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## Sanibel Library Celebrates 20 Years

by Jeff Lysiak

What began with a collection of 600 donated books occupying four, seven-foot-tall bookshelves inside The Community House back in late 1962 has grown into a nearly 30,000-square-foot world class facility that continues to be one of the most rewarding treasures of the island.

This year, the Sanibel Public Library – which currently boasts more than 60,000 titles, easily accessed through a fully automated online catalog as well as across the Internet – is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its Dunlop Road headquarters.

Some of the library's current staff and volunteers talked about working at the highly touted 5-Star library (according to *Library Journal's* annual America's Star Libraries survey conducted in 2011), which has also been named the top ranked attraction on Sanibel by TripAdvisor.

"We are very proud of our star ratings and 'best of' ratings. These honors belong to the people of Sanibel who generously



The Sanibel Public Library will celebrate the 20th anniversary of moving into its present location, 770 Dunlop Road, on March 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.

photo by Jeff Lysiak

support the library through their tax dollars and who use the library for information, education and entertainment," said Margaret Mohundro, executive director of the library. "We look at the Sanibel Public Library, too, as a destination – a terrific place to visit and to while away the hours; an information place, a sanctuary, a social

center, a technology center."

"When I arrived on Sanibel in 2006, I stopped by the Sanibel Public Library during a job search, and landed in a wonderful work environment," said Cathy Cameron, secretary. "More than just books, the library is an incredible source of information, and a lively, fun-filled,

community-oriented place to be."

According to Cameron, many current staff members have been with the Sanibel Public Library since the early 1990s.

"When the library used to be located at what's now the senior center (Center 4 Life), there was a small office for the director and three areas for the entire collection," said Sandra Ham, who began

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## Free Food And Fun At Fire House

Sanibel firefighters are inviting the public to attend a free open house on Saturday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring free food, children's activities and fire/rescue simulations.

The open house will take place at the Sanibel Fire Rescue District Station #1, located at 2351 Palm Ridge Road. Parking will be available at the nearby Center 4 Life (Senior Center) on Library Way.

The event also includes tours of the station and a fire safety trailer. Lee County Emergency Medical Service is also taking part.

For more information, call 472-5525.\*

## Maureen McGovern To Visit Sanibel

Through her long and acclaimed career as a recording artist and stage performer, Maureen McGovern has experienced the full range of show business glamour, from the bright lights of Hollywood to the footlights of Broadway and even Carnegie Hall. But she has a special attraction to Southwest Florida and is looking forward to her upcoming visit to the area.

"I have special friends here, and the weather and natural beauty of the area are just so spectacular. I can see why people love it so much here," she said.

Also attractive to her is the fact that many people in the area appreciate her style and talent.

"Snowbirds are my best audiences! They know the songs, and they understand and appreciate the skill that goes into performing them well," she said.

Critics have called McGovern "The Stradivarius Voice" and her recordings have received numerous Grammy nomina-



Maureen McGovern

tions. Her interpretation of the Academy Award-winning song *The Morning After* has become a classic.

On Tuesday, April 1, McGovern will perform in a special cabaret-style show at The Community House in An Evening



There will be a sunset cruise with Maureen McGovern aboard the *Lady Chadwick*

With Maureen McGovern. She'll be singing favorites from her long career interpreting the American Songbook, as well as some new songs from her recent touring work. The show is a rare opportunity for area fans to hear her live.

McGovern said, "I'm blessed that I can

do an intimate show like this wherever I want because it doesn't require elaborate technical support...just me, a piano and these remarkable songs I love to sing."

The day before her concert at The Community House, McGovern will also

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Looking Back:

## Bayview Hotel On Captiva



The Captiva Island Historical Society, which will debuted its new History Gallery inside the Captiva Community Center this month, is focused on presenting the history of the island with a series of photographs. This week's image is The Bayview Hotel on Captiva (circa 1911), later renamed Fishermans Lodge, then Captiva Lodge, then Captiva Hotel. It was built by F.A. Lane in stages from 1911 to 1915. It burned down in 1948.

photo: archives of the Captiva Island Historical Society

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## CHR's Mardi Gras

Thanks to the generosity of the following businesses and individuals who donated their time, talents and treasures to make our 2nd annual Mardi Gras event a great success:

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A special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, board members and staff!

CHR is a non-profit organization that provides affordable housing for families and individuals who work in and/or serve the community of Sanibel. Today, CHR administers housing for 145 island residents in 11 rental complexes plus 14 limited equity ownership homes throughout Sanibel, thus facilitating local workforce for island businesses and ensuring economic diversity in our community.\*

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Library staff, from left, Duane Shaffer, Sandra Ham and Betsy Eidem with historical images of the building

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## Sanibel Library 20th Anniversary

working there in 1992. "I used to have to crawl over boxes of books to get to my desk."

Ham also remembers that after the new library building was constructed in 1994, patrons were encouraged to check out as many books as possible from the old facility, and then return them to the Dunlop Road headquarters.

"This new building is enormous and

beautiful," she added, noting that the community even helped select what style of chairs would be purchased for the new library.

Architecturally designed to blend seamlessly with nature, the library's original 19,162-square-foot facility on Dunlop Road was expanded a decade later (in September 2004), adding another 10,386 square feet.

"We could always be larger because the demand is so high, especially during season," said Ham of the now 29,548-square-foot building.

Independently owned by local resi-

dents, the barrier island oasis consists of a two-story lobby featuring a fossil shell collection from Florida and the Caribbean, meeting rooms, fax and notary services as well as a reading porch with rocking chairs overlooking the water. The first computers were put into use at the library in the mid-1990s; today, the facility includes more than two dozen computers which have been used by over a quarter-million members and visitors.

"A writer commented on TripAdvisor that the library is a 'gift' from Sanibel to itself and to everyone. I think that is so true and a wonderful compliment to our residents," said Mohundro. "The Sanibel Public Library is a cultural touchstone, and it's truly an honor to be associated with a library and a community that values its public library like Sanibel does."

"There is a unique community feel and a sense of passion that emanates from staff about this library," added Cameron.

On Thursday, March 27 from 2 to 4 p.m., the Sanibel Public Library invites the island community to celebrate the 20th anniversary at the current facility. Admission is free, and music and refreshments will be provided. The library is located at 770 Dunlop Road. Call 472-2483 for more information.✪

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## Maureen McGovern

make an appearance as the special guest aboard the *Lady Chadwick* for a sunset cruise with a smaller group. Guests will be able to meet her in a comfortable, informal setting and hear her sing a song or two "a cappella," while having appetizers, drinks and watching a tropical sunset.

Concert tickets are \$50 and cruise tickets are \$75. A combination ticket is \$100. Tickets are available at The Community House or by calling 472-2155.

McGovern's appearances here are fundraisers to benefit the Sanibel Community Association. Benefits are used so that rental fees can be kept low for the non-profits that meet at the house. Sponsors for the events include: The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, Captiva Cruises, Tween Waters Resort, JetBlue, and West Wind Inn.✪

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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANIBEL TO HOST MEET AND GREET WITH CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES



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Because of the resignation of former Congressman Trey Radel, a special election to fill his place as the Representative from Congressional District 19 must be held.

**SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS APRIL 22, 2014**

**SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION IS JUNE 24, 2014**

The League of Women Voters of Sanibel has invited all qualified candidates for the post to attend a Meet and Greet on Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Candidates will have time to make a short presentation, and then be available to meet the public and answer individual questions. No signs or demonstrations will be allowed in the auditorium.

Candidates who have confirmed that they will attend are as follows: Curt Clawson, Michael Dreikorn, Paige Kreegel, Ray Netherwood, Tim Rossano, and April Freeman (tentative). Lizbeth Benacquisto will not attend but will send staff members. The League of Women Voters Florida requires that all qualified candidates be invited to a League sponsored Meet & Greet.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The 77th annual Sanibel Shell Festival hosted by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Sanibel Community Association was a great success, and the two groups wish to express their appreciation to everyone who supported this annual event.

David Drotleff provided his time and talent to design the beautiful rack cards.

The following generously provided items for the Sanibel Community Association raffle: Judy Dinnick, Tween Waters Inn, Congress Jewelers, JoAnne Bedient, Three Crafty Ladies, Ann Pershing, Diane Winder, the Shell Crafters and Bill Jordan.

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club would like to thank the following businesses for making major financial contributions to the Sanibel Shell Show. The Island Inn, where the Shell Show began 77 years ago, became the show's first Angel Wing-level show sponsor this year.

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Besides these major sponsors, the following businesses and individuals sponsored the trophies and awards that were given to the winners of the Scientific Division and the Artistic Division competitions of the Shell Show. They include the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, the Weinstein Family, Bonnie Ford, the

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The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum hosted the Judges' Reception and Awards Ceremony. We thank them for allowing us to use the museum for this event. Again this year, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum granted free museum admission to everyone who gave the requested \$5 donation to visit the Shell Show. Nearly 500 people took advantage of this generous offer and visited the museum without charge during the show. We thank the museum for its generosity.

Thank you to the sixth grade students of The Sanibel School for sharing their knowledge about mollusks at the live shell exhibit.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked to make the Shell Festival a huge success: the Sanibel Community Association Shellcrafters, who work throughout the year preparing for the Shell Festival craft sales; those who sort shells throughout the year so they can be

sold in the Shell Tent; the Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis who help with parking and opening the tents each morning; Sanibel Community Association members; all the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club members, and all the people from the community who volunteered to work during the Shell Festival. The club also thanks nature photographer Melanie Moraga for allowing the use of her junonia photograph, without charge, for the Shell Show awards and the Shell Show booklet.

Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sanibel for their assistance.

*The Island Sun* and *The Island Reporter* newspapers provided great coverage with stories and photos before and during the event. *The Island Sun's* show booklet was beautifully done and was mailed to all households on the island.

A big thank you goes to the community of Sanibel for helping make the 77th annual Shell Festival a success.

Planning is already under way for next year's Shell Festival. The dates are March 5, 6 and 7, 2015 at The Community House. Plan to come and be amazed!\*

**Long-Time Islander To Give Next Twilight Talk**

The Sanibel Historical Village will hold its next Twilight Talk at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Old Schoolhouse on the village grounds. The speaker will be Deb Gleason, chairperson of the city's Historical Preservation Committee and long-time islander.

Gleason's topic for the evening is Island Ladies of the '50s and '60s.

She grew up on the beach, helping with family rental cottages and later helping visitors become islanders in the world of real estate. She is co-author with Charles LeBuff of *Sanibel and Captiva Islands: Postcard History Series*.

Reservations may be made by calling Emilie Alfino at the museum, 472-4648, or via email at info@sanibelmuseum.org. The cost is \$5 per ticket; members and volunteers are admitted free.

Alfino says, "Don't delay. These talks have been selling out very quickly."

Charles LeBuff will speak at the last Twilight Talk of the season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16. His talk will cap off the museum's Lighthouse Day, and his topic will be The History and Operation of the Sanibel Lighthouse.

Again, tickets must be reserved, and the cost is \$5, and free for members.

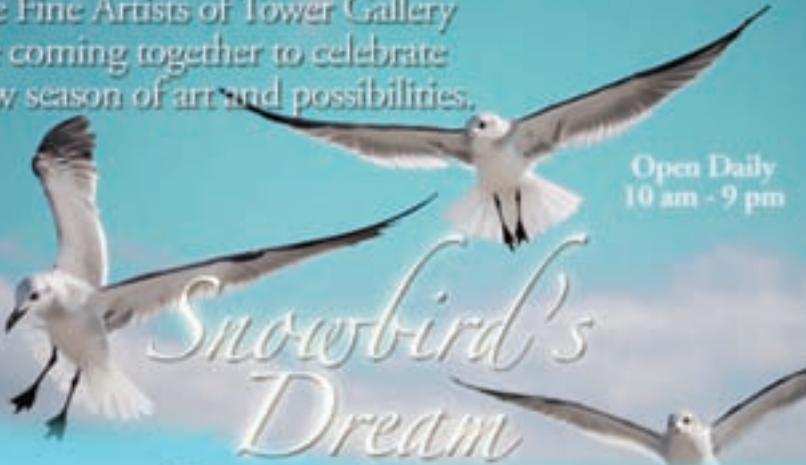
The historical village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and will change to summer hours May 7, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; free those under 18 and members.

Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability.

There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission for entrance to the Gift Shop only is free. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.\*

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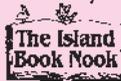
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Students at the Children's Education Center tried their best to blow bubbles for spring

## Young Students Celebrate The First Day Of Spring

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## Children's Spring Festival April 19

The 20th annual Spring Festival put on by the Children's Education Center of the Islands will be held on April 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel City Park (next to The Community House).

The festival begins with a free Easter Egg Hunt by age group, followed by a silent auction, games, crafts, food and contests.

Activities will include a bounce house, grand slide, sack races, face painting by Ms. Silvia, pinatas and photo booth. The Easter Bunny will also be available for pictures.

The cost is \$10 for unlimited fun.\*

## Backyard Games

A family event, Backyard Game Night, is planned for Saturday, March 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Community Park on Sanibel.

Ice cold lemonade will be served and there will be games such as volleyball, football, shuffleboard, corn hole toss, ladder ball and bocce ball.

There is no fee to participate; all activities are weather permitting. For more information, contact the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345.\*

## MOAA Meeting

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association or America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 8. Note the change to Tuesday.

The speaker will be the Honorable Thomas F. Hall, former assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs and acting under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA may contact Steve Epkins at 810-0488 for membership information.\*

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**Third Place:** Penny Weinstein

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## Historical Village Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The Sanibel Historical Village celebrated its 30th anniversary last night with a party on village grounds, co-chaired by museum volunteers Ellen O'Neill and Gail Migliorini. About 250 people attended the celebration under three tents. Adding to the ambience of the evening was music by the all-volunteer musical group Island Jazz.

The 30th anniversary campaign, the reason for the party, raised \$255,650. Officially, the campaign continues until the end of the year and is open for donations. The funds will be used to complete

renovation of Shore Haven's second floor, to restore the Caretakers' Cottage, and to complete landscape and signage improvements.

Five live auction items were featured: a painting of Shore Haven and Daisy Mayer by Myra Roberts, a fishing trip with Richard Johnson and Billy Kirkland, dinner with three island authors, a dedicated parking spot at Bailey's General Store, and two vacations in Italy.

Several volunteers played historical figures and told guests facts about the buildings and favorite stories about islanders from days gone by.

Museum volunteers did the decorating, led by Pam Magnotto. Keeping to a theme of natural beauty, the table centerpieces were vegetables and herbs that were planted in the museum's garden the next day.



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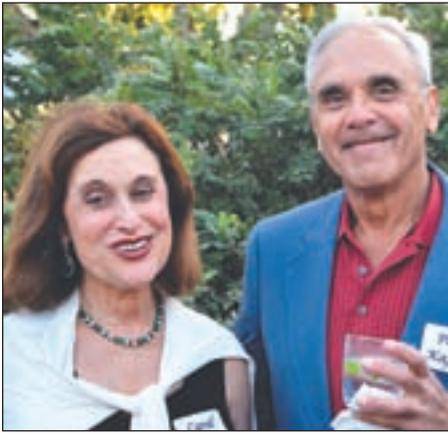


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The big centerpiece of the evening was Shore Haven itself. Renovated by general contractor Gus Landl, architect Amy Nowacki, and painted by John Grey Painting, the 1924 kit home, purchased for about \$4,000, is a showpiece once again. Although the interior is empty at this time, party guests were able to go through the house for the first time. Plans are to use Shore Haven as the museum's entrance and welcome center.

The Sanibel Historical Village is a joint partnership with the city of Sanibel. The city provides a modest annual budget allocation that covers salaries for the museum's small staff and some ongoing maintenance of the grounds. The museum received \$67,000 in 2013-2014, less than one-third of its annual budget. The acquisition of buildings and major improvements to the property have been funded by private donations to the

501(c)3 corporation, which operates the museum, working to preserve Sanibel's heritage.

The historical village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and will change to summer hours May 7, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission for entrance to the gift shop only is free. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).

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# Planners Approve Path Extension To Bowman's Beach

by Jeff Lysiak

During a brief planning commission meeting on Tuesday, the seven-member board gave unanimous approval to the city's plan to develop a 10-foot wide shared use path along the western portion of Bowman's Beach Road, which hopes to improve the safety of both bicyclists and pedestrians accessing the heavily traveled roadway.

According to Keith Williams, director of Sanibel's public works department, the city is developing and renovating trails and a park located along Bowman's Beach Road. Plans are under way for recreational facilities including open space, picnic areas, trails, trail amenities and supporting facilities.

Williams told the commission that the city has already budgeted \$200,000 for the project in this year's fiscal budget. Grants from the State of Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP), Land and Water Conservation Grant and Recreational Trails are all being sought to assist with the cost of development for these new facilities.

Williams noted that the FRDAP grant application, requested in the amount of \$200,000, would be submitted before the end of this week.

Commissioner Chuck Kettelman called the proposed project "a well-needed and very positive addition to this community."

