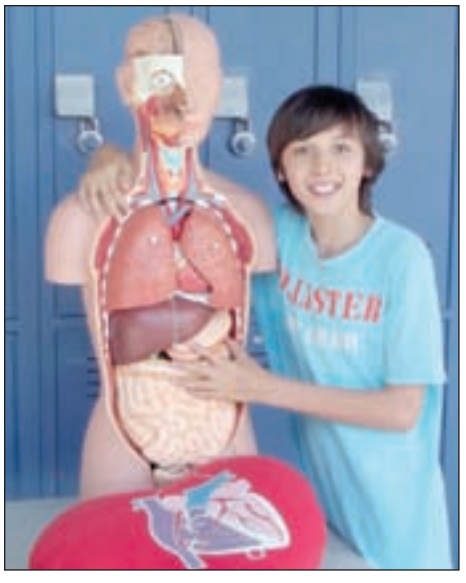
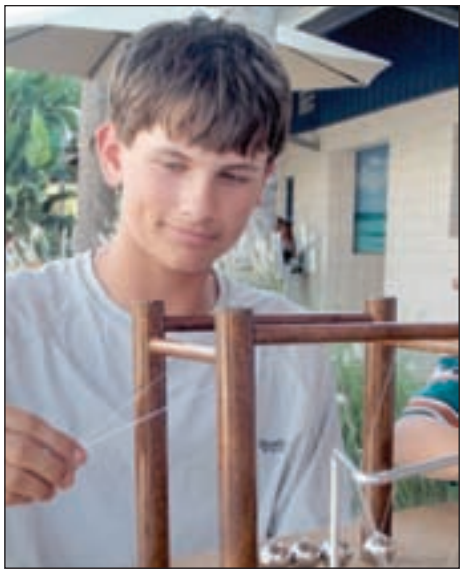


Hunter Borman with his "body buddy," which he named Bubba

Seventh-grader Chase Desiderio-Taub was a walking – and talking – cube of scientific information



Michael Junkin demonstrates how a Newton's Cradle works

Students pause in front of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum display

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Canal Access in Shell Harbor

Magnificent East End canal 3BR 2.5BA + office home in Shell Harbor; includes a deeded beach access. This home has a upper level master suite along w/ features such as fireplace; screened pool/ lanai area w/ hot tub; boat dock & lift. 1001 Kings Crown.

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Serene Living in Gumbo Limbo

Spacious pool home in Gumbo Limbo holds many surprises from the vaulted ceilings to the beautiful wrap around screened lanai. Walk through your choice of french doors out to the jetted spa off your master bedroom. This 3BR 4BA home has a large workshop and 3 car garage. 9459 Begonia

Offered at $649,000

Architectural Gem

Bright open floor plan in this Dunes 3BR 2BA home. Vaulted ceilings in the great room w/decking off all bedrooms and the open kitchen. Close to San Carlos Bay at Bailey Rd for fishing, kayaking or sun bathing. Only a few homes away from the Dunes club house. 970 Sand Castle Rd.

Offered at $569,000

Ground Level Home Wide Lake Views

Ground level 2BR/2BA pool home with spectacular lake & golf course views. Features include hard surface counters, views from the Kitchen, Family Rm, Living Rm, Master Bedroom & Lanai. Enjoy Dunes community living. 1481 Sand Castle

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Open & Bright Dunes Duplex

Open & Bright, this 3/2.5 duplex home is peaceful with wooded views from the lanai. With high vaulted ceilings & Master Bedroom on the main living level, this home won't last long. Close to bike path, hiking trail and a short distance to Bailey Beach. 966 Greenwood Ct.

Offered at $349,000

East End Home with Dock

Spacious 3/2.5 East End Pool home has gorgeous architecture including dramatic ceilings, open kitchen and great room leading out to the screen enclosed lanai. Enjoy the sounds of the Gulf from the upper level deck. Cross the road to be at the beach or hop in your boat from your 30' of private canal dock. 912 Almas Ct.

Offered at $1,100,000

Peaceful Water Views

Expansive water views from this large 3BR 3BA home. Watch the birds from your screened lanai. Features include 2 master suites and a 3rd bedroom on main living level; private dock on property to name a few. Quiet, small neighborhood, convenient to beaches and shopping.. 1667 Sabal Sands

Offered at $469,000

Panoramic Golf Views

Sweeping golf course and lake views from this fully furnished Dunes duplex. Home features include a glass slider enclosed porch w/ vaulted ceilings both in the great room and on the lanai; remodeled kitchen cabinetry and hard surface countertops; nicely landscaped. Extra storage space. 1639 Sand Castle

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Private & Quiet

Elevated 3BR/2BA home with vaulted ceilings, living room, dining room and kitchen; great value on the west end of Sanibel, near Dinkins Bayou. Oversized lot in neighborhood which offers a community boat ramp. 6069 Henderson Rd

Offered at $395,000

Duplex with Lake Views

Serene views of Horseshoe lake from this immaculate 2BR/2BA duplex. The kitchen has granite counters and a nicely appointed glass enclosed lanai. Enjoy the peaceful outdoors from the large exterior deck. 1415 Sandpiper Cir.

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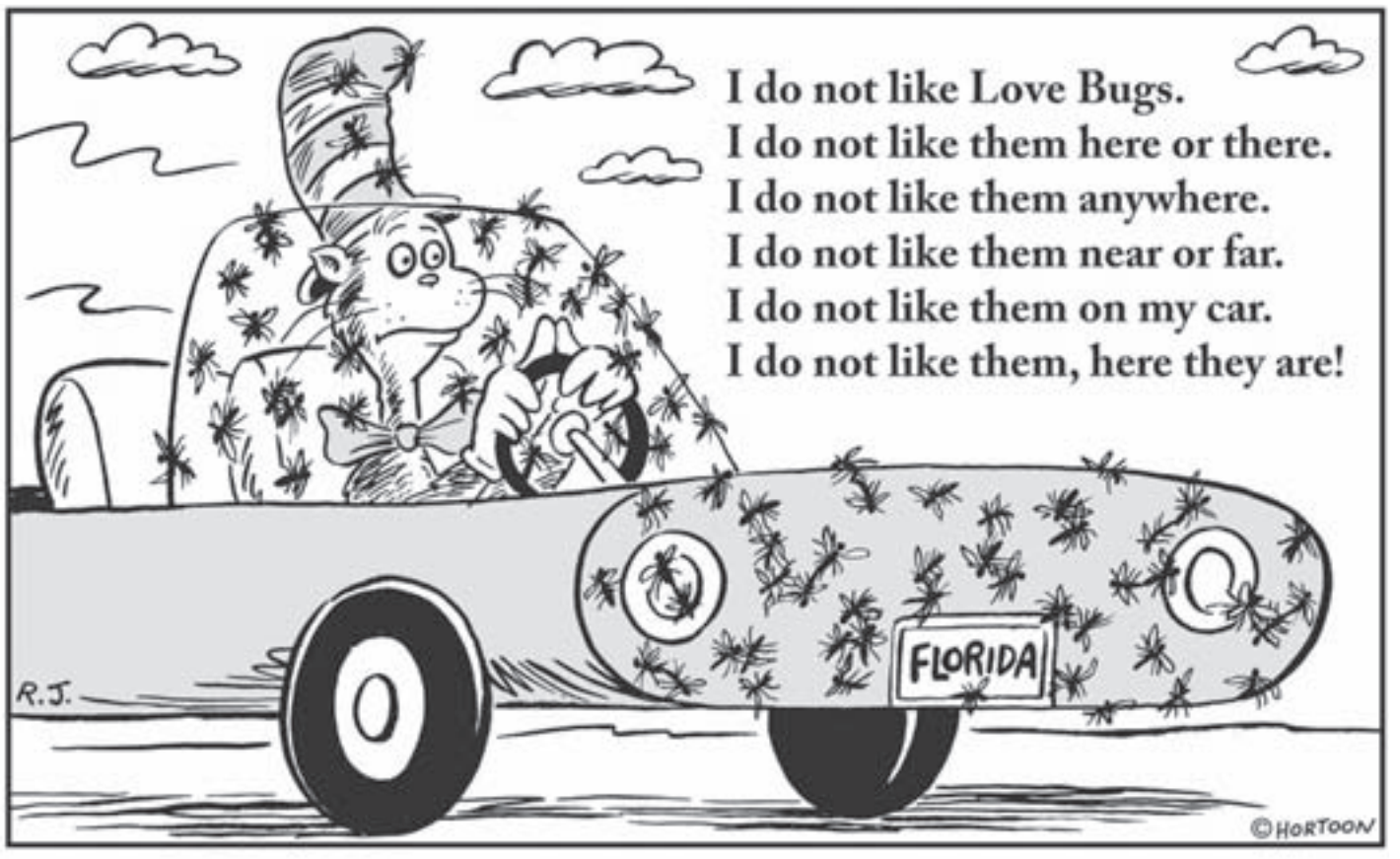

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Filter? What Filter?

by Bryan Hayes

This is the surprised response that we often get when we ask the business or homeowner where their return filter is. In this article, I will address the maintenance of some of the more popular types of filters available.

The most common type of filtration is the throw-away filter. It can be purchased at the local hardware stores, and by the way, this is the least effective type of filter on the market. The most important consideration with this type of filter is to change it often, and during the summer months, this could be as often as every three weeks.

How often a filter should be changed depends on several different factors: how frequently you use your a/c, whether your home is occupied, or whether the home is located on a dirt road. These are just some of the factors that affect how frequently filter replacement may be required. The best way to stay on top of this is to buy the filters by the case and make them easily accessible so that you can change them as frequently as needed.

Another very common type of filter is what's termed "hog's hair." This type filter is made of a material that is cut to size, is washable and will last a couple of years. The easiest way to clean a hog's hair filter is with a garden hose. Stand the filter on its side and spray it out until the water runs clean. Then, hit it against a tree to get the water out. Again, this type of filter should be cleaned every three to four weeks.

A third common type of filtration is a pleated media filter that is often mounted at the air handler. This type of filtration is usually good for six months between changings, but this only applies to five inch or thicker media filters. Your service provider can incorporate this filter change when he performs your semi-annual a/c checks. WHAT? You don't get your a/c checked every six months?

Anyway, the most important common theme between all types of filters is to keep them clean. This will save on energy costs and premature equipment failure.

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The DVD will be targeted for distribution through hotels, resorts and vacation accommodations on the islands.