Following a brief discussion, commissioners approved the project, 7 to 0.

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The proposed shared use path extension along Bowman's Beach Road

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## Congressional Candidates To Be On Sanibel

Sanibel League of Women Voters will sponsor a meet and greet for District 19 congressional candidates on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

This is an opportunity to meet almost every one of them in person on Sanibel, at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

The candidates will each give a short speech and then answer audience questions.

They are Curt Clawson, Michael Dreikorn, Paige Kreegel, Roy Netherwood, Tom Rossano and April Freeman. Lizbeth Benaquisto cannot attend but will send a staffer to answer questions.

"These are the people who want to take Trey Radel's place, representing us in the U.S. Congress, after Radel's resignation," said Dick Calkins, voter service chairman.

The special primary election for the Republican contenders will be April 22. The special general election will be June 24.

The mission of the League of Women Voters is to encourage informed voting by all citizens, and to protect that right in every way possible. The national league was formed in 1920 when women won the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S.

Constitution. Since the bicentennial in 1976 The League has welcomed men as members.

In Florida, LWV was a major sponsor of the successful Fair Districts amendment to the state constitution, a measure designed to prevent the legislature from gerrymandering voting districts to favor one party over another.

For further information, contact Dick Calkins at 395-1751.\*

## Goss Honored By Social Workers

Sanibel resident Chauncey Goss was given the National Association of Social Workers-Southwest Florida Unit's 2014 Public Citizen of the Year Award. The award was handed out during the organization's annual awards banquet on March 22 at the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport.

In addition to Goss, other honorees included:

- Elected Official of the Year: Representative Matt Hudson
- Social Worker of the Year: Dr. Mary Hart
- Social Work Educator of the Year: Dr. Amanda Evans

The keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Patricia Washington. NASW-SWFL Chair. Anjali Vandrie delivered the opening remarks.\*

## Kindergarten Orientation

The Sanibel School will be holding its Kindergarten Orientation on Tuesday, April 1, for children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2014 and who plan to attend school in the fall.

Children are invited to visit the school from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. that day.

That same evening, parents only are encouraged to attend an open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. They will have an opportunity to visit the kindergarten classrooms, learn what a typical day is like for a kindergarten student, talk to the teachers, tour the school, and submit registration forms.

The registrar, Donna Marks, will be available at 6 p.m. to take registration forms and make copies of documentation.

For further information or to receive a registration packet, call Marks at 472-1617 any weekday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.\*

## American Legion Post 123 News

On Sunday, March 30, American Legion Post 123 will be celebrating March and April birthdays with a meatloaf dinner and live music outdoors in the afternoon and indoors in the evening.

On Monday, March 31, the 8-Ball Pool League's awards banquet will begin at 5 p.m.

A fish fry will be featured every Friday in March from 4 to 8 p.m. Every Wednesday, the legion has Hump Day specials. Stop in and see what's cookin.'

Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Players are welcome and must be members.

Every Friday, a 6 oz. ribeye steak sandwich is available all day, along with daily specials. The public is welcome.

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ber's home on the third Sunday of each  
month. For more information call 433-4901  
or email ryi39@aol.com.\*



The Kingsmen Quartet

## Concert On The Porch This Sunday

Sanibel Community Church will host  
The Kingsmen Quartet for the next  
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The band has garnered multiple Dove  
awards and numerous Singing News Fan  
awards, including favorite male quartet  
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and group of the year. The Kingsmen  
band was voted favorite band a record 17  
times, making this group one of the most  
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The church is located at 1740  
Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market).  
The Carpenter's Café will be open for  
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At the Tuesday, March 18 Sanibel-Captiva Sail and Power Squadron (SCSPS)  
dinner meeting, members were requested to bring a donation of a canned  
good or non-perishable food items for the FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. food  
pantry.

The power squadron is using the National Civic Service Award as an achievement  
goal for the squadron. One of the categories in this award is supporting local commu-  
nity activity, and the community liaison committee is exploring ways to support various  
organizations on the island. "This is a great way to show our support to our com-  
munity and assist our fellow non-profit organizations under the civic service leg of our  
fraternal triangle," said Jim Strothers, commander of SCSPS. "We are happy to help  
our neighbors in any way we can."\*

## Allisons In Church Recital



Shawn and Abbey Allison

Abbey and Shawn Allison will present Shouts and Elegies, a duo recital of saxophone and piano music, at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m.

This lively concert will feature music by Ravel, Poulenc, Villa-Lobos, Piazzolla and Turnage, with Shawn playing soprano and tenor saxophones and Abbey playing the piano.

Admission is free; donations will be gratefully accepted.

Shawn Allison holds degrees in saxophone performance and composition from St. Olaf College and Ithaca College and is currently pursuing a PhD in composition from the University of Chicago. As a saxophonist, he has performed with The Tanglewood Festival of Contemporary Music, Ensemble X (Ithaca), the Maverick Ensemble (Chicago), and the University of Chicago New Music Ensemble. He played with the New Heritage Saxophone Quartet when the ensemble was selected as a semifinalist in the Fischhoff International Chamber Music competition and was invited to perform at the World Saxophone Congress. As a composer, he has worked with ensembles including the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Contempo, eighth blackbird, ICE (International Contemporary Ensemble), the New Fromm Players, Spektral Quartet, and the Cadillac Moon Ensemble. He has won awards and fellowships for his compositions from The American Academy of Arts and Letters, the American Composers Forum, and New Music USA; and his music has been selected for performance at the Tanglewood, Wellesley, Bowdoin, SICPP, and Fast Forward Austin festivals.

Abbey Allison holds a double degree in piano performance and string education from Ithaca College. Since then, she has been a professional accompanist/collaborator in the Ithaca and Chicago areas, working with both student and professional instrumentalists and vocalists, ranging from national competition winners to contemporary music specialists to live public radio broadcasts.

Locally, she has performed as the harpsichordist with the March 2014 FGCU Opera Workshop performances of *Dido and Aeneas*.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way.\*

## FISH Offering Free Workshops

FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. will hold the following complimentary workshops during the month of April:

**Women's Health Seminar Series**  
Women's Physical Health: Making Various Forms of Exercise Worthwhile For You – Wednesday, April 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This seminar, presented by Barbara Gennity, fitness coordinator, Sanibel Recreation Center, will concentrate on how physical exercise can meet physical and emotional needs and which ones work best to address those needs.

Call 472-4775 to RSVP.

**VITA (Tax Preparation)** – Friday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are required. Call 472-4775.

**Mom and Toddlers Group** – Monday, April 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Open to all island parents and their children, ages birth to five years.

**Mobile Mamma** – Monday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bailey's General Store. To make an appointment or for more information, call 472-4775. No prescription is necessary for this service, and FISH may be able to provide financial assistance to those without insurance or with limited financial resources.

**Chris Coile Performance** – Tuesday, April 8 and 22 at 6 p.m. at

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille. Proceeds to benefit FISH.

**Friendly Faces Lunch** – Tuesday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille. Visit with FISH staff, volunteers and board members. Cost is \$8 per person, all inclusive. RSVP to Sally Ennis at 395-8821. Exact cash requested.

**Women's Health Seminar Series**  
Women's Medical Health and Well Being – Wednesday, April 9 from 6:30 p.m. This seminar is being presented by Dr. Anne Lord-Tomas, private practice physician; women's health and gynecology, who discuss women's well care and health issues throughout a woman's lifespan. Call 472-4775 to RSVP.\*

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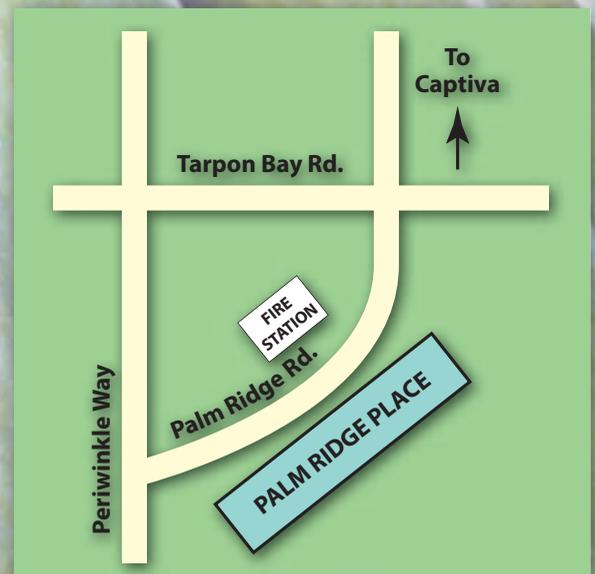


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South Seas set up a collection bin at the front gate, where guests can leave unopened, non-perishable food upon their departure. The FISH volunteers set up a schedule to pick up donations each week.

On behalf of the FISH board, staff, volunteers and clients, we thank South Seas for their partnership during this very busy season. The donations throughout have been very generous and much appreciated by those in need on Sanibel and Captiva.✧

**Special Service At Temple Bat Yam**

**B**at Yam Temple of the Islands will hold an early Sabbath service on Friday, March 28 at 6 p.m. followed by a potluck supper. Call Temple President Martin Pokedoff at 395-2544 for further information.✧

**Rabbi To Lead Discussion At Unitarian Service**

**R**abbi Myra Soifer of Temple Bat Yam will lead a participatory text study at the Unitarian Universalist of the Islands service on Sunday, April 6. The service, which will begin at 5 p.m., will meet in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The public is welcome.

In leading the discussion, Rabbi Soifer will consider the Biblical chapter Numbers 20, verses 1-13 and ask questions of the text, look to commentaries of the classical rabbis/sages in connection with those questions, and then come to what may be a surprising insight, from a contemporary, feminist reading, relating to grief and appropriate grieving.

Rabbi Soifer assumed the leadership of the Bat Yam congregation in January 2014. She was one of the first 10 women ordained as rabbi after Reform Judaism accepted women in 1972. Rabbi Soifer was born in Miami and attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. She completed her master of arts degree in Hebrew letters at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1977 and was ordained there in 1978.

Rabbi Soifer served as a student rabbi at the Jewish Community Center in Union City, Tennessee and at Temple



**Rabbi Myra Soifer**

Beth Shalom in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1978, she became an assistant rabbi for a New Orleans congregation. She served as the rabbi for Temple Sinai in Reno, Nevada for 25 years before retiring from there.

Rabbi Soifer is very active in interfaith work and organized an inter-denominational forum for clergy as well as a series of lectures on world religions. She is considered an outstanding speaker.

All are welcome. Lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments follow the service.✧

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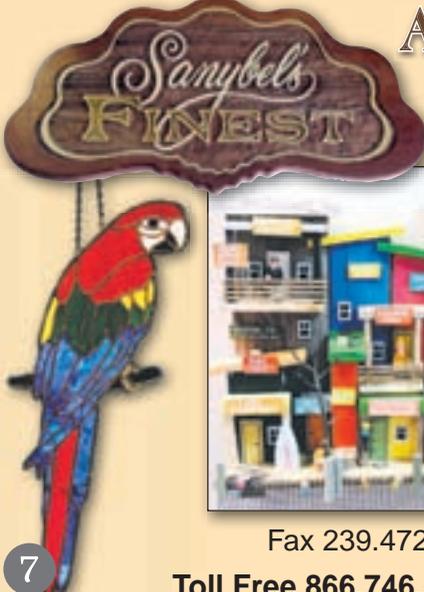
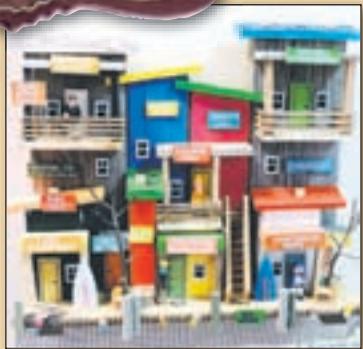
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# Good Spring Action Is Here... Almost



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**W**indy weather made things a little tough early this week. Strong east winds in the mornings switched and gave us a strong sea breeze by the after-

noon. Churned up dirty water throughout our area finally began to clear up and the fishing in the open sound picked right back up.

Grass flats in the three- to five-foot range provided anglers with the best action and a good mixed bag of trout, ladyfish, jacks and bigger Spanish mackerel. Slow moving tides made redfish and snook action a little slower than it has been it was still possible to get a quality fish here and there if you put in the time and effort.

Tide or no tide, fishing the grass flats was hands down the best bite in town. Live shrimp or small shiners fished on a jig head under a popping cork caught fish when fishing was just plain slow anywhere else. Several trips this week we started out on the flats catching fish after fish then moving on to what I thought would be bigger and better things. Luckily, after not finding much else going on, we targeted another flat and the almost non-stop fish action continued.

Limits of sea trout came pretty easily most days out on the flats although there are still lots of under sized trout in the mix. The bigger trout I caught this week came during the low incoming tides fishing the deeper creek mouths that feed the "Ding" Darling refuge. Although snook were the target species while fishing these creeks with live shiners, the explosive top water hits of trout to 24 inches did not disappoint. Live shiners really light up these creeks with snook, mangrove snapper and jacks all crashing the party.

Redfish action on the poor moving morning tides this week was pretty slow with the few redfish we caught all taken while soaking cut bait. The good news was that they were all good sized fish ranging from 25 to 29 inches; the bad news was it was only one or two a trip.



Tom Mahoney with a 26-inch redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

Two trips in a row this week we caught a big redfish within 10 minutes of anchoring up then after working the same shoreline for almost another hour we could not get another one and moved on to the fast-paced flats action.

One real plus this week was the fact the shiners are getting easier to catch. Spring marks the time of year that our area is bombarded with these baitfish. Seeing bait in the sound is a sure sign our fishing is getting really close to being as good as it gets all year. With most of the bait on the causeway bridges being on the larger size I have been going out on the grass flats and chumming for shiners. It seems the ideal sized shiners are the three-inch models. A live well full of these

perfect pilchards means a great day of fishing action. Until this point, catching the bait has been harder than catching fish.

Every week as we get closer and closer to that magic mid to upper 70s water temperature and our snook bite really goes off, we get another cold front and we are right back to square one. This looks like it will be the case yet again with at least one or two more cold fronts heading our way in the 10-day forecast.

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

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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## Fish Caught



All Minar, Dan Seward and Nick Perrone

All Minar, Dan Seward and Nick Perrone, who live in Periwinkle Park on Sanibel, were fishing near the boat pier last Saturday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The trio reeled-in 22 sheepsheads, the largest of which weighed nearly three-and-a-half pounds. The result: more than nine pounds of filets.\*

## Shark Caught



Elijah and Benjamin Bauer

Elijah and Benjamin Bauer from Collingwood, Ontario, Canada caught a 24-inch black tip shark on March 11. They were fishing

with shrimp off the beach at the end of Rabbit Road. Nearby beachgoers dropped their shells to have a look at the shark, which was released.\*

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Snowy plover chicks

photo by Wanda Leisinger

## CROW Presents Secret Lives Of Snowy Plovers

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, in partnership with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, will present The Secret Lives of Snowy Plovers on Friday

March 28 at 2 p.m. in CROW's Visitor Education Center, located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Snowy plovers are tiny shorebirds whose feathers are the color of sand. Their main defense is camouflage, so it's almost impossible to see them unless they're moving. Because they nest right on the beach, they are potential prey for a host of predators and are listed as threatened in the State of Florida.



Diorama created by Joel Caouette, SCCF's shorebird monitoring coordinator

With miles of unspoiled beach, Sanibel Island is home to a significant population of breeding snowy plovers.

In 2002, SCCF initiated their Snowy Plover Project, along with the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the City of Sanibel, to protect and study these vulnerable ground nesters. Staff members and volunteers comb the beach from mid-March through August for snowy plover

nests, stake off the nests to prevent their inadvertent destruction by human activities, monitor the progress of each nest and record resulting data.

Joel Caouette, SCCF's shorebird monitoring coordinator, will join Claudia Burns, long-time CROW and Snowy Plover Project volunteer, to make the

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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Northern Gannet



by Patricia Molloy

**A** lethargic northern gannet (*Morus bassanus*) was recently discovered lying on the sand in obvious distress. It was rescued and driven to CROW, where Dr. Heather immediately

found an abscess on its right shoulder area. Concerned that there was a more serious underlying problem with the patient, the hospital director ordered radiographs to be performed. The result: a fishhook was lodged in the bird's ventriculus, also known as the gizzard.

The northern gannet is a spectacular migratory seabird that winters in coastal waters in Florida and occasionally Texas. As the only northern member of the booby family, northern gannets are among the only bird species in the world to possess binocular vision, meaning they are able to see forward with both eyes. Graceful, fast-flying birds, they can glide just above the ocean's surface for hours at a time. Gannets are also powerful plunge-divers capable of diving up to 72 feet in pursuit of shoaling pelagic fish.

"He needs to go to surgery ASAP," said Dr. Heather of the ailing bird.

For 24 to 72 hours, the gannet will require supportive care: antibiotics, pain medication and light exercise in the form of daily tub time. Additionally, it is tube fed Piscivore Care (a liquid formula specifically designed for fish eaters) and fish analog, pellets that serve as an alternative to frozen fish.

"You just pop (the pellets) in their mouths and they swallow them. Gannets are not hard to force feed. They are great when you feel like a patient needs a break from digesting whole, hard prey. But neither one are ideal for long-term maintenance diets in terms of keeping enough weight on these seabirds," Dr. Heather said.

Once she is confident that the gannet is strong enough to survive general anaesthesia, the hook will be removed. In the meantime, the wound on its wing is flushed daily with diluted iodine. "The abscess is resolving on its own, but when he's in surgery, I will take a look more deeply to see if anything else needs to be done. But the main reason he needs to go to surgery is to have the hook removed," she said.

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It will take four to five years before the plumage of this northern gannet, patient #0361, turns snowy white with jet-black wingtips

CROW's veterinary staff and students, the prognosis for the northern gannet is promising. After surgery, patient #0361 is expected to make a full recovery within 10 days and be returned to its home on Sanibel's pristine white beaches.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife

hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org) ✨

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Shell Of The Week

# Red-Brown Ark



by José H. Leal, PhD, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Curator and Director of Education

The red-brown ark, *Barbatia cancellaria* (Lamarck, 1819), is a relative of the famous turkey

wing. The species lives offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, attached by a bundle of fibers (called byssus) to the underside of rocks and coral ledges. Valves of the red-brown ark have been found recently on Captiva and the Blind Pass area, in sand deposited by the recent beach renourishment project.

The shell in the illustration was found by Karla Mason of Grand Blanc, Michigan, on March 13, and is now in the permanent shell museum collection. Learn more about the red-brown ark at <http://shellmuseum.org/shells/shellde-tails.cfm?id=314>.

**This Week at the Museum**

**Exhibit Chat:** This 10-minute presentation provides an in-depth look at a different exhibit. Daily at 11 a.m.

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The red-brown ark found by Karla Mason at Blind Pass

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**Shelling 101: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Shells, but Were Afraid to Ask.** Learn how to find, clean and pack shells for safe travel. Discover how mollusks are classified into families and classes. Monday at 2 p.m.

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Join a marine naturalist from the shell museum for a day with a small group

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The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Phone 239-395-2233 or visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).

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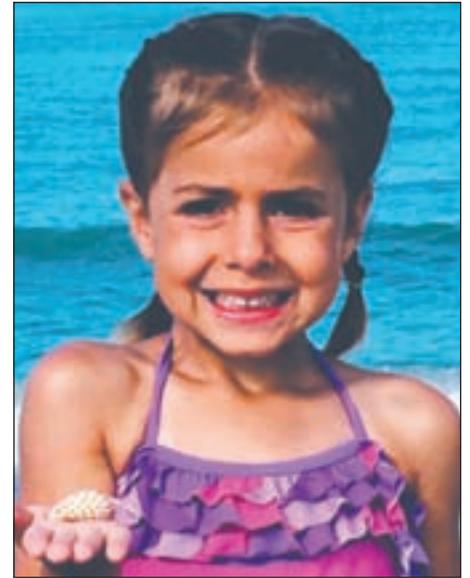
## Secret Lives Of Snowy Plovers

presentation, which will feature numerous photos along with insights into snowy plover behavior, which is usually completely different than that of birds who nest in trees. Caouette will also unveil a diorama he created to show typical snowy plover habitat and behavior.

This is a rare opportunity to learn about a threatened species that depends on Sanibel's beach for its continued survival. It's also a chance to explore CROW's Visitor Education Center and learn more about the efforts to save wildlife through care, education and collaboration.

CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, and free for members and children 12 and under. For more information, call 472-3644 ext. 228.

## Shell Found



Reagan Sprinkle with her junonia

Reagan Sprinkle, 4, found a junonia on the beach in front of The Castaways. Reagan thought it was "pretty" and brought it back to the cottage, dropped it on the table and said, "Here's another pretty shell."

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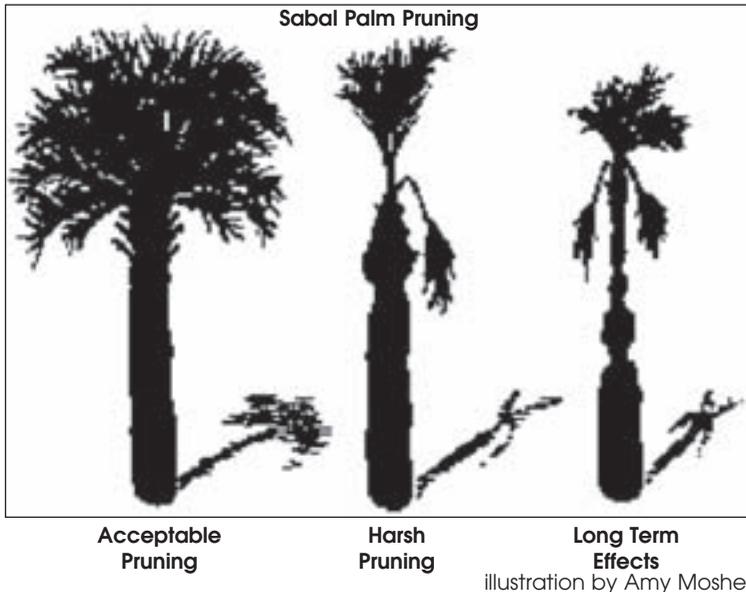
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- The palm "boots" (leaf bases) are important habitat for other plants, including the beautiful golden polypody fern.

Harsh pruning of these palms jeopardizes all these habitat benefits and can endanger the health, and even the life of the palm. Its green fronds are the cabbage palm's source of nutrients.

- Cutting healthy green fronds stunts growth, invites disease and reduces the palm's natural resilience to high winds.

- Pruning of protective green fronds makes the palm's cold-sensitive heart susceptible to frosts.

- An over-pruned palm ("hurricane cut") leaves the heart of the palm totally unprotected in strong winds. Damage to the heart can result in the death of the palm.

- An over-pruned palm can develop a bottleneck trunk, sometimes referred to as "penciling." In high winds and hurricanes, this stressed and weakened point can cause the palm to break off and die.

- Work boots with climbing spikes cause wounds in the trunk, leaving the palm prone to disease.

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## Celebrate Easter Sunday



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This is a partial listing of items to be featured.

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Bone-in Virginia Ham with mai-tai relish

#### Hot Items

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Blackened Salmon with pineapple soy reduction

#### Assortment of fresh pies and desserts

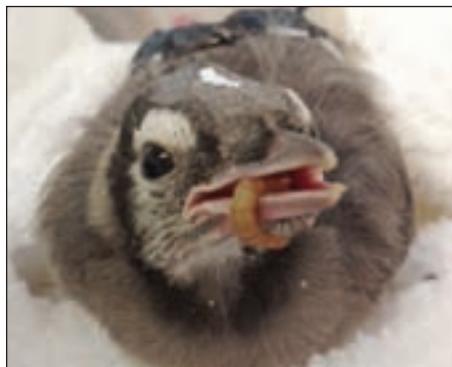
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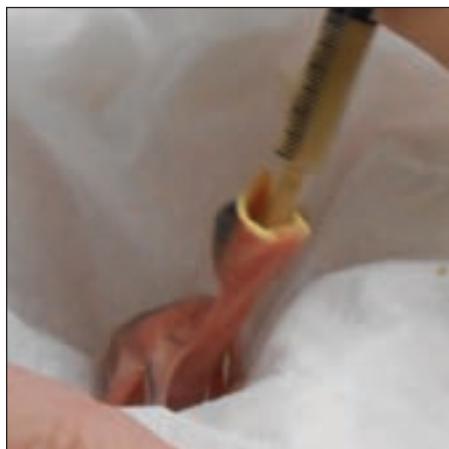
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**Baby blue jay with worm in its beak**  
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**Baby mocking birds gaping**



**Baby wren being fed**



**Baby screech owls**

## An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

The CROW Picture Show presents informative anecdotes about the native and migratory wildlife species brought to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), along with photos of patients admitted to the facility.

In 2013, CROW's wildlife hospital cared for 3,391 sick, injured and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 60 percent were birds, with 33 percent mammals and seven percent reptiles.

CROW is not permitted to display its patients publically, so this presentation offers the next best thing; numerous candid snapshots of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The next CROW Picture Show is on Friday March 28 at 11 a.m. in CROW's Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under. The entry fee also includes access to the Visitor Education Center, which exhibits CROW's efforts to save wildlife through care, education and collaboration.

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

## Lecture Explores Amphibians Island, Reptiles

Two local biologists whose recently published book, *Amphibians and Reptiles of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, Florida: A Natural History*, will present a slide program beginning at 10 a.m. (one lecture only) on Friday, April 4, in the free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Charles LeBuff, a retired Sanibel sea turtle biologist and a J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge biologist for 32 years starting back in the 1959, and Chris Lechowicz, a herpetologist with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, collaborated on the book, which represents more than 55 years studying regional herpetofauna.

They have documented all amphibians and reptiles on Sanibel and Captiva islands and appended a four-species supplemental list for historical purposes.

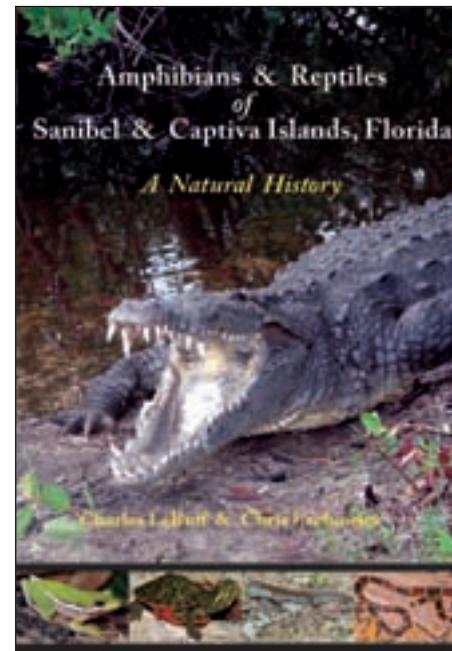
Unlike contemporary field guides, this is a readable reference book that brings history and biology into perspective.

"This is unlike any book I have in my library," said LeBuff. "Chris and I worked hard to make it that way and put it on the leading edge of amphibian and reptile books. It contains much information on the islands' sea turtles, crocodilians and venomous snakes and the impact of many environmental changes that have occurred on Sanibel and Captiva."

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, as part of their 12-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

Following the lecture the authors will be available to sign copies of the book, which is available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, proceeds from which benefit the refuge.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on



Fridays, but visitors are welcome at the free Visitor & Education Center and the recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures).

On April 11, Clyde Butcher, Florida nature photographer, will give a talk entitled *Where Water, Earth & Heaven Meet* at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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## Shell Found



**Christopher Rinker**

Christopher Rinker, 11, from Tampa, Florida found a junonia at the north end of South Seas Island Resort on March 19. Christopher said, "The early bird gets the junonia!" ✨

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## Shell Found



Front from left, Andrew Schoonover (14), Will Hanson (12), Molly Devocelle (Nano), Oliver Ramus (4) and Henry Wiley (8). Back from left, Molly Schoonover (18), Tom Wiley (11) Bobby Schoonover (16), Bryce Hanson (10) and Callie Wiley (12).

Molly Devocelle of Olathe, Kansas (pictured with her grandchildren) found a junonia at Gulfside City Park while staying at Ocean's Reach, their family destination each year since 1980. "All grandkids live in the same town (Olathe, Kansas)," said Molly, aka "Nano." They are all regulars at the Lighthouse Cafe. ✨

## Fish Caught



**Jack and Davis Gillenwater holding up the snook they caught**

Jack and Davis Gillenwater from Richmond, Virginia, caught this 32-inch snook while fishing from their canoe just off the Venus Drive canal on March 14, around 7 p.m. They said they "LOVE Sanibel!" ✨

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## Film Pays Homage To Extinct Birds

The Lost Bird Project comes to the screen at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday, April 2, at 2:30 p.m. The free showing is part of the refuge's second annual bi-weekly film series in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

Gone and nearly forgotten in extinction, the Labrador duck, the great auk, the heath hen, the Carolina parakeet and the passenger pigeon leave holes not just in the North American landscape but in our collective memories.

Moved by their stories, sculptor Todd McGrain set



out to create memorials to the lost birds – to bring their vanished forms back into the world.

The Lost Bird Project follows the road-trip that McGrain and his brother-in-law Andy Stern take as they search for the locations where the birds were last seen in the wild and negotiate for permission to install McGrain's large bronze sculptures there.

Traveling from the wetlands of Florida (the Carolina parakeet sculpture resides at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park in Okeechobee) to Martha's Vineyard to the rocky coasts of Newfoundland over a period of two years, McGrain and Stern scout locations, talk to park rangers, speak at town meetings and battle bureaucracy to gather support for the project.

McGrain's aim in placing the sculptures was to give presence to the birds where they are now so starkly absent.

"These birds are not commonly known," he says, "and they ought to be, because forgetting is another kind of extinction. It's such a thorough erasing."

The Lost Bird Project is a film about public art, extinction and memory. An elegy to five extinct North American birds, it takes a thoughtful, moving, sometimes humorous look at the artist and his mission.

Admission is free to the film, which is sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

The April 9 film is *A Life Among Whales* at 2:30 p.m.

For full descriptions of the films, please visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/films](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/films).✱

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thrives in dry sunny conditions.

The five- or seven-sided stems sport one-inch thorns, making it a good security plant. It can grow as high as three feet, but dwarf hybrids are available, including ones with soft spines.

It is also called the Christ plant or Christ thorn because it reputedly crowned Christ's head during the crucifixion.

The leathery leaves capable of storing water make it drought-tolerant. Foliage is sparse because only the newer leaves tend to remain on the plant, arranged spirally near the branch ends.

This low-maintenance year-round bloomer is popular in South Florida. Pairs of bright red rounded bracts cup inconspicuous yellow flowers. Pink, yellow, white, salmon, and orange cultivars have also been developed.

Crown-of-thorns tolerates salt spray and salty soil in moderation. It prefers full sun and well-drained sandy soil but will grow in partial shade too.

It will suffer from being over-fertilized or over-watered, so avoid planting it near sprinklers.

Broken stems and leaves exude a milky sap that can be irritating to the skin if contacted or poisonous if ingested.

The fruit, which rarely forms in Florida, splits open when ripe.

Sources: *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, [iifas.ufl.edu](http://iifas.ufl.edu), [floridasnature.com](http://floridasnature.com), and [florida-data.com](http://florida-data.com).

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Crown-of-thorns thrives in dry sunny conditions

photos by Gerri Reaves

Bright red bracts and tiny flowers top the succulent's thorny stems

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by Gerri Reaves

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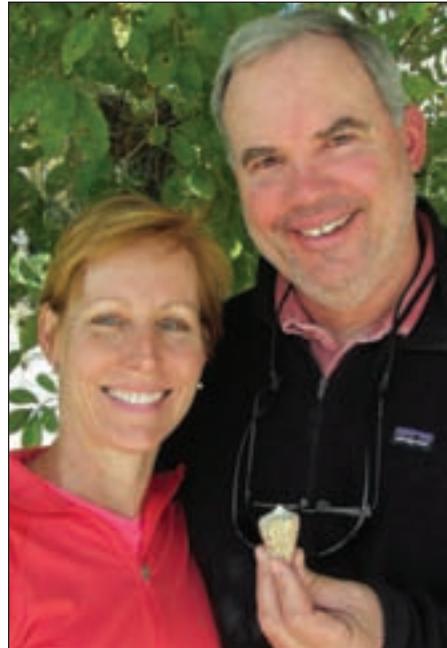
## Shell Found



Beth and Erin McCoy

Erin McCoy, 14, visiting from West Des Moines, Iowa, found a junonia on Blind Pass Beach while staying at Song of the Sea on March 18. "We always wanted to come on a shelling vacation, and we ended up finding the junonia," she said. ✨

## Shell Found



Kathy and Doug McCoy

Kathy and Doug McCoy, visiting from Bloomington, Indiana found an alphabet cone near the Sanibel fishing pier while staying at Song of the Sea on March 20. They said, "We've been coming down for 22 years." ✨

## ESC Conference Focus Is A Natural Ecosystem

Edison State College and its partners are hosting Designing to Thrive, a conference that is part of the Biennial Colloquium Education for a New Humanity. This annual conference focuses on urban development coexisting in a natural ecosystem. It is free and open to the public.

There are two informative and educational sessions: Sustainable Design & Construction and Sustainable Urban Agriculture. Panelists will share how balancing the needs of interested groups allows for prosperity and growth that can be a positive part of all aspects in our area: Planet, People, Profit.

The public can join the discussion on innovative design solutions that address environmental challenges and can help us build sustainable and healthy communities.

The event will take place from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, on the Fort Myers Campus of Edison State College in building AA, room 177.

Schedule:

1-1:20 p.m. Welcome Remarks

1:20-3:15 p.m. Panel on Sustainable

Urban Agriculture, facilitated by Sean Posey, Eastern Gateway Community College, Ohio.