The program includes segments on the "Top 20" attractions on the islands, and sponsors have 3 segments within the program that are written and produced by David E. Carter.

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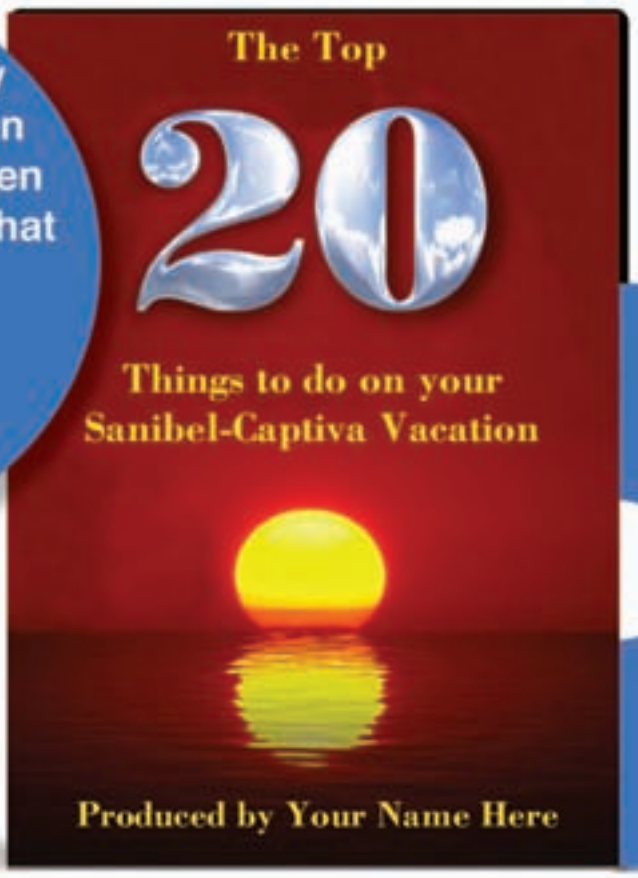

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Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Reports On Capital Allocation

As investors, we are interested in great companies with sustainable competitive advantages that enable the company to grow earnings over the long haul. We are just as concerned with how these companies allocate the capital they generate. That is, we care very much how a company invests its shareholders' money, according to Pat Dorsey, CFA, Director of Research at The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

Younger companies, in a rapid growth stage, re-invest most of their earned capital in order to expand profit opportunities while future opportunities are still potentially the greatest. Mature companies, typically larger and more stable, are faced with a different challenge of investing excess capital. Slower growth means fewer internal investment opportunities, so capital needs to be deployed in other ways. Acquisitions are one option, but deals can frequently destroy capital rather than create it, if they are not well executed. A small minority of companies – like Berkshire Hathaway or Danaher – have a brilliant record of making profitable acquisitions, while most others do not.

Paying down debt is another possible – and conservative – use of excess capital, but is not always the best allocation of capital when a company can readily earn higher returns than the present low cost of financing.

Two uses of excess capital that are particularly beneficial for shareholders include dividend payments and company share repurchases. While individual preferences and opinions toward each of these may differ, both help increase shareholder value. Share repurchases reduce the number of shares outstanding, and thereby provide each remaining share with a greater piece of the overall earnings "pie." Responsible management teams are careful not to overpay for, shares and many companies have an excellent track record of making timely repurchases. Some criticism of this practice stems from companies who make irresponsible repurchases, typically when shares trade at rich valuations. Buying back shares at high prices may prop up weak earnings growth, but it does not increase the company's value.

Paying and growing dividends is one of the most effective ways to allocate excess capital to benefit shareholders. Although taxable, dividends provide each shareholder the choice of how to allocate their particular share of a company's excess earnings. Historically over one third of overall equity returns are attributed to dividends. Many stable growth and highly respected companies have long standing records of consistently paying and annually increasing their dividends. Many of these companies frequently implement generous share repurchases as well.

With a 2.6 percent dividend yield, Exxon may not have the highest current dividend yield, yet by growing the dividend an average of 9 percent for over 10 years and buying back significant amounts of its own share, the company has clearly demonstrated sound capital allocation for the benefit of its shareholders. In fact, during the tumultuous first quarter of 2009, Exxon's share repurchases (at extremely beneficial prices) represented over a third of all listed company repurchases during that period. Over the past decade, Exxon has reduced its share base by over one-third over the last 10 years, and shareholders have enjoyed an annualized total return of 11.1 percent, more than three percentage points per annum higher than the S&P 500.

IBM represents another great example of responsible capital allocation. Despite its lower current yield of 1.8 percent, the dividend has increased an average of 19 percent per year over the past 10 years, while its share base has been reduced by over one-third. Investors over the same period have enjoyed a 10.5 percent annualized total return, over two percentage points per annum higher than the S&P 500.

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Naturalist and owner Wendy Schnapp (center) with a guided kayak tour group

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Jim Sprankle, chair of the "Ding" Darling Preservation Campaign Committee, recently accepted a check from Committee of the Islands (COTI) officers Mike Gillespie, vice president, and Barbara Joy Cooley, president, to support efforts to purchase the Woodring Point property and improve the refuge education center. Earlier island non-profit support came from the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, which included the Woodring estate in its popular Peek at the Unique homes tour. That tour resulted in a $200,000 challenge donation.

Derek Ferrell and Stephanie Cochran were happy to contibute to the cause

Tarpon Bay Donates To Bombing Victims

On Saturday, May 11, Tarpon Bay Explorers donated $4,500, the total sales for the day, to victims of the Boston Marathon bombing through The ONE Fund. Locals and visitors came out to support this fundraising event. Stephanie Cochran and Derek Ferrell from Kansas rented kayaks at Tarpon Bay. "We are so excited to be here and know our money is going to such an honorable cause," said Cochran.

Tarpon Bay Explorers thanks everyone who came out to support this cause. They also thank Winston and Barbara Spurgeon and Wendy Schnapp for extending their kindness and making this effort possible.

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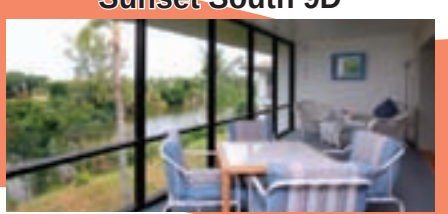

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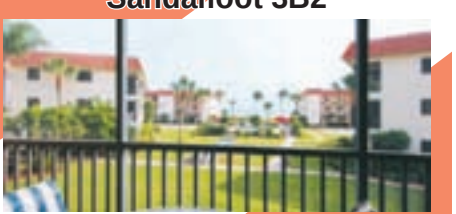

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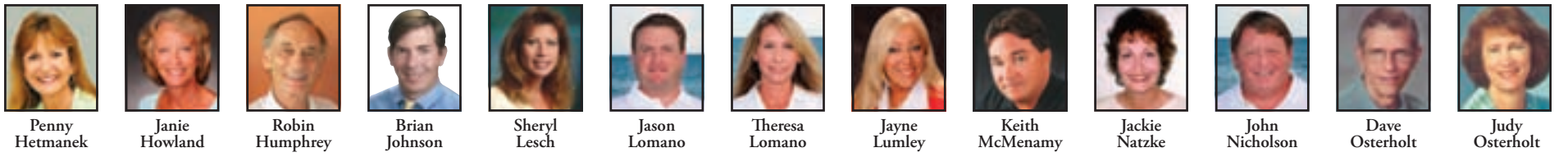
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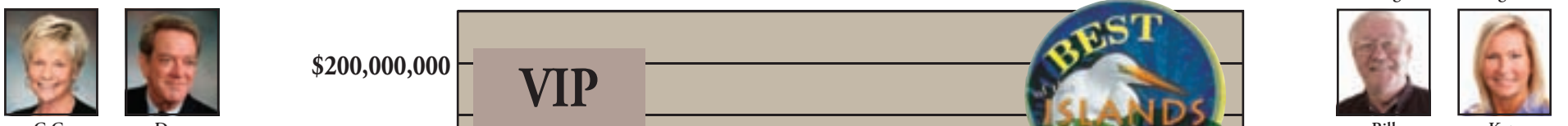
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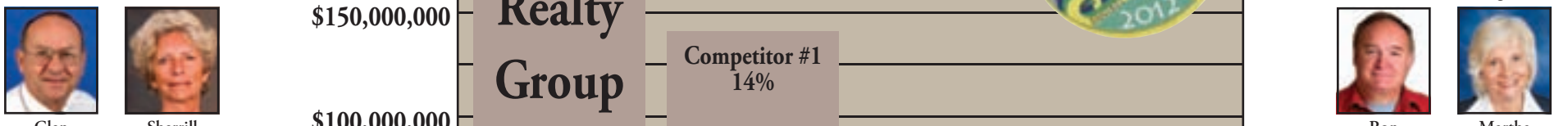
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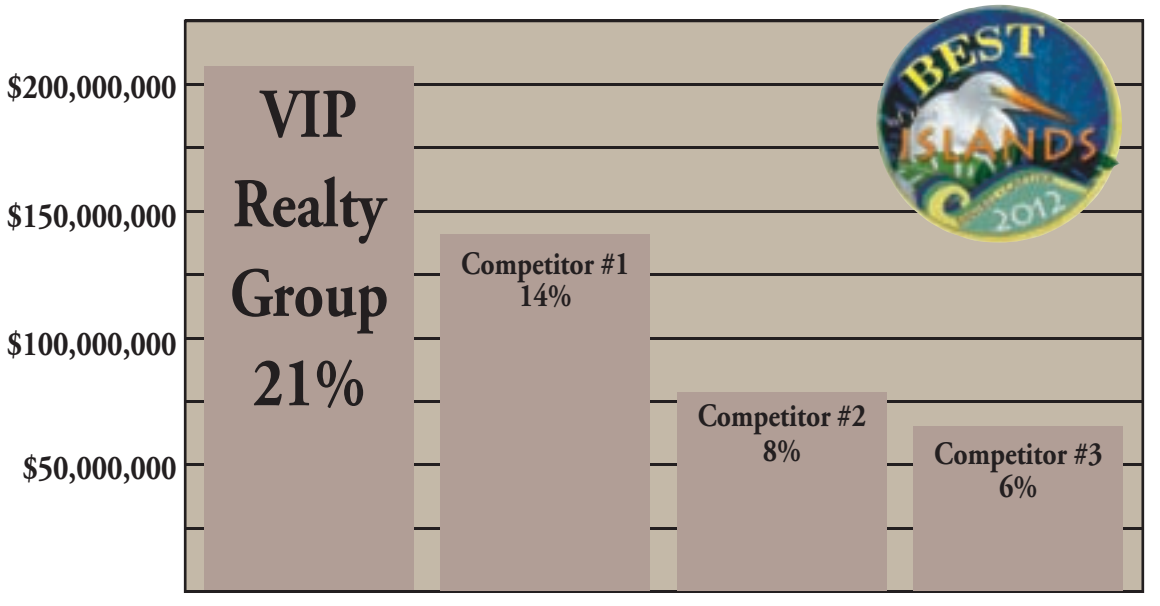