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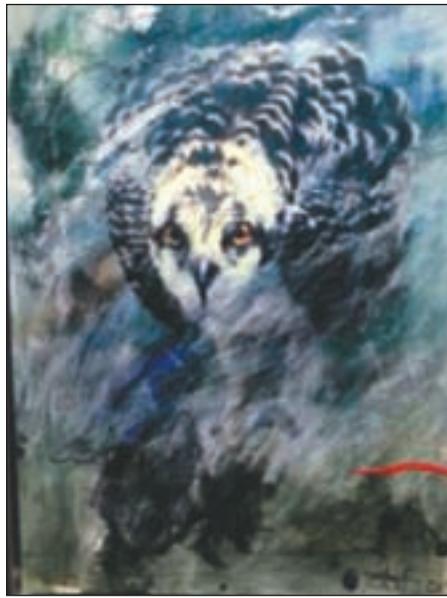


Blue Heron by Myra Roberts

## CROW's April 12 Auction Features Local Artists

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.'s Antique, Fine Art and Estate Jewelry Auction, to be held at The Community House on Saturday, April 12, will feature more than 70 pieces of fine art in addition to estate jewelry and antiques. More than 20 pieces of art will be auctioned live at 5:30 p.m. The remainder of the artwork will be sold at the event's Buy It Now! sale that will be open from 1 to 7:30 p.m.

CROW's live auction will feature works by local artists Darryl Pottorf, Myra

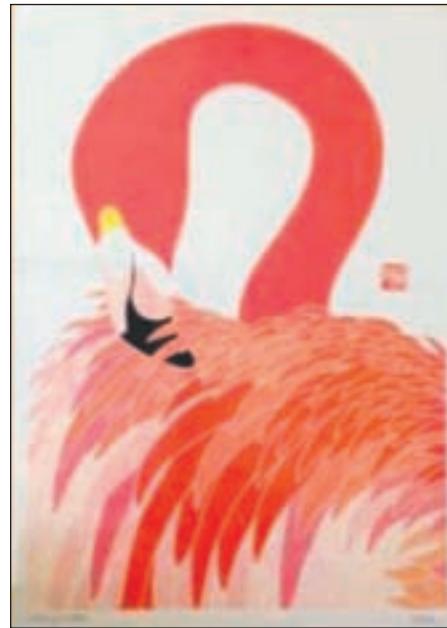


Looking To You by Darryl Pottorf

Roberts, Ikki Matsumoto and Charlie McCullough in addition to works by more than dozen other artists. One piece to be featured is a vintage Audubon print. The Buy It Now! sale will feature all types of work by more than 25 artists.

Kathleen M. Pica, founder of Auctions Neapolitan & Gallery in Naples, will serve as auctioneer. Three antique appraisers will be available to the public from 1 to 3 p.m. to appraise items at \$5 per appraisal. The entry fee for the event is a \$5 donation to CROW.

For more information on CROW's Antique, Fine Art and Estate Jewelry



Flamingo by Ikki Matsumoto

Auction, contact Jan Egeland or James Robinson of CROW at 472-3644 or [jrobinson@crowclinic.org](mailto:jrobinson@crowclinic.org).

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## ESC Conference

Landscapes; Permaculture; Community Gardens; Aquaponics.

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## Bird's Eye View

Human Vs.  
Animal Thoughts

by Mark 'Bird'  
Westall

When I am out on my canoe trips, you can just about guarantee that we'll come across some white ibises. In explaining my rationale as to why the ibises are

brown when they are young, I often say that they are either the most brave, or the most stupid, birds of the mudflat.

Raising their heads up to watch us as we pass by; they will look at us with one eye and then turn their heads and look at us with the other eye. You can almost see the little gears working in their heads trying to determine if the threat of our presence is real or only perceived.

Imitating the voice of a stupid human being, I try to express what, to me; the birds are thinking when I say, "Well, I don't know, do you think they are dangerous?"

I have always said that experience is a wonderful thing, if it doesn't kill you. And if, as a species, the white ibises are not the sharpest tool in the shed, doesn't it make sense that their young are camouflaged?

Now, when I am trying to help my customers gain a better understanding of how the natural world functions, I will quite often put what is going through the animals' minds into human terms; in

other words, I anthropomorphize.

Anthropomorphizing has, historically, been considered a bad thing for "science-oriented" people to do. Giving the animals' human-like capacity to think is generally considered by most humans (even scientists) as uneducated fantasy; everyone knows that animals can't think like we do.

But when I look closely at the ability of the animals in using their senses to gather information about the world around them and then taking that data and making logical decisions about how to expend energy in reacting to that information; I have a very difficult time seeing much of a difference between humans and all other forms of complex life on this planet.

Of course, we are not going to see chimpanzees sending anyone to the moon! Animals do not have that much control over their environment. but I would argue that many, perhaps most, of the thoughts that occur to our consciousness, materialize not because of our unique human capacity for free will and "intellectual, logical thought," but rather by listening to the same evolutionary instincts for survival that all life on this planet adheres to.

They say that we humans share 98 to 99 percent of genes with the Bonobo chimps. That one to two percent of our genetic makeup is why we can send someone to the moon and nobody else can; that is what makes us different and special. But when I see someone being afraid of a snake or an alligator and then get into a car after drinking alcohol, or texting while driving, I don't see an intelligent human being; I see a smart animal merely listening to its instincts.

To me, the big difference between us and the rest of the complex organisms on

this planet is that an animal would find it very difficult to ignore what its instinct is telling it about how it should react to the world around it; a human has the capacity to listen to his instinct and then choose a different course of action in dealing with that environment. The problem is, most humans take the easy way out and just listen to what their instinct is telling them is the proper course of action.

I think if we humans can eventually let go of our egocentricity and come to realize we're just merely the smartest student in the class, maybe we will be able to see just how much we share with the rest of the complex organisms on this planet.

There are numerous stories out there about non-human species on this planet exhibiting human-like behavior, but are those examples just another simple case of complex, social species following some sort of blind, instinctive behavior with little or no thought (like our fear of snakes, but lack of fear of automobiles)? Well, I have one story that gives me goose bumps every time I read it.

In Roger Fouts' book, *Next of Kin*, that he wrote with the help of Stephen Tukul Mills, Fouts tells the story of his work with chimpanzees and teaching them to communicate with humans through the use of sign language.

He explains how difficult it was to get even those that worked with chimps to believe that the chimps were capable of learning how to sign and then communicate their thoughts and feeling to their human caretakers.

Another curious, but important to my storyline, display of human-like behavior was the chimps' fondness for trying on piles and piles of clothes brought in by the caretakers for the chimps' enjoyment and standing in front of a mirror for

hours trying on different sets of clothes.

Well, after many years of having to keep his chimpanzees in an enclosed, crowded psychology facility that allowed no sunlight in, everyone was able to move into a new, 5,000-square-foot enclosure that also allowed the caretakers to let the chimps play outside in the sun.

Two chimps, named Tatu and Mara, had become so ill from a vitamin D deficiency due to never being exposed to direct sunlight that they could hardly walk and it was believed they might soon die. In the new outdoor enclosure, however, they quickly regained their health and almost never wanted to come back inside.

During one cold, winter's morning, Tatu was waiting anxiously at the entrance to the outdoor part of the enclosure and quickly signed GO OUT to the caretaker when she arrived at work. The caretaker, thinking that the weather was too extreme to let Tatu venture into the outdoor part of the enclosure, responded by signing, SORRY VERY COLD. YOU MUST WAIT.

Tatu quickly signed back and demanded, GIMME CLOTHES! So the caretaker gave Tatu some sweaters and she went outside to play.

Now, don't tell me that chimpanzee did not have the capacity to look at the world around here, think about the situation, and come to a logical solution that most would only believe humans were capable of.

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## Protect The Cabbage Palm

- Do not remove green fronds.
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Captiva Cruises also offers cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande, beach and shelling excursions to Cayo Costa State Park, sailing adventures, sunset cruises, and Dolphin Watch & Wildlife Adventures with The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

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You can learn more about protecting native vegetation on Sanibel by visiting the Natural Resources Department page at [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com) or calling 472-

3700.

The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com), offers information and photos of native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the city's vegetation committee.

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### City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee

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The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering a guided tour of the native vegetation and landscaping on city hall grounds on Saturday, March 22, at 10 a.m.

The grounds have been planted solely with native plants, which reduce the need for fertilizer and reduce maintenance.

Participants will see how to plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and care of native vegetation.

The city encourages planting vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer and no supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to city hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main

staircase.

For additional information, contact the City's Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.

The Natural Resources Department section of the city's website, [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com), offers information and photos of native plants, a listing of licensed contractors, Sanibel's vegetation standards and codes, and the Environmental Reference Handbook prepared by the vegetation committee.✪

## Lee County Boater's Guide

Lee County is distributing the latest print edition of the Lee County Boater's Guide to area libraries, boat dealers, tackle shops and other marine-related businesses. The guide – available now – is the most comprehensive navigational and resource guide for local boaters and visitors. It is free and includes resource information, boating tips and regulations as well as contact information for local, state and federal agencies.

In addition to the print version, the Lee County Boater's Guide is available on the web and as a mobile phone application. The application is available free on Google Play and the iTunes store. The boating app is free and will be updated to reflect the changes to the print version.

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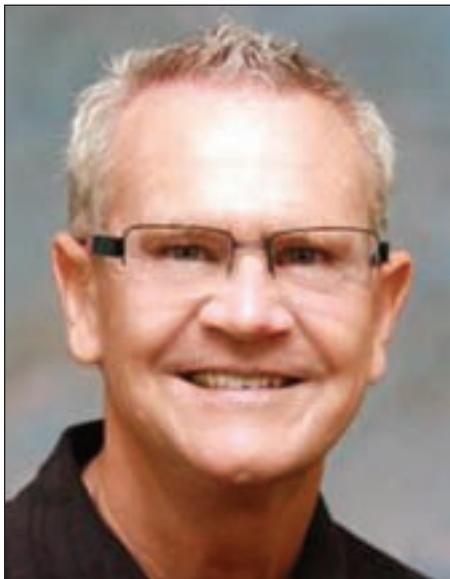
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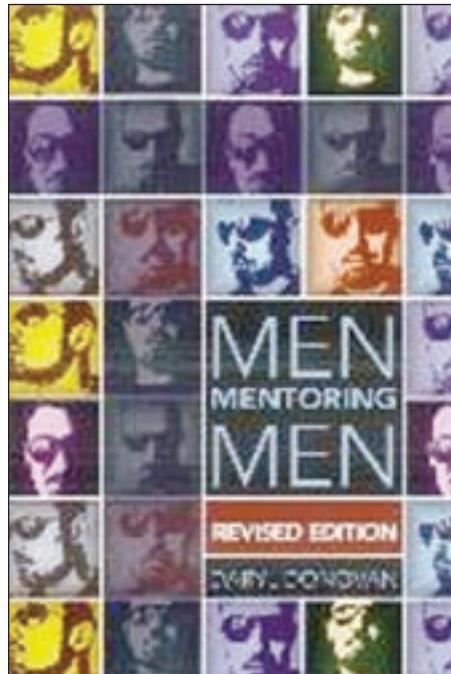


Pastor Daryl Donovan

## Pastor Donovan To Sign New Book

Dr. Daryl Donovan, senior pastor of Sanibel Community Church, will be available for a signing of his new book, *Men Mentoring Men*, (revised) on Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m. at the Carpenter's Café and Bookstore on the campus of Sanibel Community Church.

Dr. Donovan first wrote *Men Mentoring Men*, a Christian discipleship course for men, in the late 1990s, published by CSS Publishing. This new edi-



tion reflects dramatic changes that have taken place in our culture, but the stability of the eternal Word of God. In a brand new format, *Men Mentoring Men* is a tool for a man to grow in Christ, or to help another man grow in his faith.

Dr. Donovan has served at Sanibel Community Church for more than 12 years. His other books include *Able to Stand*, *Mentoring For Marriage*, *Maximizing Your Marriage*, *Men Mentoring Men*, *Again The Inheritance*, a discipleship resource for children and

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## ABWA Little Black Dress Fundraiser

The Sanibel-Captiva Charter Chapter of the American Businesswoman's Association is hosting its first brunch/fashion show with a live auction in Fort Myers on Sunday, April 6. The event will raise funds for professional development, scholarships and annual grants. The registration deadline is March 28.

The Little Black Dress fundraiser will be held at the Crown Colony Golf and Country Club, located at 8851 Crown Colony Boulevard in Fort Myers from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person.

It will include a brunch buffet with a fashion show (accessories furnished by BUnique Boutique of Sanibel) as well as a live auction of 17 fashion boxes that will include such themes as fine jewelry, health/beauty, theatre/restaurants, fashion accessories and catered dinner party as well as specialty trips like the Schroon Lake vacation in the Adirondacks, and a special premier excursion that includes a seven-day Mediterranean Sea Dream Yacht Club Cruise.

In its 35-year existence, the Sanibel-Captiva chapter has given more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds. This organization is about women helping others to make a difference. ABWA's mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide

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One of the featured fashions at ABWA's Little Black Dress fundraiser will be this dress, created by WrapItByTish, available at BUnique Boutique on Sanibel

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## Poet's Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to [tutsie@comcast.net](mailto:tutsie@comcast.net). Each week, individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

### The Dance

by Martha K. Graham

A lady spider dressed up for a ball.  
Garbed in a web,  
She removed from the wall.  
She did not wear shoes,  
Nor did she wear gloves,  
She thought it unnecessary  
For dancing with bugs.  
But none of the guests,  
Dared take a chance,  
To ask this fine lady  
For a waltz or a dance.  
Each of them feared  
They'd be rude when they'd greet,  
As no gentleman bug knew  
Her hands from her feet!

Martha K. Graham made a book of block prints and poems in which this poem found a home. Her book *Giggles and Quirks* is a collection of her illustrated poems that began as a series for her gallery shows entitled *OnePageBooks*.✱

## Duplicate Bridge

On Tuesday, March 18, there were 11 tables in play of The Community House. The winners were:

### Tuesday, March 18

North/South

1. Alaine Jass and Will Smith
2. Joan and Bob Kent
3. Rick Smart and Ted Smith
4. Clara and Terry Terrana

East/West

1. Marlyn and James Stewart
- A tie for second and third:  
Caroll Curcuru and June Muench  
Lois and Doug Townsend
4. Mary and Dick Butler

### Thursday, March 20

On Thursday, March 20, there were six tables in play. The winners were:

1. Sue Danford and Dick Turney

There was a tie for second and third between the teams of Cathy Suthard and Nancy Traylor and Shirley Levine and Cynthia Reuling

There was also a tie for 4th and 5th places between the teams of Carolyn Combi and Katie Rust and Carolyn Karch and Elizabeth Tone

There are two ACBL-sanctioned games at The Community House, located at 2773 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel Island. The games are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. from the beginning of January through the end of April.

For further information, contact Susan Willoughby at 287-3259.✱

## Catch The Literacy Lunch At Gulf Harbour

On Friday, March 28, a lot of little bugs and butterflies will be flying around Gulf Harbour Yacht and Country Club in Fort Myers.

The Gladiolus Learning and Development Center is having a luncheon around the theme, Catch the Literacy Bug. It is a "fun"-raiser to support the

low-income children and families that it serves.

Students from the voluntary pre-Kindergarten program will be performing for those who attend. Mirage Boutique will present a trunk show beginning at 11:30 a.m., which will be followed by lunch at noon and the children's songs and poems.

Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company is sponsoring the event and will be offering a free glass of wine to each participant along with a wine charm.

Admission is \$50 per person.

There will be door prizes and a silent auction that will include a week's stay

for six to eight people in a home located in the center of Captiva on Andy Rosse Lane, just a step or two from the beach. To view this offering, visit [www.royalshell.com/vacation/capi/detailpage/447/at-the-beach](http://www.royalshell.com/vacation/capi/detailpage/447/at-the-beach).

The vacation was donated by Royal Shell Realty and may be used from May 1 until November 14. To bid on this item, call the school and leave your name and your bid amount or you may email your bid to [development@gladkids.net](mailto:development@gladkids.net). You do not need to be present to win. The winner will be contacted on April 12.✱

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## Photography Scavenger Hunt At BIG ARTS

**B**IG ARTS invites all aspiring photography buffs to embark on a conceptual scavenger hunt on Tuesday, April 8. The day will be filled with fun and camaraderie as you explore the islands photographing your interpretations of the given clues. At the end of the scavenger hunt, each team will be able to relax over a gourmet boxed dinner as the collected images are gathered together for judging and display. Steve Greenstein will serve as the emcee. During the wine and dessert reception, the images will be showcased on a big screen at BIG ARTS and prizes will awarded for the best images of the day. Proceeds will benefit BIG ARTS scholarship programs.

Limited tickets are available and are \$45 per team member, which includes the day's activities, dinner and reception. For those who just want to come out to for the reception and support their friends and family during the video showcase, tickets are \$8.

The adventure begins at 3 p.m. when the teams pick up their clues at BIG ARTS. Each team will use only one digital camera to capture images inspired by the given clues. Make sure the camera has a clean memory card before you begin and the card is clearly labeled with your name. SD, CF or XD memory cards will be accepted. Each team will photograph their interpretations of the given clues. Thinking outside the box is encouraged. Whether you walk, drive or bike during the course of your hunt, each team must return to BIG ARTS by 5 p.m. to hand in their memory card.

The photography scavenger hunt sponsor is Sanibel Susan Realty Associates; supporters are Floral Artistry, Bennett's Fresh Roast, Clyde Butcher and Zebra Frozen Yogurt.

For tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, go online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or call 395-0900.\*

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## Davidson Sings Song About Sanibel For Upcoming Documentary

**I**n 1974, the City of Sanibel was incorporated, and a local woman named Marian Chapman wrote a song for the new city, titled *Sanibel*. Back then, Connie Davidson had recently moved to Sanibel and said, "I was involved in a dance studio when we were in Ohio. When we moved here, my grandfather encouraged me to perform in events on the island." Davidson sang the song *Sanibel* on stage at The Community House as part of the newly-formed city's celebration.

Davidson recently returned for an encore in the familiar building which she said was "really a youth center for us kids back then." As the video camera rolled, Davidson once again sang *Sanibel* as part of her interview for the documentary *Growing Up on Sanibel*, which will premiere at BIG ARTS on April 10.

"Connie's story – and the *Sanibel* song from 1974 – is another great example of the unique experiences so many have had growing up on Sanibel Island," said film sponsor Eric Pfeifer, broker of Pfeifer Realty Group. The documentary is produced by seven-time Emmy Award winner David E. Carter, a Sanibel resident.\*



Connie Davidson

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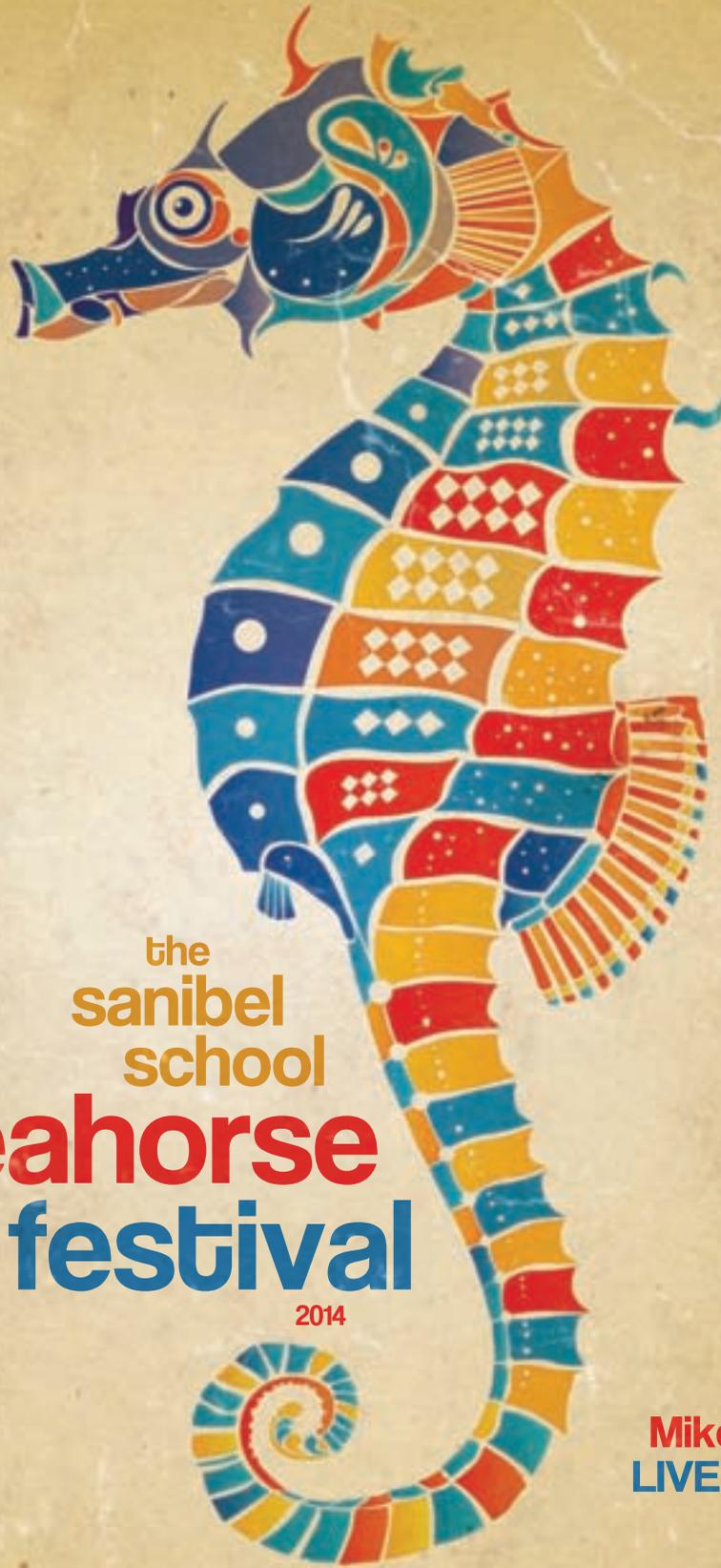
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Latin Beat artists, from left, Xavier Brignoni, David Acevedo, Willow and Quentin Perez

## Trick Of The Light: Black And White Photography Show Award Winners

**B**IG ARTS honored an array of artists on March 15 during the artists reception and award ceremony for the Trick of the Light: Black and White Photography Show as well as the Latin Beat exhibit in Phillips and Founders Galleries. During the reception, awards were given for the juried exhibit The Trick of the Light, which was judged by the BIG ARTS Visual Arts Committee.

The winners of the Trick of the Light: Black and White Photography Show are:

- First place: Michael Derechin, *Cotton Wood*
- Second place: Mike Fortier, *Back Door*
- Third place: William Rosenberg, *Reflections*
- Merit Award: Steve Conley, *Adobe Skies*
- Merit Award: Phillip Olssen, *Lake Como*

• Merit Award:  
Hannah Johnson, *Fall In Sedona*

The Latin Beat exhibit in Phillips Gallery features four artists who all hail from a Latin background. Guest curated by David Acevedo, the show is named Latin Beat because of the connection often seen between the visual images and the rhythmic music of Latin culture. Just as Latin music has many variants from salsa to tango, so there are many variants in Latin art including content, media, and techniques.

The four artists featured in this exhibit are David Acevedo (Puerto Rico) guest curator for the exhibit, Willow (Cuba), Quintin Perez (Mexico) and Xavier Brignoni (Puerto Rico). Both the Latin Beat and the Trick of the Light: Black and White Photography exhibits are free and open to the public through March 31. All of the artwork for both exhibits is available for purchase.

A non-profit 501(c) 3 organization, programming at BIG ARTS is made possible through the generous support of more than 300 dedicated volunteers and donors as well as our corporate sponsors, including Phillips Gallery Patron Season Sponsor June Rosner & Russ Bilgore as well as Founders Gallery Season Sponsor Deborah and John LaGorce.

Discover more by visiting BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org), by phone at 395-0900 or via e-mail at [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org).\*



First place winner Michael Derechin with his entry, *Cotton Wood*

## Documentary Series At BIG ARTS

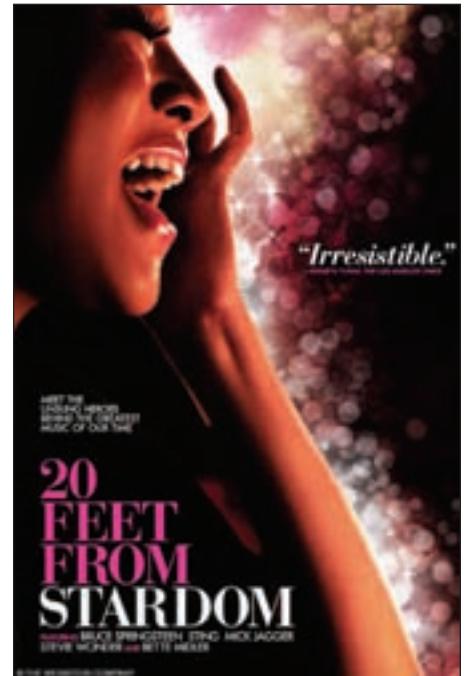


by Di Saggau

**T**he BIG ARTS critically acclaimed Documentary Series starts off on Wednesday, April 2 with *20 Feet From Stardom*. This is the recent Oscar-winning 2013

American film that shows us more about the lives of background singers. The film follows the behind-the-scenes of backup singers and stars Darlene Love, Judith Hill, Merry Clayton, Lisa Fischer, Tata Vega and Jo Lawry, among many others.

It's 90 minutes of pure satisfaction, even including the frustrations of not making it into the best part of the spotlight. The documentary will be shown in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS starting at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. There will be a brief introduction to the movie and a



lively discussion with audience members will follow. For more information, call 395-0900.\*

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# King Book Signing



Mary Ellen Walker has her book signed by Jim King

Jim King delivered a winning performance at his *From Brooklyn To The World* book presentation at the Sundial Resort on March 14. But the real winners were those in a crowd of 75 when former Brooklyn Dodger pitching great Carl Erskine called in and spoke about his days with his beloved "Bums." Especially touching were his comments about the courage of Jackie Robinson, which Carl witnessed firsthand as his teammate in 1947 when Jackie broke the Major League Baseball color barrier. Proceeds from King's book sales were donated to Erskine's charity, the Madison County Indiana Special Olympics.

For those interested in making a donation, the address is 4031 Fallbrook Lane, Anderson, IN 46011. Limited copies of King's book are available by calling the author at 472-8096.\*



Jim King signs his book for Bill and Carol Rosenberg

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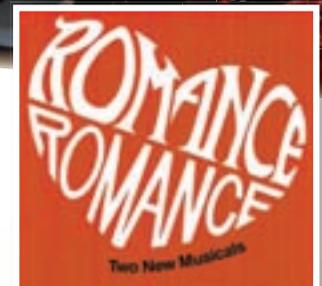
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## Library Features Photography By Marie Moore

Part-time island resident Marie Moore is exhibiting a collection of her photographs at the Sanibel Public Library through March.

The collection includes Sanibel subjects including osprey, crocodiles, rose-

ate spoonbills, great egrets and more. Additionally, she has included some of her personal favorites such as a lovely photo of her granddaughters and a dramatic Niagara Falls picture.

"I have had the love of photography since I was a young girl," said Moore. "I think this came from my granddad who was a photographer in the '30s and '40s. Although, sadly, he passed away before I was born, I feel that I got the eye for photography from him,"



Great White Egret photograph by Marie Moore

Moore was born in Cleethorpes, which is on the east coast of England. It is a seaside resort bringing visitors mostly from the Midlands of the United Kingdom. The photographer explained that she always likes to be by the seaside.

"We are privileged to have a home on Sanibel, which we had built 14 years ago.

After visiting several times, we fell in love with the wildlife and the people and the island in general," she said.

The photographs are on display in the audiovisual area of the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road, through the end of March.✧

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## Men Mentoring Men

one fiction book, *Sanibel Under Siege*.

The Carpenter's Café and Bookstore is located at the back of the Sanibel Community Church Campus at 1740 Periwinkle Way. For more information, log onto [www.sanibelchurch.com](http://www.sanibelchurch.com) or call 472-2684.✧

## Stories For Grownups

The Sanibel Public Library reports that Dr. Sidney B. Simon, the first storyteller in the 2014 Stories for Grownups series, wowed his audience on January 3. Many people have said that they regretted missing it, and wondered when Simon might do it again.

The library has scheduled a command reappearance of Simon, to be held on Friday, April 4 from 2 to 3 p.m. It will include his collection of favorite stories, along with some brand new tales.

A reporter from a local paper, in his review of an earlier Simon program, wrote, "Each category delighted the audience equally. Whether the stories were long or short, each one elicited laughs and familiar feelings due to Simon's magic as a storyteller. The effortless way in which he wove tales from his own life with stories that have endeared themselves to him along the way had the audience amused and awed."

This will also be a story time for members of the audience. Simon tells his tales during the first half-hour, and then he draws out stories from those present. You don't have to tell a story; just come to listen if that's your preference. But, if one occurs to you, you might get the chance to tell it to the rest of the audience.

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Scot Congress and Dave Drotleff look over some children's book donations to the Sanibel Public Library from the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. Youth Librarian Barb Dunkle and area children help with the selection.

## Rotary Donates Books For Library Children's Room

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club continues its partnership with the Sanibel Public Library through its Books For Children program.

Each week, at the Rotary's regular meetings, a guest speaker updates Rotarians on activities or speaks about a specific topic. The club then donates a book to the children's room at the library in the name of the speaker, honoring that speaker with a longtime legacy and in a very useful way.

"Rotary starts with our youth," according to Scot Congress, club president. "We have always supported reading, from our yearly dictionary donations to area third graders to our donations to the library - it's a natural fit for us."

How does it work? Youth Librarian Barb Dunkle puts together a list and selection of best new children's books, along with some classic favorites. Rotarians have this small library on hand and show the selection to each speaker, who in turn picks a book to be donated in his or her name.

"This is a terrific idea - the speakers can select books they read as children and have happy memories of; or they can select books of local interest, on sea life or alligators, for example; or they can select something fun and interesting about a hobby or maps or history," said Margaret Mohundro, library director. "Any topic is possible."

Congress thinks encouraging reading, and ensuring children are good readers, is good for the future and gets them where they need to go in life.

The project began in 2012 with the first donation, *Listen To My Trumpet!* by Mo Willems, a *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator and winner of the prestigious Caldecott Medal for excellence in children's literature. It was donated by Rotary in honor of Scout Troop 140, whose members spoke to the club at a 2012 meeting.

"This is a wonderful service provided by the Rotary Club," said Sandy Zahorchak, library commissioner. "We want to foster a love of books and reading among the children of Sanibel, and adding these new titles helps us do that. The children are always excited to see what book comes in next. We thank the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary for its generosity."

Partnering with the library is not new for the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary. The club, working through the Joan Hunt Cory Fund of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, donated early literacy computer stations, featuring software for preschoolers and early readers, working with their parents, to learn colors, shapes, art, maps, music and more.

Additionally, Rotary has provided funding for a specialized business collection for the library's eShelf service of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks.\*

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**K**im Patmore is a part-time Sanibel resident who shares her passion for wild-life and nature through her photography. Net proceeds from the sale of her photographs and photo books benefit local non-profit organizations such as the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW).✪



One of Kim Patmore's dolphin photographs

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## Resort Room Sizes And Roof Levels Under Review

by Jeff Lysick

**O**n Tuesday, the planning commissioners, sitting as the Land Development Code Review Subcommittee, considered a pair of proposed ordinance changes related to the size of short-term rental units in the Resort Housing District as well as allowing minor modifications to the rooflines of lawfully existing structures devoted to a nonconforming use.

Planning Director Jimmy Jordan went over several details of the proposed ordinance amendment regarding room size.

He told the subcommittee that under the current provisions of the Land Development Code, a short-term rental property in the Resort Housing District which exceeds the permitted residential density designated on the city's development intensity maps may rehabilitate or redevelop if the resort property:

- Retains its short-term rental and occupancy status; and
- Redevelops no more than the same number of units and habitable floor area than existed in the development being replaced.

The limitation on floor area applies only to habitable space. The limitation does not apply to under building or other covered parking areas or exterior spaces such as stairs, storage, decks, balconies and lanais.

"To encourage the retention of resort developments, the city recognizes the incentive that is created by permitting redevelopment of existing resort uses at existing densities," the report reads, in part. "These existing densities are within the levels of service standards provide

for public facilities as established in the Sanibel Plan."

Several resort property owners have expressed an interest in either redeveloping or rehabilitating their properties. However, an "unintended consequence" of the current habitable floor area limitations hampered those plans.

After considering industry reports on room sizes which are currently considered "standard," staff proposes amending Land Development Code Section 126-636 to allow short-term occupancy units to maintain up to their existing density, provided that the redeveloped hotels, motels or resort condominiums shall:

- (1) Not exceed the number of units that existed in the prior development.
- (2) Continue the short-term occupancy use of the prior development.

To maintain the stock of short-term occupancy units in the city without increasing the development intensity of the site, existing hotels, motels or resort condominiums that are rehabilitated or redeveloped shall:

- (1) Not increase the number of bedrooms from the number of existing bedrooms per unit.
- (2) One-bedroom units shall not exceed 600 square feet of habitable floor area.

Jordan called the proposal "a logical change."

Subcommittee member Chris Heidrick said that the ordinance amendment is "the best opportunity to bring these properties into conformity, or at least closer to conformity."

Resident Larry Schopp questioned the visual impact that the proposal may bring, suggesting that the planning department develop some architectural standards.