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Newer Shell Harbor Home

NEW LISTING

- 5 BR/4.5 BA + office & loft, built in 2008
- Over 4800 Sq. Ft. of living area, meticulous
- Wood floors, gourmet kitchen open to family rm
- Heated pool/spa, beach access, dock, seawall
- $2,395,000 (2130536)

Jim Hall 472-5187 x 215

West Gulf Home Site

NEW LISTING

- Near beach, prime parcel
- Cleared of Brazilian pepper
- 35% total developed area coverage
- Electric, sewer, water, and cable
- $479,000 (2130526)

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Spacious Pool Home

NEW LISTING

- Well maintained custom 3BR/2.5BA
- Screened patio & pool, newer appliances
- Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, wood floors
- Situated on a double lot with sanctuary views
- $629,000 (2130547)

Deb Gleason 472-5187 x 263

Spectacular Kinzie Home

NEW LISTING

- Quality 3BR/3BA custom built pool home
- Soaring ceilings, elevator, den/office
- Gated community, beach access, clubhouse
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Tropical Island Retreat

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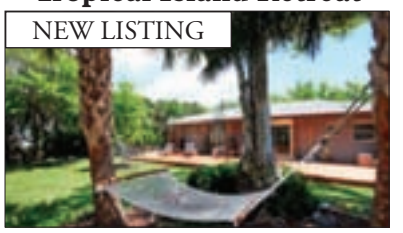

- Unique indoor/outdoor living
- Very near beach ground level home
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- Updated kitchen with SS appliances
- $445,000 (2130555)

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The Sanctuary

PRICE REDUCED

- 6BR/6BA+, island dream home
- Situated on two lots
- All day sunshine on pool & spa
- Beautiful lake & fairway views
- $1,995,000 (2130325)

Karen Bell 472-5187 x 270

Sanibel Arms West

PRICE REDUCED

- Beach side 2/2 first floor, corner unit
- Views of pool and palms, high income
- 500' gulf frontage, canal, East end
- Remodeled, shows beautifully
- $424,000 (2130175)

Glenn Carretta 472-5187 x 221

Summerwood Subdivision

PRICE REDUCED

- 4BR/3.5BA home 1.3 landscaped acres
- Two master suites, two living areas
- Oversized 2-car detached garage
- Large screened porch, back-up generator
- $324,900 (2130160)

Fred/Shane Spring 472-5187 x 284/285

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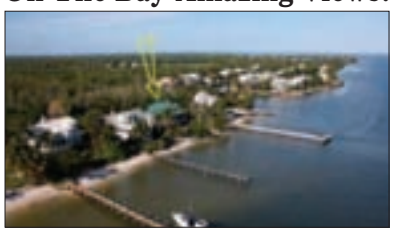

- Built in 2008, metal roof, heated pool
- 3BR + office, elevator, hardwood floors
- Master suite has reading area & open deck
- Chef's kitchen, upscale furnishings included
- $2,995,000 (2121469)

James & Penny Hetmanek 472-5187 x 219/202

Beach And Boating

- 3BR/2.5BA canal front home
- Large pool, spa, deeded beach access
- Fireplace, den, loft, workshop
- 30 foot dock, community tennis
- $1,049,000 (2120564)

G.G. Robideau 472-5187 x 210

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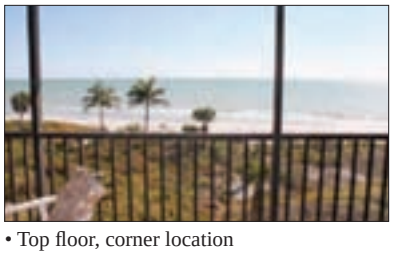

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From left is Jerry Edelman, Lazy Flamingo's owner Dick Muench, Nancy Bender, Joe Skrzypek, Alexis Marcinokowski, Beany Gibbard, Shannon Williams, Joe Coleman, Pete Bender and Ed Ridlehoover, co-chairman of the FISH 10K Race Committee

Lazy Flamingo Becomes Silver Sponsor Of Race

FISH of Sanibel, Inc. announced that Lazy Flamingo has once again chosen to become one of the Silver Sponsors for the 5th annual 10K Race 4 FISH. The race is scheduled to take place on Sanibel on Saturday, October 19. This will be the fifth year that Lazy Flamingo has chosen to be a sponsor in the race.

"Lazy Flamingo has been a dedicated supporter of the FISH 10K since the event began five years ago," said John Pryor, vice president of FISH and co-chairman of the 10K race committee. "We greatly appreciate their support and commitment to our organization. We are glad to have them back as a Silver Sponsor."

More than 50 island businesses and organizations sponsored the 10K last year, and over 120 people volunteered their support to make it a huge success. We have got off to a good start with the confirmation of our title sponsor, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, and the list of our Silver Sponsors is growing. We need more sponsors and hope the business and local community will once again support us in our efforts.

The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. at The Community House, and will once again follow a marked 10K circuit around the island, returning to The Community House for the finish line. There will also be a trade fair, aimed at the runners and their families and friends, as well as refreshment tables and water stations around the island for runners.

Informational Meetings At Shell Point

Residents of Southwest Florida who would like to learn about resort-style retirement options and lifecare are invited to attend one of several informational meetings at Shell Point Retirement Community. One of Shell Point's experienced retirement counselors will explain the numerous benefits of becoming a Shell Point resident.

The meetings will be held at 10 a.m. in the main Commons located in The Woodlands neighborhood at Shell Point on the following dates:

- June 4, 12, 18, and 26
- July 2, 10, 16, 24, and 30
- August 7, 13, 21, and 27

During the casually-structured meeting, guests will learn about lifecare and the retirement options and amenities available at Shell Point. Guests can also tour two of the three Shell Point neighborhoods, The Island and The Woodlands, and see a model residence.

Admission to these sessions is free, however, seating is limited so reservations are required and may be made by calling Maureen Thomson at 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131.

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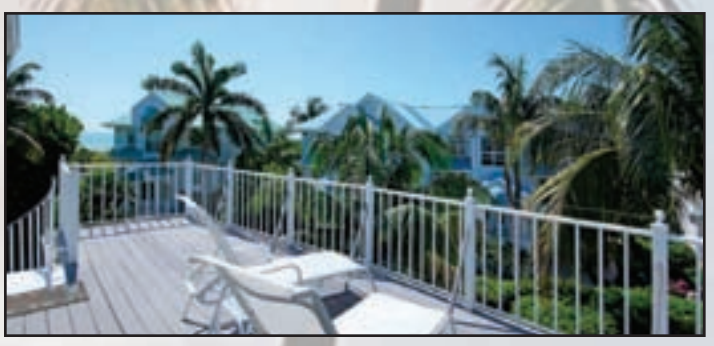

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Miracle Team Loaded With Talent As Squad Posts Runaway Record In FSL

by Ed Frank

In the 22-years that the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team has called Hammond Stadium home, there most certainly has never been a squad as promising and as winning as this 2013 team.

And that's saying a lot for as you know, dozens of previous Miracle players have become Major League stars. With the Miracle tearing up the Florida State League, you had better get out to Hammond Stadium quickly as undoubtedly several current Miracle players will be moved up to Double A New Britain when the first half-season ends next month.

You have that opportunity this weekend when the Miracle hosts the Charlotte Stone Crabs for three games starting tonight, Friday.

As the week began, Fort Myers was 31-11 (.738) with a runaway seven game lead over the St. Lucie Mets in the South Division of the FSL.

Perhaps it's no surprise that the Minnesota Twins No. 1 prospect, Miguel Sano, is leading the league with a .354 batting average along with 11 home runs and 34 RBIs. Another top Twins prospect, Eddie Rosario, is among the league's top 10 in hitting at .318. The biggest Miracle surprise, however, is a 10th-round draft pick in his first full professional season, right-handed pitcher D.J. Baxendale.

You don't expect a 10th-rounder to be compiling the record he has in his first year. The 6-2, 195-pound Baxendale was a perfect 6-0 with a miniscule 1.07 ERA as of Monday. That also was the best in the FSL.

In April, Baxendale, out of the University of Arkansas, was 4-0 and named the Twins Minor League Pitcher of the Month.

"That was a huge confidence booster," he said recently. "To be recognized by your professional organization in your first full season, it was a great honor."

Baseball experts had expected Baxendale to go much higher in last year's draft – as high as the second or third round. But his stock dropped when he suffered some rough outings against some tough Southeast Conference teams.

He fell to the 10th round when the Twins grabbed him in what appears to be a major steal.

And don't be surprised if Baxendale joins Sano, Rosario and others when the first half season ends (70 games) on the promotion train to Double-A New Britain.

Another Top Twins Prospect Tosses No-Hitter Into Eighth Inning

We've written before about flame-throwing right-hander Kyle Gibson, who many expected to land a starting role for the Minnesota Twins this season.

The lanky Gibson instead started the season with Triple-A Rochester, but could be wearing a Twins uniform soon as the result of his recent pitching performances with Rochester.

Last Sunday, Gibson took a no-hitter into the eighth inning in a complete game 11-0 victory over Leigh Valley. It was his second complete game shutout in 11 days. On May 8, he tossed a four-hit shutout over Toledo.

Gibson is ranked as the No. 4 prospect in the Twins organization. He returned to action late last season after recovering from Tommy John surgery.

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STEM Night

And when Jeremy Clothier quizzed Mereday, 7, about the three "R's" and how she can help save the earth, the youngster answered the question with authority: "Reduce… reuse… and recycle," said Mereday with a smile.

Other professionals attending STEM Night at The Sanibel School included meteorologist Katie Walls, Public Works Director for the City of Sanibel Keith Williams, Environmental Biologist for the City of Cape Coral Kraig Hankins, author Kyle Miller and Dot Lee with Trouper the blind raccoon, Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve's Cheryl Clark, math teacher from The Sanibel School Diane Cortese, Sanibel Police Department Sgt. Grace Towler and The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's Diane Thomas.

Will Power

The IRA Conundrum

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

Estate planning with Individual Retirement Accounts, 401(k)s, pension and profit sharing plans and other similar investments can pose some real problems. For purposes of this column, I'm going to lump all of these types of accounts together and call them "IRA accounts" although each different type of retirement account does have its own planning issues.

So today, I'm going to try to frame the issues that those who have any degree of their net worth tied up in IRA accounts should be aware of. Briefly, those issues include the economic and tax ramifications of leaving the accounts to our loved ones, the restrictions of how we can leave those accounts, and how easy it is for one of our beneficiaries to make a big mistake when they inherit our IRA account.

I'm going to leave Roth IRA accounts out of the discussion, since Roth IRAs are an entirely different animal with their own sets of issues. I'll leave that discussion for another time.

In order to understand the issues for traditional IRAs and similar accounts, it's a good idea to review the economic and tax significance of our IRA accounts. Most of us achieved an income tax deduction when we contributed sums to our IRA. Moreover, our accounts grow tax deferred until we begin making withdrawals. When we withdraw amounts, however, we recognize them as ordinary income on our tax returns and pay income tax.

Our tax laws require us to begin withdrawals from our IRA accounts upon attaining age 70½, whether we need the money or not. These are mandated "minimum distributions".

When we die, a whole set of other rules take effect, and these rules are different depending upon whether we die before we reach 70½ or after, as well as who we name as our beneficiary.

These rules may be temporarily suspended if we leave our IRA outright to our spouse, since he or she is the only beneficiary who may "roll over" our IRA into his or her own IRA account. When this happens, the inherited IRA account assets are treated the same as if our spouse owned the IRA all along.

But there's a trap for the unwary here. In second marriage situations, those that name their spouse as the primary beneficiary and our children from a prior marriage as the alternate beneficiary sometimes assume that when our spouse dies then our children will always receive the IRA. This isn't necessarily the case.

When our spouse "rolls over" the IRA into his or her own IRA account, then he or she can designate whomever he or she wants as their primary beneficiary. Even if they name the children of their deceased spouse as the primary beneficiary, the children may not inherit the whole account. Why? This is due to a number of reasons.

First, the spouse may live long enough to withdraw all of the monies for his or her own use. Second, the spouse may remarry and the new spouse may have legal rights to all or a portion of the IRA account.

There are additional issues when our children inherit our IRA account directly. Remember that our spouse is the only person who can roll over our IRA balance. Children cannot roll over our IRA into their own IRA account. Instead, the account becomes an "Inherited IRA."

Our children must begin to take minimum distributions even if they are not yet 70½. These distributions are based on a different table than the one that the original account owner bases his or her withdrawals on. Sometimes our children get bad advice and withdraw the entire IRA balance at once. This leads to an enormous income tax liability, since they are taxed on the income just as we would have been had we withdrawn the monies.

Under Florida law, our IRAs are generally protected from the reach from our creditors. Not true for the beneficiaries of our IRA accounts. In order to protect the inherited IRA accounts from the reach of creditors, predators and divorcing spouses of their own, a special type of trust must be built that would serve as the beneficiary for our child.

But that trust must be built in such a way as to qualify the child for deferred minimum distributions for the rest of his or her life. If the trust is not properly drafted, then there is a good chance that the entire balance of the IRA will become taxable upon our deaths, or that our beneficiaries will otherwise have to withdraw the IRA based upon an older beneficiary's life expectancy.

These are just a few of the complexities when considering an estate plan for someone who has IRA balances. Before you complete your IRA beneficiary designation, it's usually a good idea to discuss these issues with your estate planning attorney.

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Choose Your Dining Room Colors Wisely

by Cindy Malszycki

Color psychology takes on added significance in the dining room because color, research clearly shows, profoundly influences appetite. Did you know that changing a restaurant's color scheme has been known to make a failing restaurant a success, despite their excellent food?

Clear colors have the same stimulating effect on appetites as they do on atmosphere. Blue is particularly restful, encouraging leisurely meals. Full-strength red is exciting and to be used with discretion, but lighter shades – such as rose, or pinkish hues – are pleasant to eat by. Yellow is its usual gay and sunny self. Neutrals tend to liven up dining rooms with positive and effective color splashes,

In the presence of food, stick to clear lighter shades of green. I also recommend avoiding shades of purple such as lavender and violet, as they tend to be appetite suppressants. Likewise, using drab colors in your dining room decor is rarely successful.

Since most dining is done at night, it's important to test colors under artificial light. It turns some colors muddy, and would ultimately make food look less appealing.

Lighting should be flexible to allow different levels of light for many activities. A central chandelier can be controlled with a dimmer switch.

Cindy Malszycki is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands. She can be reached at cindy@decden.net.☆

Promotion At Trust Company

Robin A. Darden

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company announced that Robin A. Darden has been promoted to the position of vice president, client relations.

Darden has more than a decade of experience in trust and estate administration and earned a BS in legal studies degree at Hodges University.

"In her nearly four years with the company, Robin has become a valued member of the client relations team and an integral part of our daily operations," said founder, CEO and co-chairman S. Albert Hanser. "We are pleased to recognize Robin for all of her accomplishments."☆

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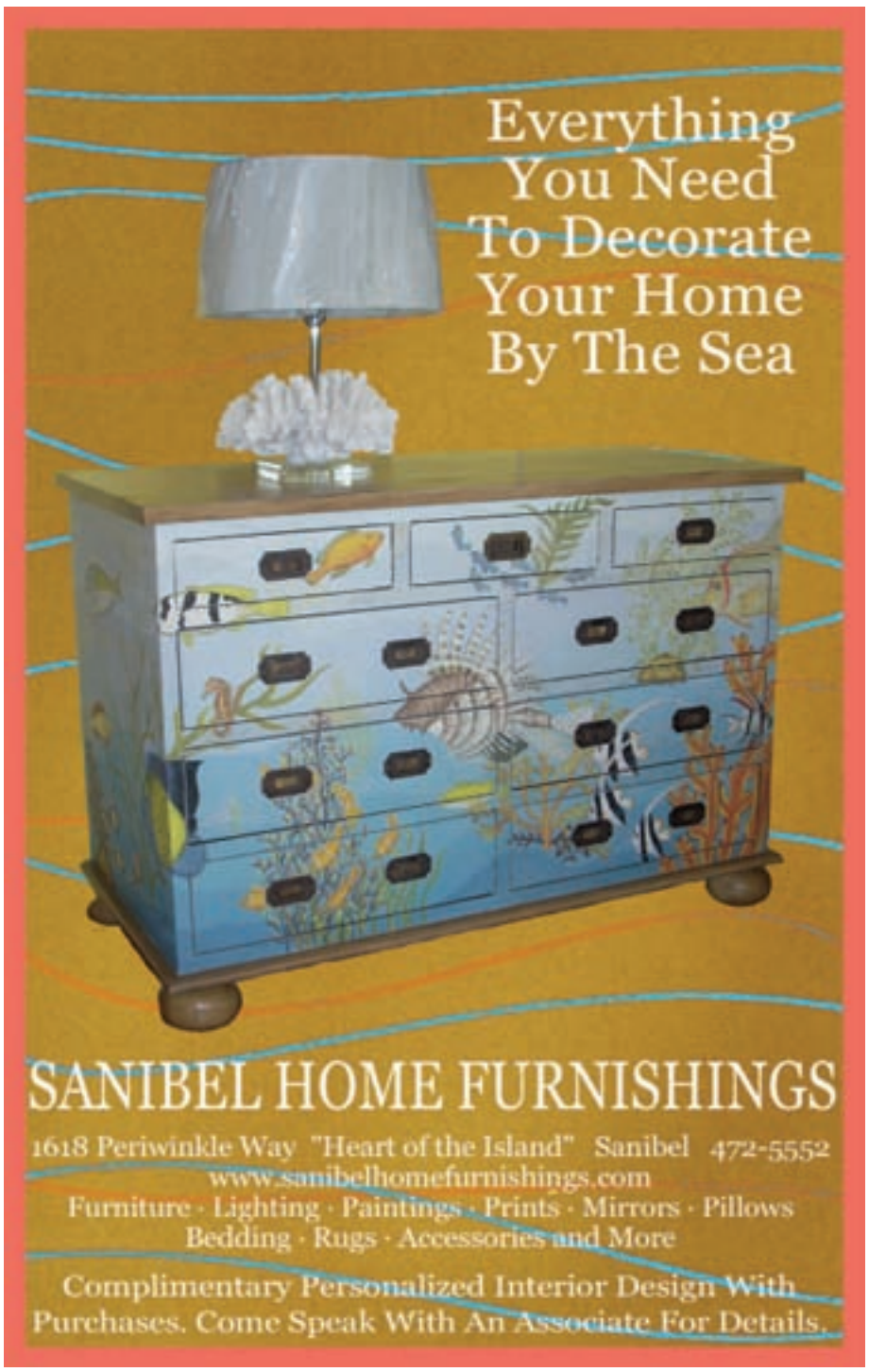

The Dunes To Sponsor 4th Of July Fireworks Show

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club will sponsor and host the July 4 Fireworks celebration

The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club has become a Platinum Sponsor for this year's 4th of July Fireworks celebration on Sanibel.

The fireworks event will be hosted at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club beginning at dusk and will include a party for the whole community. Entry will be free to all and there will be live entertainment, face painting and onsite parking at a cost of $5.

In addition to the fireworks show, being presented by Zambelli Fireworks, tickets will be available for the purchase of food and beverages at the party.

"The Independence Day celebration is a great community event and we are very happy to be a part of it," said Leilani Sivsov, general manager of The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. "We had such a great time last year that we could not miss the opportunity to host the fireworks celebration again."

"The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club did an amazing job last year so naturally we were delighted, not only when they offered to host the event again this year, but to help sponsor it as well," said Ric Base, president of the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce.

The Dunes is located amongst an abundant natural landscape at 949 Sand Castle Road on Sanibel. For more information visit www.dunesgolfsanibel.com.