Jeremy Kane, representing the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce, thanked the planning department staff for their "hard work and research" on the proposed amendment, adding that it may give some of the affected businesses as "opportunity to offer a higher level of

accommodation" and "eliminate a substantial number of nonconformities."

Chuck Kettelman told his fellow subcommittee members that it would be in the affected owners' best interest to create something that's enticing to short-term unit renters.

Chair Michael Valiquette made a motion to move the proposal along to the planning commission, which was seconded by Kettelman and eventually approved, 7-0.

In other business, the subcommittee heard a report from city planner Ben Pople which would allow minor cosmetic improvements to nonconforming structures that are consistent with the Sanibel Plan and the ultimate intent that nonconforming uses be removed or redeveloped in a manner that conforms to tc code.

Staff proposed changing several subsections of the city's Ordinance Section 126-153 (Nonconforming Uses) related to exceptions and prohibitions. These would include alterations within the existing perimeter – not the three-dimensional outline – of the structure, which, in conjunction with prior repairs, rehabilitations or alterations do not amount to a substantial improvement.

In addition, a new subsection would allow features similar to those that are exempt from angle of light height limitations to be added to an existing roofline. The provided language specifies that the overall height of the roof cannot be exceeded and that no usable floor area can be added. Here, "floor area" can mean habitable floor area or commercial floor area and would serve to limit both.

A third subsection was added that would allow an applicant to request approval to increase in the height of an existing principal structure.

"According to a conversation with the city building official, the Florida Building Code identifies progressively higher design wind loads for roofs with a pitch greater than 27 degrees, for roofs with a pitch greater than 7 to 27 degrees,

and for roofs with a pitch from 0 to 7 degrees. Other factors, such as the mean roof height, also factor into design wind loads," the report reads, in part. "A sizeable change would be required in some cases for an existing roof to be modified for higher wind resistance. Because of the high variability involved with this type of change, writing an exemption for a minimal increase in pitch or overall height into the land development code is not advisable at this time."

Because an increase in height approved for an existing grade-level structure could also have an amplified effect on neighboring properties under build-back conditions, the approval process should take these potential effects into consideration and would at a minimum provide an opportunity for surrounding owners to voice their concerns.

Kettelman made a motion to pass the ordinance amendments along to the planning commission, which was seconded by Dr. Phillip Marks and approved by the subcommittee, 7-0.✪

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## Boater's Guide

and digital agency, and were funded by a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation District. Lee County Natural Resources Marine Program staff members coordinate the information and produce the guide.

To learn how you can obtain copies of the seventh edition, contact Natural Resources' Justin McBride at 533-8109 or jmcbride@leegov.com. To access the Boaters Guide online, visit [www.lee-county.com](http://www.lee-county.com) and click on "departments" and Natural Resources. For maps of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, Lee County's canoe and kayak trail, visit [www.calusablueway.com](http://www.calusablueway.com) or download the mobile phone app.✪

Monday Night Movie

# Museum Hours

by Di Saggau



The BIG ARTS movie for Monday, March 31 is *Museum Hours*, an Austrian-American film set in and around Vienna's Kunshistorisches Museum. Wintry Vienna provides

the background for this fusion of drama and documentary. A museum guard befriends an enigmatic visitor and the museum becomes a mysterious crossroads which sparks explorations of their lives, the city, and the ways artworks reflect and shape the world.

Anne is the visitor who wanders the city in limbo, taking the museum as her refuge. Johann, the guard, offers help

and they are drawn into each other's worlds. Their meeting sparks a series of explorations of their lives, the life of the city, and of the way artworks can reflect and shape daily experience. The museum is seen in the film as an enigmatic crossroads in which, through the artworks, a discussion takes place across time with vital implications in the contemporary world.

At the heart of the film is the argument that dusty old artworks have plenty to tell us about life, especially about money, politics, power, social class and sex. The film, directed by Jem Cohen, has intellectual and aesthetic impact delivered with warmth, wit and quiet confidence. It runs 107 minutes.

Next up on April 7 is *The Patience Stone*, set in Afghanistan during a war in which a young woman tends to her badly wounded older husband. More on that next week.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$8 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance



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  7. *Insurgent* by Veronica Roth
  8. *Mahalas Lane* by Marian Cushing
  9. *Two Sanibel Sunset Detectives* by Ron Base
  10. *Missing You* Harlan Coben
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Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion in Phillips Gallery. Sponsors are Bank of the Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki. Supporters are Sanibel Taxi, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel and John R. Wood Real Estate. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available by calling 395-0900.\*

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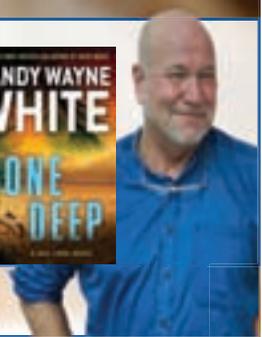
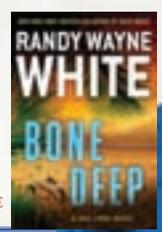
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Members of the Sanibel Bicycle Club attended the official re-opening ceremony for Wildlife Drive, along with several members of the refuge staff, at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel photos by Jeff Lysiak

## Club Members Celebrate Wildlife Drive Reopening

by Jeff Lysiak

Last Wednesday morning, 37 members of the Sanibel Bicycle Club – which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year – gathered at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge to commemorate the official re-opening of Wildlife Drive.

Last fall, after being closed for more than four months, Wildlife Drive debuted with a smooth asphalt blacktop surface. However, due to the government shut-down, the October 1, 2013 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 4.23-mile roadway was cancelled.

On March 19 at 11:30 a.m., refuge manager Paul Tritaik and Birgie Miller, executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, welcomed the contingent from the Sanibel Bicycle Club to ride the newly-paved drive.

"Twenty years is an amazing accomplishment," Miller told the group gathered at the refuge flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center. "Sanibel is a bicycle-friendly community, and we appreciate everything you all do to help promote the refuge and promote safe biking in this community."

Bike club representative Patti Sousa thanked the refuge staff for inviting them to attend the re-opening ceremony, and asked her fellow riders to say what they enjoyed most about the paved Wildlife Drive.

"The ride is so much quieter now," one member said. "The birds and other ani-

mals aren't disturbed by the sounds of cars and bikes passing through any more."

"The surface is so much smoother than before," another added. "It's a great ride."

Tritaik noted that Wildlife Drive's old previous pavement, installed in 2002, "had deteriorated to a point where it was continued on page 34B



Refuge manager Paul Tritaik with mascot Blue Goose, wearing a bicycle helmet



Sanibel Bicycle Club members cheer during the re-opening ceremony for Wildlife Drive



Following the ceremony, bike club members took a free ride through the refuge



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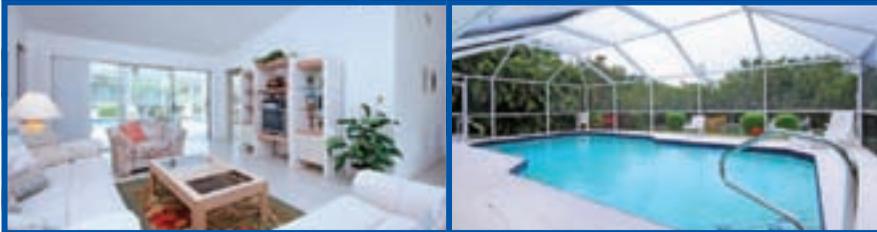
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SanCap Cares has committed to raise \$10 million on the islands over the next few years to help Lee Memorial Health System build a freestanding building for Golisano Children's Hospital adjacent to HealthPark. The proceeds from this year's event will go towards this capital campaign. With this \$10 million commitment, Lee Memorial has agreed to name the new Children's Hospital Emergency Department for the Sanibel and Captiva community.

For more information about the capital campaign, contact Amanda Cross at 472-2082 or email SanibelCaptivaCares@gmail.com.✪



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Ed Kfoury, in his vintage Buick, accompanied by Nancy Clark, Amanda Cross, event co chair, and Barbara Martin



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## Sanibel Resident To Be Inducted Into National Academy Of Sciences

Sanibel winter resident Dr. Robin Fox will be inducted into The National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, in April. Membership in the academy is the highest honor that the national scientific community can bestow on an American scientist. The institution (founded by Abraham Lincoln and Congress in 1863) provides scientific advice to the president and Congress. Fox, who will join both the anthropology and evolutionary biology sections of the academy, is university professor of social theory and research professor of anthropology at Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he founded the department of anthropology in 1967. It is now ranked as one of the top 10 departments in the nation. In January last year, he gave the Shared Scholar in Residence Lecture on The Puzzle of the Ten Commandments at the Sanibel Congregational Unite Church of Christ. It is now available on his website.



Robin Fox

Fox is known for his ground-breaking work on kinship and breeding mechanisms in human evolution and has worked with Pueblo Indians, Irish Islanders and Macaque monkeys, as well as on brain evolution and behavior, and on the history of ideas. His book *Kinship and Marriage* has been the most widely used anthropology text in the world for almost 50 years. He is also a published poet and an expert on the Shakespeare authorship question. He has written or edited 20 books, the latest being *The Tribal Imagination: Civilization and the Savage Mind* and *Shakespeare's Education: Schools, Lawsuits and Drama in the Tudor Miracle*. While on Sanibel, he works on the archaeology of the Calusa Indians and the light it can shed on the origins of complex societies.

Born in England, Fox was educated at the London School of Economics, Harvard and Stanford, and was a director of research for the HF Guggenheim Foundation for

12 years, where he helped start the revolution of ideas about social behavior now known as sociobiology, along with his colleague Dr. Lionel Tiger. Together, they wrote the bestselling book of the 1970s, *The Imperial Animal*. With Desmond Morris and David Attenborough (a former student of his), Fox helped launch the BBC's *LIFE: in the animal world*, one of the earliest of their great natural history series to deal with human behavior. He has appeared many times on television and on NPR, given evidence to Congressional committees, lectured for the Pentagon (Office of Net Assessment), worked for the National Intelligence Council's Committee on Counter-Terrorism, and has written amicus briefs for the U.S. and New Jersey Supreme Courts on Mormon polygamy and surrogate mothers ("Baby M").

In his books, Fox thanks "my friends the Sandpipers of Sanibel Island" for their help and support, and particularly the crew of the Luna-C under the captaincy of sculptor Charles Reina, "the man who monumentalized DNA." Fox's wife Lin is a retired professor of health sciences at Kean University in New Jersey. She has sung in the BIG ARTS chorus and has led regular seminars for the women's issues group. This year, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, a book of research studies by leading scholars dedicated to Fox will be published by Transaction Publishers, called *The Character of Human Institutions: Robin Fox and the Rise of Biosocial Science*. See his website at [www.robin-fox.com](http://www.robin-fox.com).✧

## Spring Fashion Show At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community will hold a Wild About Style community fashion show and luncheon on Friday, March 28 at noon. Guests will have lunch while previewing the latest spring and summer fashions from Bell Tower Shops, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Brodeur Carvell, Talbots, Chico's, Cache, Drapers and Damons, Patchington, Francesca's, Trader Rick's and Eyetopian Optical. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance by calling 454-2249.

Each guest will receive a gift bag as well as the opportunity to win door prizes. Proceeds will benefit Shell Point's Memory Care Center. Located in the Larsen Pavilion, the center serves Shell Point residents and members of the surrounding community who have memory loss and dementia from Alzheimer's and other brain diseases.

The fashion show will be held in the auditorium located on The Island at Shell Point, located just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.✧

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iPad Introduction: April 1 and 3. A session includes a Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$60 per session for members and \$90 per session for non-members. Class size limited to four. You must provide your own device.

**What's Spreadsheet?** – With instructor Patty Waters, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8 and 9, 1 to 3 p.m.

Have you worked with that green or yellow ledger paper? Now, the columns and rows are on the computer. They are useful to balance your checkbook, keep track of expenses or keep an address list. If have a spreadsheet program with Microsoft Works or Office, learn the basic ABCs. If you use email or word processing, you have the skill level to begin. Class size limited to six students. Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members.

**Coping with Life Series** – features guest speakers on various topics at the Center 4 Life, such as:

**The Memory Think Tank** – Friday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. with Cindi Ryerson of Millennium Cognitive Café. Get to know your brain, how you think and why you have “senior moments.” The lecture will describe the four types of forgetting and how you can move information from short term memory to long term memory. The presentation and handouts will give you several tips for better brain fitness. Experience a sampling of unique brain activities. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

**Page Turners with Ann Rodman** – To be on the Page Turners list, email [annrodman@aol.com](mailto:annrodman@aol.com) or contact the Center 4 Life. On Wednesday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m., the featured book is *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. The story begins on a warm summer night in North Carthage, Missouri. It is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Amy disappears. Amy's diary has revelations. Nick is oddly evasive. Is he really the killer? The book was on *The New York Times* best seller list for 45 weeks.

**Spring Training Baseball** – Limited tickets available, \$20 for members, \$28 for non-members.

Boston Red Sox Stadium – jetBlue Park, 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers.

• Saturday, March 29 at 1:05 p.m., Red Sox vs. Minnesota Twins.

Minnesota Twins Stadium – Hammond Stadium, 14400 Six Mile Cypress in Fort Myers.

• Friday, March 28 at 1:05 p.m., Minnesota Twins vs. Boston Red Sox.

### Games:

**Bridge** – Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

**Hand & Foot** – Tuesday at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

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

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

### Fitness Classes:

Classes are available and all ages are welcome. Cost is \$3.50 for members and \$6 for non-members. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center members must show their membership cards to attend.

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**Essential Total Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

**Gentle Yoga** – 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. Kris Brown is the instructor.

**Chair Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. All exercises are done using a chair. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel. Kris Brown is the instructor.

For more information on programs or to join Island Seniors, call 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.\*

## AAUW Meeting

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its annual meeting and installation of officers beginning with a social at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12. Luncheon and program will follow.

Russ Luther, from ECHO, will present The Ever Needing Food Supply.

The event will be at The Helm Club, The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club, Fort Myers.

For further information, go to [www.AAUWFortMyers/Lee County.wm](http://www.AAUWFortMyers/Lee County.wm)\*

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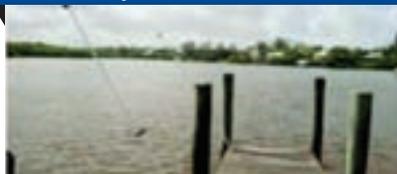
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## Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Hosts 2014 Women's Series

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company hosted the fourth session of the 2014 Women's Series this week at The Sanctuary Golf Club.

Dawn Moore, Certified Professional Geriatric Care Manager of Lee Memorial Health System, spoke to the group of 49 women on the subject Patient Advocacy For Yourself And Loved Ones. Her talk provided valuable tips and strategies to ensure that you and your loved ones get the best treatment from your health care providers, in the doctor's office, hospital, home health care and skilled nursing care.

"It is essential for women to feel confident and secure about making decisions in today's challenging times. WOW (Women. Opportunity. Wealth.) is designed to help our clients and friends cut through the clutter and make wise decisions about their personal life," said The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company's vice president Robin L. Cook.

For information regarding the 2015 WOW series, contact Frances Steger at The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company at 472-8300 or FSteger@sancaptrustco.com.✧

## Learn ABWA History On April 8

Lynda Rubenstein and Sheila Bedwell will make a presentation to ABWA (American Business Women's Association) on Tuesday, April 8 titled, Learn the History of ABWA and Sharing the ABWA Experience through Mentoring.

The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. and at program is at 6 p.m.

Lynda Rubenstein's background led her to ABWA, which she credits with changing her life. After she graduated from Woodbury Technical College in Los Angeles with a BS/BA degree in fashion design, merchandising and marketing, she quickly began designing children's clothes and women's sportswear for two large international companies. She later advanced her career by moving to New York to open a wholesale business where she sold dresses, bridesmaid and wedding dresses to buyers at department stores.

Rubenstein joined the Palms of Edisonia Chapter of ABWA in 2005, where from 2006 to 2008 she served as membership chairman. During that time she started a monthly social event, The Lunch of the Month. In 2008 she was the chapter's Woman of the Year.

She continued as vice president from 2009 to 2011 and then as president from 2011 to 2013. In fall 2013 she moved her primary membership to the Sanibel-Captiva chapter.

She believes that the incredible women she met in ABWA impacted her life

immensely. Through their mentoring and direction she was able to succeed as a leader and improve her public speaking.

Sharing the ABWA experience through mentoring will be Sheila Bedwell, a resident of Fort Myers since moving from Jackson, Tennessee, in 1981. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Middle Tennessee State University and has been employed for many years by the Board of Lee County Commissioners in the Division of County Lands as a real estate title examiner.

Bedwell began as a charter member of ABWA in Lehigh Acres, where she served as program chairman, education committee chairman, secretary, vice president and then as the charter chapter's president. In 2003 she was elected as the chapter's Woman of the Year. She is currently with the Palms of Edisonia chapter where she has served as The standing rules committee chairman, secretary and the president. In 2011 she was elected as the chapter's Woman of the Year. She has served as nominating committee chairman, communications officer, vice chair of council and chair of the council. Her inspiration and expertise in mentoring has helped guide many of her ABWA sisters.