The fundraising and operation of this year's 4th of July fireworks is being undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in a sponsorship or in making a donation may contact Bridgit Stone-Budd at 472-8255 or email services@sanibep-captiva.org.✯

Chamber Luncheon Held At Newly-Renovated Resort

Kara Minoui, Emily Kletzien, and Lynn Schneider of Shell Point with Christina Wright of SunTrust

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce monthly business lunch on May 14 was sponsored by Alliant Property Management.

The lunch was held at the newly-renovated Sundial Beach Resort and Spa. More than 100 members of the chamber turned out for the event. The speaker was Lynn Schneider of Shell Point Retirement Community. Schneider spoke about the psychographics of senior living and the impact on businesses.

The chamber holds monthly business luncheons for members to network and socialize. For information about joining the chamber, log onto www.sanibel-captiva.org.✯

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

My child will be going to kindergarten in August. He has had some problems getting along with the other children at his preschool. Are there some things that I can do this summer that might help him get along better next year?

Tiffany B., Fort Myers

Tiffany,

Children often have a difficult time communicating with others. It may be because of more slowly developing language skills, low self-esteem or it could be that they have a hard time interpreting facial expressions that other's use. Whatever the reason, there are ways to help your child develop communication skills and have fun at the same time.

Below are several games and activities that you can play together to help develop their ability to communicate and socialize with other children.

Telling Stories – Cut out pictures from magazines and place them in a box. Take turns pulling out one picture and tell a story of what you think is happening in the picture. For older children, have the stories become more complicated.

Play Feeling Charades – Make up cards with as many different feelings as you can think of: Happy, Sad, Angry, Excited, Bored, Scared, Nervous, Unhappy, Tired, Pleased, Interested, Uninterested, etc. Each person takes a card and acts out the feeling without saying anything. This is great for those that may have a hard time reading facial expressions.

Play Action Charades – Make up cards with as many action words as you can think of: Run, Jump, Walk, Hopped, Ran, Skipped, Hurried, Tiptoed, Stir, Stretched, Rolled, Hit, etc. Have each person take one card from each pile and put the sentence together to act it out. Have him and the rest of the family guess what he is doing.

Use Puppets – Sometimes children find it easier to talk if they are doing it through a puppet. Have a variety of puppets, some happy, some sad, some silly. Have your child use the appropriate puppet to tell you about their day.

Finish The Story – Use pictures from magazines and tell a short story about the picture. Stop the story so that your child can continue it and make his own ending. You can also use this with your child's books. Stop the story a few pages before it ends and ask him how they think it should end. Let him know there is no right or wrong way for it to end, each person might have a different ending.

How Do You Feel? – Make up cards for feelings, for younger children, draw pictures and have them hanging up somewhere your child can reach. Several times during the day have him use the cards to let you know how they are feeling.

Conversation Ball – If your child continuously interrupts during other people's conversations, use a conversation ball. During discussions, have the person that is talking hold onto a ball. No one else can speak. Once the first person is done, they hand the ball to the next person that wants to add to the conversation. Only the person holding the ball can speak.

Daily practice with one or more of these games over the summer should help to increase your son's social skills by the time he enters kindergarten.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✯

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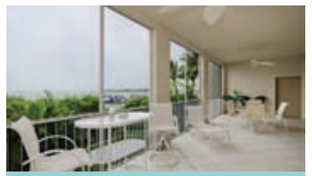

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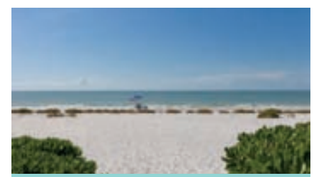

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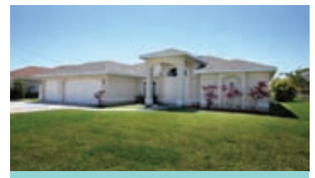

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Trailways campers took part in many new experiences and developed lifelong friendships

Trailways Camp Held For Special Needs Adults

Twenty Southwest Floridians with special needs made lifelong friends during the second session of Trailways Camp in LaBelle. Trailways Camp is a partnership between Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida and The Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund.

"Our vision when we created the Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund was to honor our sons by developing camp experiences that turn life into living for adults with disabilities," said Sharon Miller of the Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund. "Our relationship with Goodwill has begun to make this happen. We love working with the Goodwill team and we are filled to the brim with peace and satisfaction when we see the joy and hear the laughter of our campers."

The session, which ran from May 6 through May 9, included fishing, campfire roasts, a visit by Special Equestrians, swimming, a talent show and a luau. The camp was held at the Riverside Retreat Center in LaBelle.

"Many of our campers had never flown a kite, held a fishing rod, danced on stage, or won an award in their lives," said Jesi Cason, camp counselor and skills trainer at Goodwill. "At camp, everyone got a chance to create unforgettable experiences and make lifelong friendships with people who understand what it is like to have a disability."

Campers spent quality time with the Special Equestrians' horses

The Trailways Camp mission is to remove the social isolation often felt by people with disabilities by providing opportunities for fun, friends and support. Through outdoor activities, group exercises and crafts, campers have the opportunity to develop recreational skills and build relationships.

"An act as simple as sitting down for a meal with friends or roasting marshmallows over a campfire can, and has, changed lives for people who otherwise would not have the opportunity," said Cason. "The campers will always remember the feeling of accomplishment and acceptance they experienced when they lead a group of campers in song or challenged their friends to an epic water noodle fight!"

Trailways Camp will host another session October 7 through 11. For more information, visit www.goodwillswfl.org/trailwayscamp/or contact Todd Ryan at 995-2106 ext. 2285.

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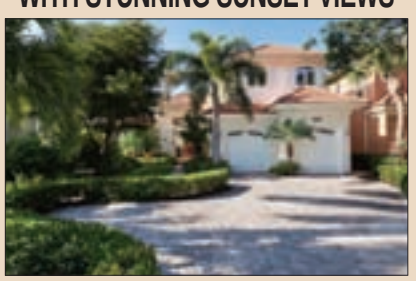

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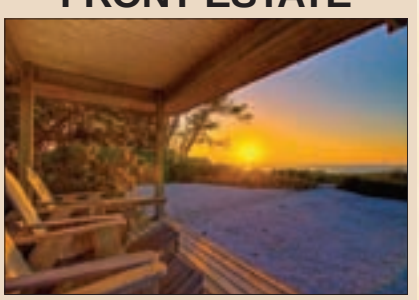

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Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I was invited to a very special birthday party for a lady who lives down the other end of the hall from me at our retirement village. As I walked in, the lady in front of me said to the honoree, "Gladys, you look so wonderful. I never would have dreamed you were 80. I don't think you look a day over 78."

I chuckled to myself, then enjoyed all of the marvelous food and the magnificent birthday cake. When we were grouping to leave, a couple of them said to me, "Now Martha, don't forget to invite us to your 80th when it rolls around," and I said, "I will give you lots of warning." I didn't tell them that I had celebrated my 80th seven years ago. I went by myself to an old-fashioned ice cream parlor and had a chocolate sundae with a cherry and nuts on top. As a child, my father had always taken me for a sundae on my birthday.

My family does not know how old I am and I am not telling. Just passing along my secret... and don't you tell.

Martha xzy

Dear Martha xzy,

Thanks for telling us your secret... and we won't tell a single soul.

Many people have lived a lifestyle that seems to have slowed down the aging process and others were smart enough to choose the right parents. You may have done both. Continue to play your little game, have fun and enjoy the chocolate sundaes with cherries and nuts.

Lizzie

Dear Martha xzy,

I do not know who coined the phrase, "Age only matters if you are fine wine or a piece of cheese," but I whole-heartedly subscribe to it. To me, chronological age is not as important as functional and emotional age. I have seen 40-year-olds acting like 80-year-olds, and 80-year-olds acting like 40-year-olds. So age is how you feel, act and how well you care for yourself.

I consider age very private information, information I – like you – do not share with anyone. And in today's world of identity theft, where personal information is asked for in the same blasé manner as asking someone their shoe size, it is not wise to share. I will object, complain and refuse to share my birth date as a means of identification whenever I can.

Pryce

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

Eden Energy Medicine

Learn A Quick Physical Grounding Tool

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

Last week, we learned that we must stay grounded to maximize our health since we need the energies of the earth to meet life's challenges from a physical, mental, emotional and spiritual basis. A number of techniques were referenced that quickly help to provide grounding. Because this is such an important part of our energetic health, it is best to include a quick daily approach so that you may fold the list and place it in your pocket as a way to help remind you how to stay grounded.

Step 1. Hook-up. Place Middle finger in navel and other middle finger at third eye (between your two physical eyes), push in gently and pull up about half inch. See prior column for details, if need be.

Step 2. Place both hands at the sides of your waist, with the thumbs in front and fingers toward the back. Slide the hands slowly and firmly down the legs.

Step 3. When you reach your feet, squeeze both sides of the feet at the bunions.

Step 4. While bent over, bend your knees if need be, and take at least two deep breaths while hanging in a relaxed fashion.

Step 5. Trace the Spleen meridian by placing the hands on the outside edge of your big toe nail, pull the open palm of your hand, while it is against the body,

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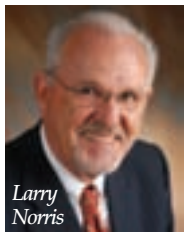
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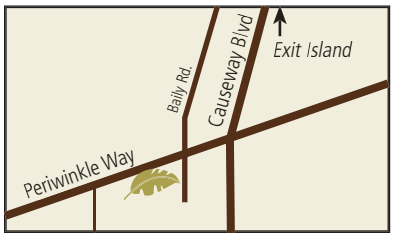

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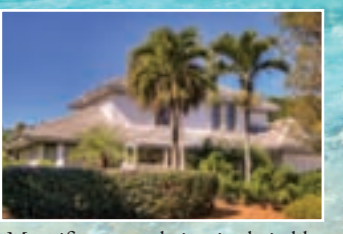

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Why I Disagree With Angelina Jolie's Decision

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: Do you agree with Angelina Jolie's decision to remove her breasts to prevent cancer?

SI, Atlanta, Georgia

When I heard about her double mastectomy, my heart sank for her because I'm sure she was paralyzed by fear. After all, nobody wants to hear the "C" word leave their doctor's lips. Her decision was based on the doctors she trusts but I disagree with it.

She's supposedly removing her ovaries next. Should we tell her the BRCA1 gene increases risk of pancreatic cancer? She'll yank it. In men, the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene increases risk of testicular and prostate cancer. Poor Brad, do you think he'll humor his wife?

These surgeons are going to dissect her while she's still alive and thriving. Good grief! She won't be thriving very long if they take out her ovaries and begin drug therapy to replace progesterone and estrogen. Certain hormone replacement medications increase risk of breast cancer (a tragic irony) as well as depression, gallstones, blood clots, uterine cancer, heart attack and stroke. And she pays her doctors to keep her healthy.

Preventive breast removal is a disturbingly popular trend that is being hailed as a reasonable, if not celebrated choice. Saline or silicone implants make it harder to detect breast cancer and according to the *British Medical Journal*, increase a woman's risk of dying should she happen to develop breast cancer.

Angelina's story makes me admire Suzanne Somers even more. I know her from medical conferences and book signings because we share the same circle as authors of health books. I love her, everybody loves her! She was diagnosed with breast cancer years ago, and forced to make a life or death decision. She chose well. The *Bombshell* author still thrives today and is just as vivacious as Chrissy from *Three's Company*. Angelina could have peed in a cup and learned more about her breast cancer risk than taking a genetic test which cost her several thousand dollars! I'm talking about a 24-hour urine collection test that provides metabolite levels of your hormones, kind of like glimpsing inside your cells. For example, a naturally-occurring estrogen metabolite called "2-methoxyestradiol" protects you from breast cancer. If you're low, you can increase levels with natural supplements such as DIM, B vitamins, magnesium and others. Detoxifying poisons is critical. I have more information about this in my e-book *Breast Cancer Protection* sold at my website.

Since when is conventional medicine genuinely interested in preventing disease? Mastectomies and breast implantation generate trillions of dollars for surgeons, radiologists, hospitals, pharmacies and drug companies. Lifestyle factors, diet, persistent organic pollutants (POPS), vitamin or mineral deficiencies and your body's innate ability to detoxify poisons all play a role in developing cancer. Common sense will tell you that if you remove your breasts, or ovaries, or whatever... you're still a delicious host to cancer in your lungs, uterus, pancreas, wherever. It's a dangerous trend. Don't remove body parts to prevent cancer, make your body an inhospitable host!

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.✲

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy

Q: What seem to be the most dominate issues that people seek counseling for?

A: Clients generally come to me for guidance with a variety of issues, but stress-related issues and anxiety predominate. We all struggle with repeating old behavior patterns. We all are searching for ways not only to reconnect with ourselves, but also to gain a better understanding of significant turning points in our lives that can help us transform stress and fear into courage and confidence. We all could use some direction in bringing more awareness to our consciousness to help decrease suffering and negativity on the one hand, and on the other increase joy and optimism in our daily lives.

When I assist the client to achieve a relaxed state designed to foster a healthy and enduring sense of self, I incorporate imagery and hypnotic techniques so the subconscious mind receives, absorbs, accepts and retains pertinent information being suggested for positive change. These techniques assist in releasing self-doubt, cultivate feelings of personal mastery, and encourage present moment awareness and self-acceptance. This creates change on all levels-mind, body, spirit and emotions.

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Dr. Dave

Exercise, Mental Performance

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I have an imaginary photo of Barack Obama in my home gym/garage. The prez pounds a treadmill every day, prior to his popping into the boy's room for a couple of smokes (yes, he smokes). If a guy, whose job description includes: Run The Free World, Clean Up Dog Poop, Declare War (usually after cleaning up dog poop), can take time out of his schedule to exercise, then so can a guy who runs the free world of Hepburn (not a planet sane folks would ever want to visit without serious shots, including whiskey).

So I climb on to my elliptical, crank up the iTunes and pound away, knowing Barack is doing the same, a virtual mirror image... with slight colour variation. But something happens about the 13.468 minute mark. I quit singing *Pop Goes The World* and my brain waves change. Ideas start pouring in. "...the cure for cancer has to be... the best way to rob TD Bank... Sealey's diagnosis is (granted that might take an ultra-marathon)." So I keep a pad of paper and a pen on the dash of the elliptical. When an idea strikes, I go to grab my pen. On cue, the pen falls off the dash onto the floor. I reach down to retrieve it while trying not to miss a beat but, 110 percent of the time, my headphone wires loop around the pedals, which causes the iPod to fall, which in turn yanks the earbuds out of my ears like a rocket, taking with it parts of my ear canal and possibly a bit of grey matter from my frontal lobe. But this is still where my best ideas come from every time.

Last year, when I cycled from Comox to Victoria with Boomer's Legacy, I was asked to give a talk, upon arrival. I had nothing prepared but, while cycling, I wrote the thing in my head. On arrival, I jotted down the ideas I could remember onto a rain soaked napkin and then gave a talk for the ages (ages 2 to 5, some said).

Can exercise make us smarter? If so, is more necessarily better? Research has looked at how well people perform mentally, both while exercising and immediately after an exercise session. Other research has examined the association between fitness level and age-related cognitive decline. Both show positive correlations.

During a session of moderately intense aerobic exercise, mental performance improves in several measurable ways including:

• Reaction time (except in grabbing falling iPods)

• Executive control processes, such as; planning, scheduling, working memory – the brain's ability to temporarily store and manage information, and inhibition – the ability to block out unnecessary distractions such as painfully losing a portion of your ear canal.

Improved cognitive function actually begins to show at about 20 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic exercise and will be maintained for about another 40 minutes. The positive cognitive effects of exercising for 20 to 60 minutes are primarily related to increase in blood flow to the brain and stimulation of nerve cells to release more neurotransmitters (chemicals that send signals between brain cells). But beyond 60 minutes of exercise, fatigue is likely to become a factor as evidenced, I noticed, by me lying prostrate on the ground. This is when Leo, my Havanese pup, comes to the rescue, thinking he's performing CPR by licking salt off my chest and face. Mental performance is trumped by exhaustion after 60 minutes. Once fatigue sets in, you start to lose the mental edge you have gained. If exercise continues, then mental performance actually will decline to a level lower than where you started.

OK, my workout is done, ideas wrangled, article written, Barack back on the wall, dog happy. Time for a smoke.

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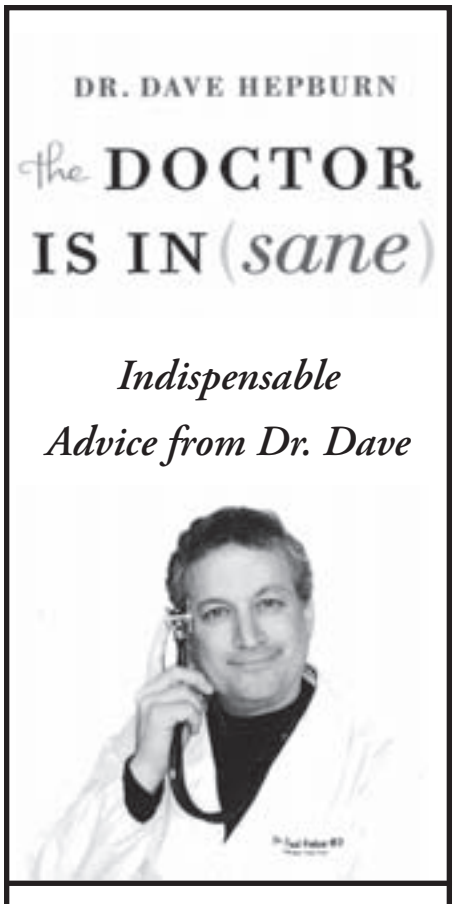

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From page 20B

Grounding Tool

Eden Energy Medicine book, page 116

from the big toe up the inside of the legs. When you reach the hips, move your hands out toward the sides of the front of your body across the side of your rib cage until parallel to the arm pits. Then, move the hands from the armpit down toward the bottom of the rib cage about five inches. See the adjacent picture.

If you are wondering why you should do this technique instead of or in addition to The 5 Minute Routine, it is because this energy vortex at the base of our feel allows energies to enter the legs which flow to the pelvic floor and then separate into two pathways. One path continues to the head and the second flows from the sacrum to the earth again. Both paths ground us back to the earth. So this technique enhances the energetic work already learned. By doing Connecting Heaven and Earth; The Hook-up; The Wayne Cook Posture and The Three Thumps – you may not need to do The Grounding. Sense your energies and you will begin to recognize when it needs attention.

Have fun with your energy! Send me your questions. Next week's topic is Plump The Diaphragm to Oxygenate The Body.

If you have a questions for Karen, email her at ksemmelmanenergy@gmail.com. Learn more at 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.✡

Customers Were Generous During Food Drive

Postal customers in Lee and Collier counties were once again generous in making donations during the 21st annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive, Stamp out Hunger, on Saturday, May 11. Lee County donated 325,125 pounds of food and Collier County donated 294,000 pounds.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank, along with other agencies, received the food in Lee County. Food in Collier County is distributed by Collier Harvest. All food collected in the food drive will be distributed to participating agencies at no cost. The post office, Harry Chapin Food Bank and Collier Harvest rely on a large contingent of volunteers to assist mail carriers in picking up food and completing pre-sorts of food prior to taking to warehouses.

Those who were not able to participate in the May 11 food drive may still do so by taking nonperishable food items to any post office or Uncle Bob's Storage locations. Checks can also be made payable to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and sent to 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.✡

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3 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

2 limes, juiced

Canola oil

Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Make sure your chicken cutlets are thin and even in thickness. Lightly dust both sides of the cutlets with the Latin spice mix.

Preheat a large sized sauté pan over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon canola oil to preheated sauté pan. Add the spiced cutlets to the pan carefully without crowding the pan. Cook chicken for 2 to 3 minutes per side. The chicken should be golden brown and cooked completely through. Insert a internal cooking thermometer into the chicken cutlet, it should read 165 degrees for correct doneness. Remove from pan and let cool slightly.

Turn the heat on the pan down to medium low. Add 1/2 cup of water to pan and stir to remove any bits of flavor from the bottom of the pan. Reduce the water in the pan by half (this should only take a minute or so). Add lime juice to the pan and continue to stir. Add the butter to the pan sauce while stirring constantly. The butter should blend with the pan sauce to form a thicker pan sauce.