The meeting will be at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Guests are welcome. Those interested in attending may contact Carol Schapiro, membership chair at 466-1956 or email her at cshap00@yahoo.com.

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## Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

It's been a couple of years since Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce President Ric Base stopped by one of our Rotary meetings. I guess it's because he was busy taking care of business, pun intended. As president of the chamber for the last eight years, Base has gained the confidence of the business community on island and off, along with the respect of city officials, and that collaborative spirit is providing a healthy and rich business environment here on the islands.



**Ric Base of Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce**

With a staff of nine part-time employees and about 35 weekly volunteers, the chamber is fielding during season over 1,000 inquiries a day from all over the world. Inquiries are coming from Germany, England, France, Canada, South America, and of course from all over the United States.

Walk-in traffic at the chamber office is around 175 families a day. Business is extremely good this season; factor in a colder winter season up north and a quick get-away to Sanibel or Captiva for vacationers and visiting relatives is sounding pretty good.

For the month of February the airport reported that passenger traffic was the highest in Southwest Florida International's last 30 years.

Driving those numbers are, of course, weather and a great marketing campaign by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. The islands received national ranking from *USA Today* as one of the Top 10 Best Florida Beach Towns; Frommer's Travel Guide ranked Sanibel Island the #1 top tourist destination; and the Chamber's visitor's center was named the #1 attraction by Trip Advisor.

It is and will continue to be a great year and great season for business on Sanibel and Captiva but there is the realization that today's vacationers have travel expectations beyond past generations. Our hotel and condo infrastructure needs to be updated to keep up with the times. Larger sized hotel rooms are the norm in newer accommodations at vacation destinations. Families are now traveling together so parents, kids, grandparents, and nannies need space.

Internet and cellar telephone service is a must-have; everyone in the family craves a connection to the outside world. In response to that the chamber has set up a new Government Development Affairs Committee headed up by board member Robert Monk, also a Rotarian.

This committee has opened a dialogue with Sanibel government officials and the

Committee of the Islands (COTI) to discuss and address how to rehabilitate and rebuild hotel and condo properties within the framework of city building codes and restrictions.

In the past, families would vacation again and again in the same spot, but not now. Tourists and travelers are more sophisticated than in the past. They can shop the world for their next vacation on the Internet. They want their needs fulfilled if not here, then some other place.

Looking at it from another angle, in the past, 90 percent of all purchases of properties on the islands started out as vacationers. Improvements to hotels and condos will provide a springboard for real estate transactions.

The recent opening and changeover of businesses on the islands is notable. Sanibel saw the opening of Bennett's Fresh Roast Café and the Blue Coyote Restaurant, along with the reopening of the Sundial Resort. And islanders can now look forward to new ownership at the former properties of Blackstone on Sanibel, including The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. Captiva welcomed Doc Ford's Restaurant and McCarthy's Marina has expanded on boat tourism routes leaving from Captiva.

With plans for development of the new cultural center on Sanibel heading in a positive direction, the non-profit cultural entities BIG ARTS, Strauss Theater, Sanibel Community Association, and the library have an exciting future to look forward to and the islands will only be enriched with updated facilities and a plethora of activities good for residents and tourists.

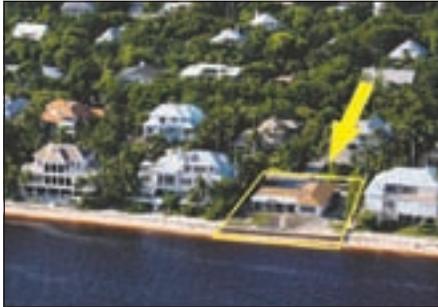
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# Highlights Of The 31st Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Arts & Crafts Fair



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photos by Jeff Lysick



San-Cap Lions Club members, from left, Claire and Michael Mallon, Al Krause and Geri Podlin



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This year the tournament will be held on Monday, April 14, beginning at 3 p.m. on South Seas' par 3 golf course, with the finishing holes running parallel to Sunset Beach and the Gulf of Mexico.

Every player will have an opportunity to win \$10,000 on five different holes (five opportunities) with the remaining holes offering hole-in-one prizes and a closest-to-the-pin contest. The closest-to-the-pin winners will then compete in a shoot-out format on the 9th hole, with fellow golfers and spectators cheering them on.

New this year is the \$5,000 putting contest. It's open to all golfers and spectators and is open to anyone donating \$20 per attempt to make a putt on the practice green. The top three contestants who make the putt or come closest to making the putt will then each have one attempt on the 9th green to make one putt to win \$5,000 in cash. All proceeds will benefit the community panel.

Hospitality tents will surround the 9th hole with great views of the players and the sunset shoot-out. A cash bar and barbecue will be available and participants are encouraged to bring your friends and family along.

The community panel's initiatives include reviewing and updating the Captiva Plan portion of the Lee Plan to protect the long-term interests of the island. Even though panel expenses are kept to a minimum and all panel members serve voluntarily, the panel relies on private donations to fund its initiatives and help match any funding from public and private grants.

Since its inception, the panel has secured more than \$350,000 in grants to study water quality, strengthen land use and zoning rules and help restore island vegetation after Hurricane Charley, while fostering a strong relationship with Lee County officials on a range of issues affecting the island.

Those who don't play but want to participate may volunteer from 1 p.m. on to help with a variety of tourney tasks. Send an email to [dsmock@southseas.com](mailto:dsmock@southseas.com) or [captivacommunitypanel@gmail.com](mailto:captivacommunitypanel@gmail.com).

## Final 2014 Spring Training Home Schedules

### Minnesota Twins - Hammond Stadium

Friday, March 28 - Boston Red Sox, 1:05 p.m.

### Boston Red Sox - jetBlue Stadium

Thursday, March 27 - Minnesota Twins, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 - Minnesota Twins, 1:05 p.m.

## The Dunes Golf Club

# Championship Round Two

The second round of the Dunes Women's Golf Association Club Championship was played on Friday, March 21.

The results were:

### Championship Flight

(1) Karen Hendricks def (4) June Muench 1 UP

(2) Jody Hawkins def (3) Irmgard Markusch 1 UP

### A Flight

(1) Marlo Bamberger def (4) Ann McDonald 2 UP

(2) Gussie Blue def (3) Sharon Hannon 2 UP

### B Flight

(4) Carol Brodersen def (1) Linda DeFrancisco 4 and 3

(7) Lesley Simmons def (6) Betsy Cox 1 UP

### C Flight

(5) Lee Bogan def (1) Carol Curcuru 2 and 1

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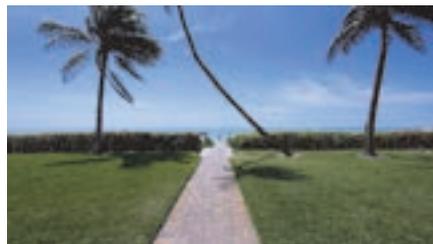
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Entry fees for the tournament are \$125 for individual players and \$400 for four-somes. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Other sponsorship opportunities include lunch sponsor and event sponsor. Each sponsorship comes with several benefits.

For more information on sponsorship or to request a registration form, contact James Robinson of CROW at 472-3644 ext. 221 or jrobinson@crowclinic.org.\*

### The Dunes Golf Club

#### Mixed Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Sunday Mixed Golf on March 23 was a Couple Swap (1 net better of 2). Results were:

1st Gordon Rains 110  
Mo Rains  
Bruce McLaughlin  
Jeanette McLaughlin

2nd Robert Orr 111  
Nancy Orr  
John Defrancisco  
Linda Defrancisco

3rd Jerry Muench 117  
June Muench  
Dick Jones  
Carolyn Jones

Closest to the pin:  
Mo Rains Hole 2  
Felix Curcuru Hole 9\*

### The Dunes Golf Club

#### 2 Best Net Of 4

The Dunes Women's Golf Association on Friday, March 21 played a 2 Best Net of 4 tournament. The results were:

##### Flight 1

1st Grethe Christensen 111  
Mary Donovan  
Pat Wentling  
Maureen O'Brien

2nd Kenene Weymouth 116  
Claudia Finzen  
Barb Chappell  
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Kyle Sweet, left, with members of the USGA Green Section Committee

## Sweet Appointed To USGA Committee

Kyle Sweet, CGCS, Superintendent at The Sanctuary Golf Club for the past 17 years, was recently appointed to the USGA Green Section Committee after being nominated by Todd Lowe, USGA Senior Agronomist for Florida.

Committee members provide input into Regional and National Green Section Updates, provide assistance for

USGA-sanctioned golf tournaments, attend golf rules workshops and are expected to be competent in communicating the Rules of Golf. In addition, committee members are asked to communicate with their Regional Director and provide feedback about concerns or issues as they surface at the local level and attend USGA qualifiers in the area to provide assistance and support.

"Kyle has been a friend of the USGA for over a decade. He has assisted with several turf management publications, by providing valuable information and excellent photographs. Kyle has also provided presentations on wildflower

management and wildlife conservation at several USGA seminars," said Lowe. "Kyle also gives back to the game by assisting other local golf course superintendents whenever his expertise is needed. He is a true asset to the game of golf and we are honored to have him on the committee."

The Sanctuary Golf Club has worked closely with USGA agronomists over the years. The USGA offers one-day, half-day and special concerns visits by regional agronomists that focus on all areas of course management from greens management to improving pace of play. The USGA separates the country into several regions and provides professional visits, research assistance, and advisement to golf courses with regional USGA agronomists in each area.

"After nearly 30 years of golf course maintenance experience and being an avid golfer for many of those years, it's an honor to be chosen to help the USGA promote the game of golf," said Sweet. "The USGA has such rich tradition and industry respect. I'm very excited to be part of it all and hope I can contribute through my work here at The Sanctuary and throughout Southwest Florida."

For more information about the USGA Green Section, visit [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

### Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

## Pottorf Wins Pool League Singles

Kevin Pottorf, captain of the Sandycappers, won six matches without a loss to take first place honors in the league's annual year-end single game double elimination 8-ball tournament.

Twenty-five shooters competed for six hours on the two tables at American Legion Post 123 on Monday, March 24.

Jimbo Gaubatz from the Odd Balls took second place honors with Rich Ennis from Bunt's Ball Busters placing third. John Bates from Sandycappers was fourth. John Earle from Sanibel Café and Jack Cunningham from Island Lifers tied for fifth and sixth. Dave Doane from Bunt's Ball Busters and Kelly Greten from the Odd Balls tied for seventh and eighth.

The winners will be awarded cash prizes at the league's awards banquet set for Monday, March 31, at 6 p.m., at Legion Post 123. Team cash prizes and awards to the year's top percentage shooter and most improved player will also be presented.

A 3-Ball tournament will take place after the banquet and program.

On Tuesday, April 8, the Sanibel league again plays its annual match against the North Fort Myers Senior 8-Ball League. The match starts at 7 p.m. in the four-table billiard room at Del Tura County Club. The series is tied at 3-3.

### SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2013, Henry Blanco became the second major-league catcher to hit a grand slam at age 41 or older. Who was the first?
2. How many players were picked ahead of Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter in baseball's Amateur Draft in 1992?
3. In 2012, Frank Gore set a 49ers record with his 51st NFL career rushing touchdown. Who had held the record?
4. When was the last time before 2013 that the La Salle men's basketball team reached the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16?
5. Wayne Gretzky is the all-time leader in NHL hat tricks (three-plus goals in a game) with 50, and Mario Lemieux is second (40). Who is third?
6. Notre Dame's men's soccer team won the NCAA College Cup for the first time in 2013. How many times has Notre Dame won the College Cup in women's soccer?
7. Which of the major boxing title belts he has won has Floyd Mayweather Jr. defended the most times during his career?

### ANSWERS

1. Carlton Fisk was 43 when he did it for the Chicago White Sox in 1991. 2. Five players. 3. Roger Craig and Joe Perry. 4. It was 1955. 5. Mike Bossy, with 39. 6. Three times (1995, 2004, 2010). 7. He defended the WBC super featherweight title eight times.

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# Managing The Flow Of Minor League Players From One Team To Another Is A Never-Ending Job

by Ed Frank



Can you imagine a job where you made 167 last-minute travel arrangements, hotel reservations and in some cases even lined up doctors and nurses all in less than six months?

That was the responsibility last season for Kate Townley, senior manager of Minor League Administration for the Minnesota Twins. But first let's set the scene how this multi-faceted job comes about every baseball season.

On most days at the Minnesota Twins minor league facility at the Lee County Sports Complex, upwards of 150 ball players are participating in Spring Training spread out over several baseball diamonds.

In a few days, most will be assigned to the Twins six minor league teams as the regular season starts next week for the four upper-level teams: Triple A Rochester, Double A New Britain, High A Fort Myers and Low A Cedar Rapids. The 60-game schedule for the two rookie-level teams, Elizabethton and the Gulf Coast League Twins, begins in June.

But did you ever consider the complexity and the logistics of managing the constant up and down flow of these players throughout the season as the result of promotions, demotions and injuries? In addition, players often are called up and sent down by the major league club throughout the long season?

Last year, according to Brad Steil, the Twins' director of minor league operations, there were 167 moves – a much higher number than in the past as the result of an unusual raft of injuries.

"What most don't understand, when a player is promoted to the major league club or moved back to the minors, it could have a ripple effect on five other teams," Steil said. This is the result of 25-player limits for the four higher minor league teams and 30-player limits for the rookie teams.

So that's the scenario for Kate Townley's job – one she has managed for nine years. When a player is moved from one team to another, he is expected in most cases to be with his new club the next day.

"It's my responsibility to find the best flight, to find the best hotel values and even taxi arrangements," she said.

The 167 moves last season included 12 surgeries for injured players. Some surgeries were performed here in Fort Myers and some in Minnesota. There even were situations where doctors and nurses accompanied injured players on flights.

Maybe now readers will begin to grasp the mine-boggling, constant responsibilities for the friendly Kate Townley.

Her job, however, is not limited to the baseball season itself. She manages transportation home for players and staff and is involved the often-complicated, red-tape business of visas and passports for foreign players.

Local baseball fans who follow the Fort Myers Miracle team are familiar with the season-long flow of players in and out of the team throughout every season.

Every move, however, results in fast-action logistics for Townley.

## Miracle Home Opener Next Saturday

The 2014 season for the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team opens next Thursday when the team travels to Jupiter. The home opener is Saturday at Hammond Stadium at 6:05 p.m. when the Miracle hosts Jupiter.

Returning for his second year as Miracle manager is Doug Mientkiewicz who guided the team to a 79-56 record in his first year, including a division championship in the season's first-half.

In next week's paper, we will review the team's season-opening roster.

## Everblades Nine-Game Home Stand to Decide Playoff Hopes

In their 14-year franchise history, the Florida Everblades have never failed to reach the post-season playoffs. The final nine games of the 2013-14 regular season will decide whether that record will stay intact.

The Everblades began the week two points behind eighth-place Fort Wayne. Only the top eight teams in the ECHL Eastern Conference qualify for the league's Kelly Cup Playoffs.

The local hockey team does have the advantage of playing their final nine games on home ice at Germain Arena. The home stand began Wednesday night against Evansville and will continue this weekend with Friday and Saturday night games against Cincinnati.\*



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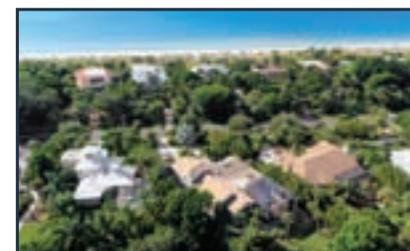
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## Dine Your Way Around Sanibel And Captiva With Anne Mitchell

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### RESTAURANTS

The variety of dining options on Sanibel and Captiva just keeps getting better. For their size, the islands offer an extensive culinary array – all making the most of the area's fresh and abundant seafood and local produce. You'll find everything from burgers to barbecue, bistro style, Italian, Mexican, American, classic deli fare, organic, vegan, gluten-free, café food and Caribbean.

In this column, each week you will be able to stay updated on our local dining establishments and what they're offering and get the scoop on the island dining scene, whether it's fine or casual, take-out or frozen desserts.w

#### BAILEY'S GENERAL STORE

Bailey's General Store has a full deli, bakery, daily lunch specials, take out and catering for cook-outs, picnics and parties. This is the oldest supermarket on the islands, established long before a causeway linked Sanibel to the mainland.

The bakery has freshly made donuts, scones and breads. The deli offers a variety of hot foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as catering services for special events. Services include shopping for your groceries and delivering them to your home or vacation destination. If you are on a gluten-free diet, pick up the extensive list of gluten-free products near the entrance to the supermarket.

The Coffee Bar at Bailey's serves espresso based drinks, hot chocolate, smoothies and specialty coffees.