Latin Spiced Florida Chicken with Cilantro and Lime Butter

After the butter is combined to make the sauce, remove from heat and add cilantro. Taste pan sauce and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

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Look
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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 27B

	9				1		6	
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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 27B

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Compass Point Condo	Sanibel	1979	1,339	1,095,000	1,000,000	61
Gulfside Place	Sanibel	1981	1,802	955,000	940,000	50
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2011	3,359	899,000	825,000	132
No Subdivision	Fort Myers	1954	2,537	815,000	795,000	101
Edgewater At Gulf Harbour	Fort Myers	1997	3,124	869,000	760,000	178
Cedar Glen	Bonita Springs	2000	2,802	738,500	705,000	391
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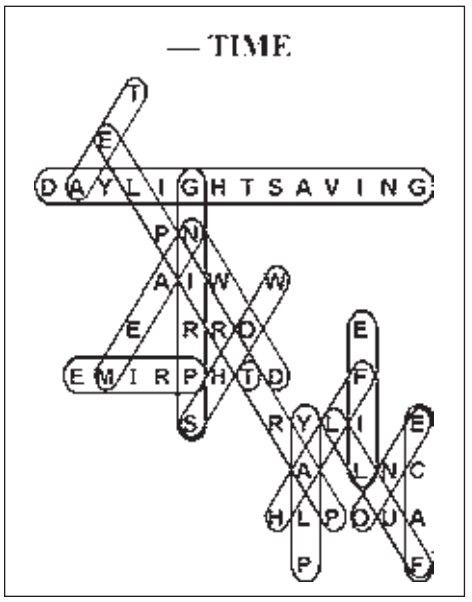

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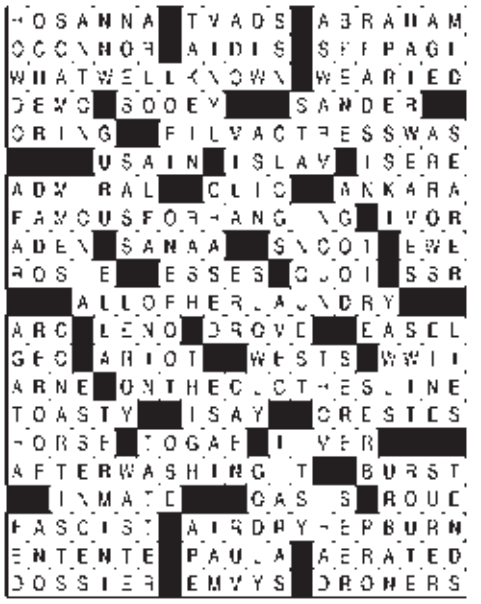

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We need volunteers for:
Clinic emergency patient admissions desk and baby animal feeders
Visitor education center greeters and gift shop cashiers
CROW - (239) 472-3644, ext. 231 or volunteers@crowclinic.org
✲RS 1/4 NC TFN

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren. We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm.
If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.
✲NS 2/8 CC TFN

WANTED TO BUY

CASH PAID FOR MILITARY ITEMS
Cash Paid For Old Military Items. Medals, Swords, Uniforms, helmets, old guns, awards & more.
Local Toll Free 1-866-440-3280
✲RS 3/15 CC 5/31

BOATS - CANOES - KAYAKS

DOCKAGE
Hourly, Daily, Weekly and Monthly.
Captiva Island 472-5800
✲RS 1/4 NC TFN

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND
Prescription sunglasses found in parking lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday, February 27. Claim at Island Sun newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center, or call 395-1213.
✲NS 3/8 NC TFN

LOST AND FOUND
Lost Ladies Watch
Make: Brighton
Area of Mucky Duck on Captiva Island
Lost on Dec. 10, 2012 around noon
If found call: 941-639-5395
✲RS 1/4 NC TFN

CAUTION

GARAGE • MOVING • YARD SALES

HUGE MOVING SALE
967 Beach Rd East end of the Island
Friday 5/24 and Saturday 5/25
8:00am to 11:00am
Bikes, furniture, kitchen
EVERYTHING MUST GO
✲NS 5/24 CC 5/24

To those who are hungry, $20 is a fortune.

But $20 can feed a family of four for a week, thanks to the...

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The Food Bank can acquire $6 of nutritious food for every $1 you donate, turning your $20 into a week's worth of meals for a family of four...

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★ CLASSIFIED DEADLINE FRIDAY AT NOON ★

Pets Of The Week

I'm Toury and I'm looking for my new best friend. You can tell by my perky ears how attentive I will be to you and I'd like to find a friend that feels the same way about me. So if you would like a little dog you can tuck under your arm but one who can keep up with you on a brisk walk, then you could be the one I've been searching for. My adoption fee is $30 (regularly $75) during Animal Services' Spring Fever adoption promotion..

My name is Juliet I'm a grown up girl but I'm so petite you might think I'm still a baby. Maybe that's because I have a baby-like personality too. My favorite thing is to lay my little head in your hands so you can rub my ears. If you have other kitties, I would like to have another feline friend in my new home. If not, you can adopt another kitty along with me. All cats and kittens are two for one during Animal Services' Spring Fever adoption promo.

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at $500.

Toury ID# 562632

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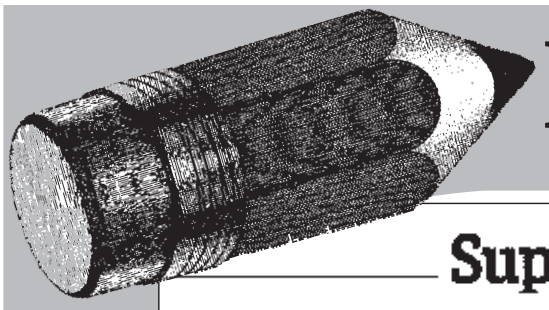
Juliet ID# 563556

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**
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	**332-4488**
Art League Of Fort Myers	**275-3970**
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	**395-0900**
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	**278-4422**
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	**472-0168**
Gulf Coast Symphony	**472-6197**
Lee County Alliance for the Arts	**939-2787**
Naples Philharmonic	**597-1111**
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater	**472-6862**
Sanibel Music Festival	**336-7999**
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	**472-4258**
S.W. Florida Symphony	**418-0996**
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	**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**
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Assc. of America (MOAA, Alex MacKenzie)	**395-9232**
United Way of Lee County	**433-2000**
United Way 211 Helpline	**(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900**
Zonta Club	**671-6381**
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	**395-2233**
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	**472-1100**
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village	**472-4648**
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	**472-2329**



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 27B

Super Crossword

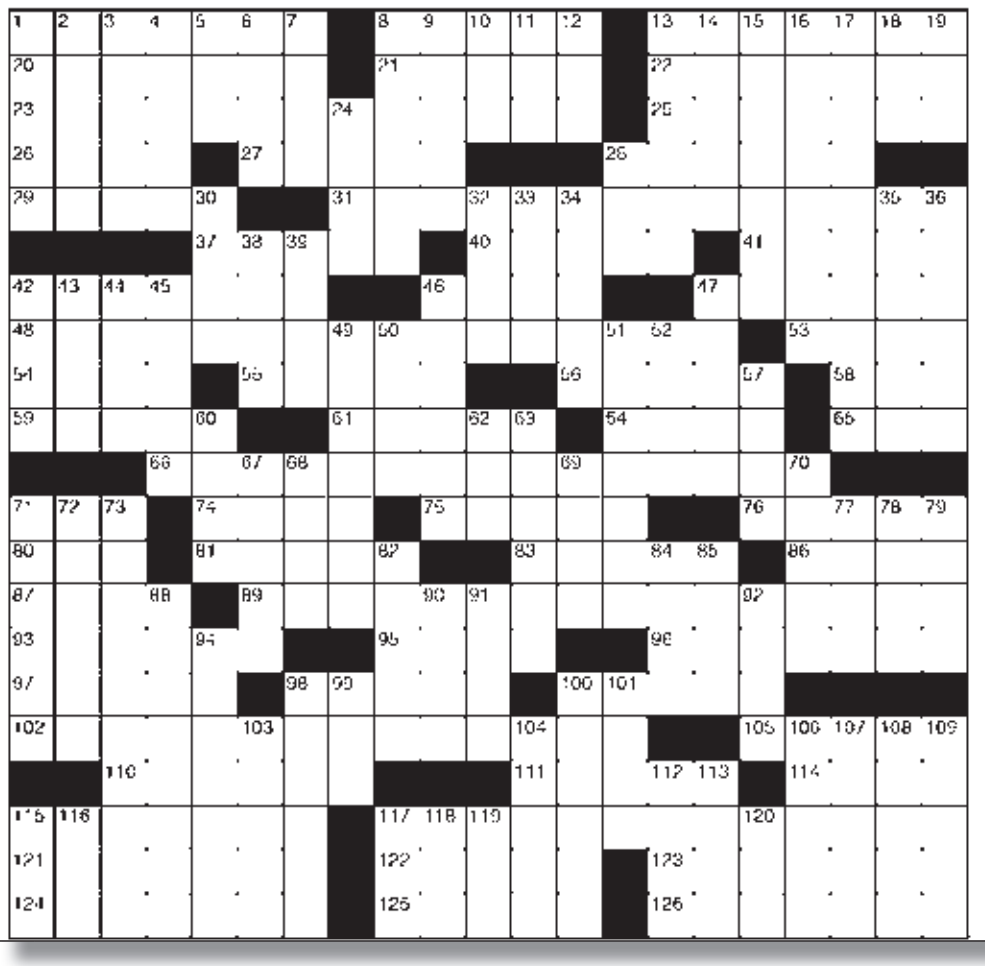
STAR WHO NEVER TUMBLED

ACROSS

1 Palm Sunday shout
8 Spots on the boob tube
13 Father of Isaac
20 Actor Carroll
21 Office helpers
22 Oozing squid
23 Start of a riddle
25 Grew tired
26 Test-driven car
27 "Here, pigs"
28 Wood smoother
29 Circular rubber gasket
31 Riddle, part 2
37 Sprinkler Bolt of the 2008 Olympics
40 Imam's religion
41 Grenoble's river
42 Fleet head
46 Award for an ad
47 Turkish capital
48 Riddle, part 3
53 Novello of old films
54 Former capital of Yemen
55 Capital of Yemen
56 Haughty type
58 Lamb's mother
59 Entertainer O'Donnell
61 Double curves
64 Je ne sais —
65 Defunct Russian state
66 Riddle, part 4
71 Bit of a circle
74 Joker Jay
75 Impelled
76 African island
80 Prism maker, once
81 "What !" ("How hilarious!")
83 Mae and Adam
86 Axis-vs.-Allies conflict
87 Architect Jacobsen
89 Riddle, part 5
93 Mildly warm
95 "Well, old chap!"
96 Son of Agamemnon
97 Equine
98 Caesar's robes
100 Hourglass, e.g.
102 End of the riddle
105 Rupture
110 Jailbird
111 Green patch in a desert
114 Lechrist
115 Like Mussolini
117 Riddle's answer
121 Friendly pact
122 Newswoman Zahn
123 Gave fizz to
124 Spy's file
125 Awards for soap operas
126 Steady hum producers

DOWN

1 "— you spe relief?"
2 Earthy tone
3 "Ditto"
4 Author Chekhov
5 Mobile-to-Memphis dir.
6 Rejections
7 Guitar-toting Guthrie
8 Hoodwink
9 LP plastic
10 Busyness
11 Lawn moisture
12 1040 info
13 Teeming
14 Designer Geoffrey
15 Entries, as computer data
16 Relaxing time on the slopes
17 Coverers of some bald spots
18 Get long in the tooth
19 Pre- (undergrad study)
24 Like sound recordings that aren't sharp, for short
28 RR bldg.
30 Wise mentor
32 Leon Uris' "— 18"
33 S "Sam"
34 Blocks up
35 "This way" signs
36 One charting something
38 Impertinence
39 Snooty Italian car, for short
42 A long way off
43 Carpentry groove
44 Married Fr. woman
45 Old Aegean Sea region
46 Went in pursuit of
47 Put in word for
49 12 inches
50 Skin eruption
51 Judicial hearing
52 Verb go with
57 Lose steam
60 "Enchanted" girl of film
62 Do wrong
63 Large
67 "Bad" Brown
68 Getting — years
69 Subcompact from Chevy
70 Sailboat varieties
71 Christie of mysteries
72 Put a new top on, as a building
73 Super dupers
77 "M*A*S*H" actress Loretta
78 Berlin article
79 Tells a falsehood
82 Leg part
84 McAr (shoe brand)
85 Parched
88 Hearts
90 Movies of Hollywood
91 French city
92 Belgrade citizen
94 Ends of railroad lines
98 Rip to bits
99 Suffix of sugar names
100 Sparkly crowns
101 -bossy
103 Detritus
104 Pious
106 From the city
107 Highway, e.g.
108 More positive
109 Gravitates
112 "I" — my way ..."
113 Fortuneteller
115 Grazed (on)
116 Portuguese for "year"
117 Orangutan, for one
118 " the Walrus"
119 Pirate's drink
120 Play-for-pay athlete



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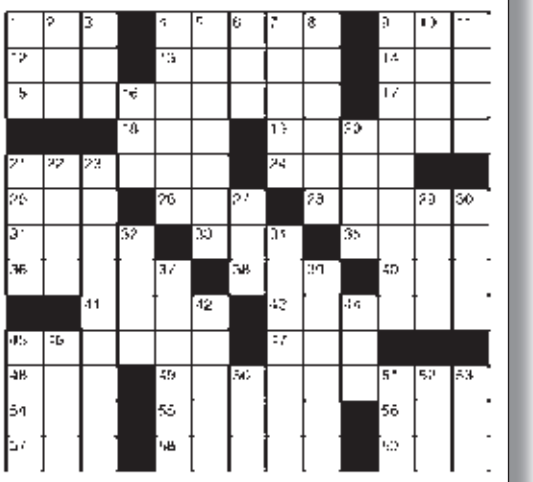

ACROSS

1 Fire res due
4 Temptresses
9 Swabbie's tool
12 Eisenhower nickname
13 Approximately
14 Flightless bird
15 Causing unhappiness
17 Liar
18 Architect Maya —
19 Broker's aid
21 With "out," depressed
24 Grand tale
25 Historic time
26 Pooch
28 Obliterate
31 Body powder
33 Perch
35 Sleeping
36 Apportion
38 Beak
40 Floral neckwear
41 Pool Pound
43 Victoria's prince
45 Game participant
47 Automobile
48 High-arc throw
49 Worth noting
54 Right angle
55 Reserved
56 Zodiac cat
57 Beerlike brew
58 Hierarchy levels
59 Two lives

DOWN

1 Pick a target
2 Tackle the slopes
3 Cock and bull?
4 Miscellaneous
5 Desert
6 Unruly group
7 Throb
8 Treeless tract
9 Having a remedy
10 Portent
11 Fourth-down option
16 Shade provider
20 Old Italian money
21 Alpha follower
22 Caspian feeder
23 Up for modification
27 Card table call
29 Prophet
30 Redact
32 Snug and warm
34 NBC bird
37 Quake
39 Trumpet noises
42 Sports venue
44 Lingerie item
45 Critically
46 Lounge around
50 60 sec
51 Sandwich, for short
52 Shelter
53 A billion years

MAGIC MAZE ● — TIME

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

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

Daylight saving
Down
Face
Full
Half
Life
Mean
One
Part
Play
Prime
Show
Spring
Tea
Triple

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Real Estate
We make it easy. You make it home.

Come out of your shell
and into one of ours.

LUXURY

Sedgemoor of Sanibel
• 3BD/3.5BA with Direct Gulf Views
• Corner Penthouse with Casual Elegance
• Low Density, Pet Friendly Complex
• First Class Amenities & Finishes
• **$2,550,000** MLS 2130076
• **McMurray & Nette 239.850.7888**

Captiva "Island Lure" - Captiva
• Just Reduced $251,000
• Direct Bayfront w/Gulf Access Dockage
• Mini Estate/Family Compound
• 4 Bedrooms, 5 Baths and 1 Half Bath
• **$3,699, 000** MLS 2130041
• **John and Denice Beggs 239.357.5500**

Anglers Key
• Rare to Market 4BD/3BA
• Large Condo Lives Like a Home
• Breathtaking 180° Views of Gulf of Mexico
• Luxurious Upscale Interior
• **$1,875,000** MLS 2130091
• **Burns Family Team 239.464.2984**

Lands End Village
• 2BD/2BA with Incredible Pine Island Sound Views
• Resort Style Pool, Spa & Tennis Courts
• Tile Floors, Granite Counters, Wood Cabinets
• New Roof, Plumbing, All Windows & Sky Lights
• **$1,215,000** MLS 2121186
• **Fred Newman & Vicki Panico 239.826.2704**

Captiva Beach
• 100' of Beach Frontage
• Direct Gulf Views
• Expansive Lot
• Can be Purchased with Neighboring Lot
• **$2,995,000** MLS 2121109
• **Burns Family Team 239.464.2984**

Steps to Beach – Chateaux Sur Mer
• Gorgeous Updated Ranch Style with Pool
• Beautifully Landscaped with Night Lighting
• End of Cul-de-Sac on Oversized Parcel
• 4BD/2BA Floorplan
• **$845,000** MLS 2130543
• **McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435**

Boating and Beach
• .5 Acre Homesite w/Panoramic Water Views
• Private Waterfront Setting
• South Seas Location
• Sailboat Access Plus Beach
• **$1,975,000** MLS 2130367
• **Jim Branyon 239.565.3233**

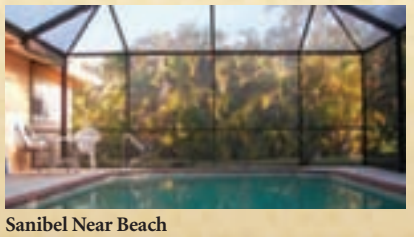
Captiva Beach Gem
• Extraordinary 4BD/4BA Captiva Cottage
• Gulf Side Porches Lead to Beach
• Charming Interior with French Doors & Fireplace
• Outstanding Rental History
• **$4,850,000** MLS 2121281
• **Sarah Ashton 239.691.4915**

Premier East End Location
• 3BD/3.5BA Direct Access Canal Home
• Recently Remodeled-3,000 S.F. Living Space
• Large Screened Pool
• 140' of Beautiful Seawall Canal Frontage
• **$1,745,000** MLS 2120159
• **Burns Family Team 239.464.2984**

Tennis Villa 3121
• 1BD at South Seas Island Resort
• Completely Updated Interior
• Tropical Courtyard Views
• Steps to Pool, Beach, Restaurants & More!
• **$225,000** MLS 2120046
• **Fred Newman or Vicki Panico 239.826.2704**

Awesome Sanibel Home
• Secluded within Preservation Lands
• Steps to Beach
• 3BD/3BA with Caged Pool
• Newer Home, Over 4,200 S.F. Living Space
• **$1,325,000** MLS 2121064
• **McMurray & Nette 239.281.4435**

Banyan Beach
• 2 Homes, 200' Beach Frontage
• Both Homes Built in 2002, Carefully Maintained
• Tropical Oasis with Mature Gardens
• 6,000 SF Main Home & 2,100 SF Guest Home
• **$13,500,000** MLS 2130424
• **Jane Weaver & Cathy Rosario 239.464.2249**



Sanibel Near Beach
• 2BD/2BA Island Retreat
• Updated Kitchen
• Tranquil Pool Setting
• Deeded Beach Access
• **$524,900** MLS 2130273
• **Craig Wolf, McMurray & Nette 239.850.3172**

South Seas Island Resort
• New Construction, Steps to Beach
• 4BD/3BA located on 3/4 Acre Lot
• Breathtaking Exterior Elevation
• Close to Community Pool & Tennis
• **$1,895,000** MLS 2120929
• **Burns Family Team 239.464.2984**

Unique Captiva Opportunity
• Zoned Commercial, Located on Popular Andy Rosse
• Olde Florida Charm, Fully Remodeled
• Open & Efficient Interior Space
• Large Covered Rear Porch
• **$1,350,000** MLS 2130217
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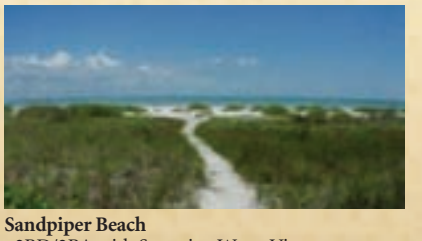

Sandpiper Beach
• 2BD/2BA with Stunning Water Views
• Spacious, Updated & Beautifully Furnished
• Quiet 27 Unit Complex on 13 Acres
• Resort Amenities
• **$625,000** MLS 2121425
• **Sally Davies 239.691.3319**

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