#### BENNETT'S FRESH ROAST

Bennett's Fresh Roast has prided itself on its fresh-from-scratch doughnuts made daily and serving fresh roasted coffee from the finest beans resulting in the most flavorful and freshest cup of coffee around. Bennett's also offers fresh desserts including praline bread pudding, lemon bars and pies and packaged whole bean or ground coffees, breakfast muffins, oatmeal and breakfast sandwiches.

On the weekends, Bennett's Strata, a layered baked breakfast dish, is a regular sellout. Tea lovers can choose from a large variety of Harney & Sons Fine Teas. Lunch offerings including paninis, soups, sandwiches, three signature salads and Bennett's Chicken & Donut and Donut Dog.

#### BLUE GIRAFFE

Blue Giraffe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This restaurant offers casual island dining seven days a week from a menu featuring fresh local seafood, chowders, salads and steaks. Besides dessert choices, you can get hand-dipped Edy's Grand Ice Cream.

Dine outside on the boardwalk or inside at hand-painted tables decorated by a local artist, or sit at the full liquor bar for a mixed drink, glass of wine or cold beer.

#### CIP'S PLACE

Cip's Place is named for the late Jimmy Cipriani, a longtime islander and owner of the property on which the restaurant sits. Jimmy always made time for a good conversation, good company and great food. In Jimmy's memory, Cip's styles itself as a local watering hole. A mural that takes up an entire wall shows lots of islanders through the ages – including Cip – and if you don't recognize them all, ask to see the "key."

Food choices range from "comfort" to culinary with some Caribbean and island favorites as well. And do try the home-made potato chips, the fried buttermilk chicken with sage gravy and the snapper tacos.

Choose between the outdoor garden patio or front porch. Indoor seating and full bar are also available. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m.



Sarah Gremore, server at Rosie's Cafe & Grill

#### CHIP'S SANIBEL STEAKHOUSE

Chip's Sanibel Steakhouse has many great options for locals and tourists alike. It is open seven nights a week with daily happy hour from 5 to 6 p.m., featuring two-for-one drinks and \$4.95 appetizers. For early diners, there's a three-course prix fixe menu for \$35 including a cocktail. In addition to an updated wine list, seasonal house-infused liquors such as strawberry-jalapeno tequila, blood orange vodka and cucumber gin are available.

The menu features steaks and seafood, including a six-ounce filet mignon topped with jumbo lump crabmeat finished with Hollandaise and served with of asparagus and choice of potato; Parmesan-crusted seabass served with mushroom risotto and finished with a creamy dill sauce. Save room for dessert though, because whether you are a chocolate lover or Key lime pie fan, Chip's has something for every sweet tooth.

#### CROW'S NEST AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN

The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn is a more casual place than its sister the Old Captiva House. It's home to the famed Captiva Crab Races on Mondays and Thursdays and is a popular venue for live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays.

There is a nightly happy hour.

#### DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's best-selling mystery novels.

This summer, in addition to its Sanibel restaurant, Doc Ford's added a Captiva location, in Chadwick's Square.

It's a well known gathering place and tropical theme sports bar with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich. The fish tacos are an island favorite and there's a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.

#### THE DUNES RESTAURANT

You may not be aware that the restaurant at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club on Sanibel is open to the public for lunch and dinner.

The clubhouse offers great views of the lush greens and fairways and the sunsets are spectacular.

There's a new gourmet chef on board, a brand new lunch menu and sunset dinner specials every night. In addition, there are comedy nights, wine dinners, trivia nights, murder mysteries and Name that Tune.

#### GEORGE & WENDY'S SEAFOOD GRILLE

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille features live music Fridays and Saturdays and Karaoke on Thursdays. Specials include prime rib on Tuesdays for \$18, snow crab legs on Wednesdays for \$18, and Friday night fish fry, \$15.

Happy hour is celebrated from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The full bar has an extensive wine list, 20 beers on tap, local, domestic and craft beer, mojitos, martinis and tropical favorites.

Football specials are served in the bar area during NFL games and Saturday college games. Food specials include 50-cent wings, \$1.50 sliders and \$2

chili cheese jumbo hot dog. For \$5, choose from pretzels with beer cheese, chicken quesadilla, jalapeno poppers, loaded cheese fries or bratwurst. Cheese flatbread is \$6.

Drink specials include \$1 Jello shots, \$2 drafts of Bud Light and Yuengling, \$2 bottles of Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light, Miller Lite and Rolling Rock, and \$2 off all wines by the glass. Bloody Marys are \$3. There are free Jello shots with each Chicago or Buffalo touchdown.

Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

#### GRAMMA DOT'S

Gramma Dot's, the only dockside dining on Sanibel, offers a lunch and dinner menu seven days a week from "Sanibel's only Seaside Saloon" where you can leisurely dine at the Sanibel Marina in view of luxury yachts and modest fishing boats and watch the comings and goings of seagoing folk and fishermen. The menu features a full line of "only fresh" seafood, salads, sandwiches and more. Appropriate dress is required.

If you're arriving by boat, check in with dockmaster for a lunch slip, monitor VHF 16. You can tie up for a night or two at the available dockage if you wish. Gramma Dot's is open daily at 11:30 a.m. For dinner, arrive before 8 p.m.

#### GREEN FLASH

The Green Flash has marvelous waterfront views of Captiva's bayside and Pine Island Sound. The Green Flash was built on the site of the historic Timmy's Nook, opened in 1950. Fittingly, seafood dominates the menu, although other options are offered as well. The Green Flash is easily navigable by boat and is located southwest of Marker 38 on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Hours are daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner.

#### GREAT WHITE GRILL

The Great White Grill is a sports bar featuring 29 beers on tap and a good wine list. It's home of The Steel Curtain Pizza. There's free pizza delivery too. The Great White carries the TV Baseball package and the NFL package for sports enthusiasts and has arcade games for kids of all ages.

The regular menu includes hand-cast fresh dough pizza, wings, fries, chicken fingers, salads, gyros, sandwiches and burgers. Check out the Pittsburgh Salad, which consists of grilled chicken, French fries, cheddar cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes and onions on a bed of lettuce.

#### GREENHOUSE GRILL

The Greenhouse Grill offers happy hour pricing on a special appetizer of the day as well as beer and wine by the glass from 4 to 6 p.m. daily. The menu stretches from fresh salads, homemade soups and grilled black Angus burgers to pasta, steaks and fresh seafood. A must-have is the signature dish of the house, bouillabaisse, a medley of six seafoods prepared in a light broth of fresh aromatic herbs. All meals focus on fresh seasonal ingredients.

You can sit under the market umbrellas on the pet-friendly patio or inside the quaint and casual dining room.

The grill is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations appreciated and carry out orders are welcome.

#### IL CIELO

Chef Neil Griffin and his team are reinventing Il Cielo to bring diners creative American cuisine and internationally inspired specials in an upscale casual atmosphere. From locally caught fish, American lamb and grass-finished beef to farm fresh organic produce, there is a thoughtfully-prepared dish on the menu for everyone. Visit us to see what's new at Il Cielo.

**IL TESORO**

Il Tesoro serves authentic Italian food "with the taste and feel of a Tuscan holiday," according to owner Chef AJ Black. He infuses flavors from the old world to the new world of cooking using only fresh seasonal ingredients to bring his dishes to life. Daily specials focus on pairing authentic meals with a bold array of fine Italian wines.

Il Tesoro (The Treasure) serves dinner seven nights a week from 5 to 10 p.m.

**ISLAND COW**

The Island Cow is a family favorite with its colorful indoor and outdoor seating and live entertainment. "Come as our guests... leave as our friends!" is the motto. The Cow serves breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and meats and has an extensive children's menu. Starbucks coffee is also on the menu.

Breakfast is served between 7 and 11 a.m. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**JACARANDA**

The Jacaranda Restaurant & Patio Lounge is a Sanibel mainstay, with a reputation for fine seafood and steaks. Dinner is served year round and starting Tuesday, November 12, the Jacaranda will be serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can eat inside or outside on the pretty patio with its fairy lights and tropical vegetation. The Jac Bar with its live music nightly is the unofficial HQ for Sanibel's social scene. The patio lounge menu includes a selection of "happy apps" for \$5.95 and half price drinks during happy hour, 5 to 7 p.m. There is also a raw bar.

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**JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI**

Jerry's Restaurant and Deli in Jerry's Market is the next best thing to dining in a tropical garden. This family-style restaurant has large windows to view the lush garden with caged tropical birds that are favorites with visitors and residents. Daily specials are offered in the spacious restaurant and you can order a sandwich or hot food from the deli or help yourself at the well-stocked salad bar to take out.

The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**LAZY FLAMINGO**

The Lazy Flamingo is a famed island hang-out with two Sanibel locations: one at 1036 Periwinkle Way, the other - the original - at 6520 Pine Avenue, near Blind Pass. "If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it under water!" is the Flamingo's motto. And that includes, shrimp, grouper, oysters, conch fritters and chowder as well as chicken.

The Flamingo Bread and the Caesar Salad are signature items. Pull up a stool to the rustic bar or take a high or low table. The interior feels like the inside of an old pirate ship with its portholes and hewn wood surfaces. The atmosphere is definitely casual and beer is available by the bottle, on draft or by the pitcher.

**MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN**

In the mood for pizza? Matzaluna Italian Kitchen has a wood-fired oven to bake authentic pizzas, including gluten-free ones. That's in addition to a big selection including over 20 combinations of pasta dinners from \$11.95 (including soup or salad and fresh baked bread), affordable veal, tender chicken, choice steaks and seafood (Italian style) in a casual market-like setting. Gluten-free pizza is also available.

Matzaluna recently added craft beers on tap. On Wine Wednesdays, every bottle priced \$25 and over will be discounted by \$8 all evening. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily and happy hour is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**MUCKY DUCK**

The Mucky Duck may well be the most famous restaurant on the islands due to its longevity and quirky name. Then there's the fabulous sunsets. Patrons gladly wait on the beach for tables - this place draws crowds - sipping cocktails and beverages until they can take their seats. Reservations are not accepted.

The Duck is open for lunch and dinner, serving fresh seafood, pub-style food, sandwiches, steaks and other items.

**OLD CAPTIVA HOUSE AT 'TWEEN WATERS INN**

Old Captiva House at 'Tween Waters Inn, Captiva, offers romantic sunset dining in an historic setting with live piano music. Executive Chef Jason Miller prepares New Florida island favorites, tropical seafoods, classic meats and daily fresh-baked breads and pastries, served with an extensive selection of wines, liquors and coffees.

First built as a one-room school for children of Captiva's pioneer settlers, the Old Captiva House still reflects much of its original charm - from white French doors to hardwood floors to the Gulf of Mexico sunset that streams through the western windows. Its collection of famed cartoonist JN "Ding" Darling's 1930s whimsical vacation illustrations has led to its designation as a landmark in Southwest Florida.

**OVER EASY CAFÉ**

Over Easy Café is a pet-friendly place with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast and lunch. The covered patio is a popular spot. Choose from 22 different Eggs Benedict, scramblers and omelettes, 11 pancakes and French toast choices, 15 egg specialties and wraps, eight salads and 26 sandwiches and burgers, plus baked goods. Beer and wine is available.

Breakfast is served all day. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**POCOLOCO**

Need a pick-me-up? Looking for some downtime? Either way, your best bet is PocoLoco on the tropical courtyard at Jerry's Center. Indoors or out you will savor gourmet coffee, tea, signature sandwiches, pastries, or a cone of the region's most popular ice cream, Love Boat. PocoLoco is the Sanibel source for this ice cream and always features a couple dozen delicious favors. Stop by, sit in the sunshine and chatter with six cheerful parrots for a unique and memorable experience.

**RC OTTER'S, CANTINA CAPTIVA, SUNSHINE SEAFOOD, KEYLIME BISTRO AND CAPTIVA PIZZA, YOGURT & GIFTS**

Five Captiva eateries under the same ownership - RC Otter's, Cantina Captiva, Sunshine Seafood, Keylime Bistro and Captiva Pizza, Yogurt & Gifts - offer a fun and casual dining experience with a tropical flair reminiscent of Key West.

RC Otter's and Keylime Bistro have live music outdoors most of the day. Cantina Captiva serves Mexican food. Sunshine Seafood Cafe Wine Bar specializes in fine dining with a very respectable wine list. You have your choice of dining inside or outdoors.

**ROSIE'S CAFÉ & GRILL**

Rosie's repertoire includes crab cakes, grouper and shrimp entrees and steaks with all the trimmings, Southwestern dishes such as burritos and fajitas, soup and sandwich combos, and salads. Among the most popular items is Rosie's Famous Cheese Steak made from shaved rib eye, grilled mushrooms, onions and green peppers, Ultimate Cuban and Classic Reuben, home-made muffins and cinnamon rolls and Key lime pie, root beer floats and banana splits. A children's menu and carry-out are also available and outdoor seating is available.

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## Restaurants

Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and happy hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. seven days a week with two-for-one draft beer and wine and a menu that starts at \$4.50 for items such as nachos with cheese and salsa and \$5.50 wings and chicken tenders. The ice cream bar has 20+ flavors of locally made Royal Scoop ice cream.

### SANIBEL BEAN

The Sanibel Bean coffee shop is java central on Sanibel Island. With its indoor and outdoor seating and free wi-fi, it's a popular venue for laptop-toting coffee lovers to relax and check their inboxes, have breakfast or lunch or recharge the batteries in the afternoon.

Besides a big selection of coffee from around the globe and a variety of coffee drinks, The Bean has tea and other beverages and a variety of hearty sandwiches, pastries and muffins, plus other light fare.

### SANIBEL CAFE

This longtime Sanibel restaurant specializes in island-style cooking in its open air kitchen. Early bird specials are available from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Patrons love the unique tables, which are fashioned from fossil seashells displayed in beautiful patterns in handmade shadow boxes. Home-made jams are popular. The café is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for breakfast and lunch. In the winter season, dinner is served Monday through Saturday, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

### SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY

Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory offers a gluten free menu in addition to regular choices, along with pizza and wings, Boar's Head meats, frozen yogurt and ice cream. There is indoor seating as well as outdoor tables shaded with umbrellas, and free wi-fi.

### SANIBEL GRILL

The Sanibel Grill has 19 big screen TVs with satellite TV tuned to every televised sporting event. The Grill shares a kitchen with The Timbers, serving the same fresh seafood, along with burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Crunchy Grouper and Crunchy Shrimp are signature dishes.

### SANIBEL SPROUT

The Sanibel Sprout is the place to go for organic, vegetarian, gluten-free take-out. All food is prepared by The Sprout's own vegan gourmet chef Nikki.

To complement the food, The Sprout features an organic, sugar-free and dairy-free juice and smoothie bar.

Favorite dishes include Vegan Lasagna, Mexican Salad, Zucchini Pesto Pasta, Indian Curry, Quinoa Salad and Untuna Sandwiches. Desserts include Lemonylicious Tart, Fresh Berries with Cashew Creme, Raspberry Cacao Truffles, gluten-free brownies and The Sprout's popular Sproutaccino Smoothie. Last but not least, there's always good coffee and a pot of tasty soup.

Healthy Happy Hour is Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m., when juices and smoothies are half price.

Talk to Chef Nikki about her 30-Day Vegan Challenge, for weight loss, optimal health or just a month of no cooking.

### SUNDIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA

Sundial Beach Resort has undergone a \$5 million renovation and is celebrating its first winter season open to the public in five years with three new restaurants and a new chef specializing in fresh gulf seafood and other culinary creations.

Diners may choose from Waterview for an elegant dinner or the more casual Sea Breeze Café. Both have panoramic beach and gulf views. A specialty is the Clay Pot Baked Mediterranean Gulf Grouper.

Sea Breeze Café features al fresco dining with an all-day menu served from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. or there's a gulf view dining experience in Waterview from 5 to 10 p.m.

At Turtles Beach & Pool Bar, diners can choose from menu selections from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. An all-you-can-eat poolside barbecue buffet is available every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

There is entertainment in Sea Breeze Café from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Margarita Monday and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. and at Turtles Beach & Pool Bar every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

There are two happy hours daily: Turtles from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sea Breeze Café from 5 to 7 p.m. with appetizers from \$3 to \$8 and beverages from \$3 to \$5.

### TIMBERS RESTAURANT & FISH MARKET

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for \$15 daily before 5:30 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes.

Besides specializing in fresh local seafood, the restaurant has a seafood market that opens at 11 a.m. (except Sunday, when it's 2 p.m.)

### TRADERS STORE & CAFE

Traders is unique in that it combines a bustling restaurant with a large shopping emporium selling casual clothing, jewelry, accessories, home decorating and gift items, books and lamps.

The restaurant serves bistro style food with an island flair with offerings such as black beans and rice, blackened fish and fresh salads from an open kitchen. There's no fryer in this place!

The tables are freshly wrapped in white paper for each party and there's a pot of colored crayons for doodling, whether you're an adult or a child. Traders has been around long enough to have become a favored local hang-out. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., happy hour 3 to 6 p.m. and dinner 5 to 9 p.m. There's live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Danny Morgan and Wednesdays with Chris Workman.

### TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

Traditions on the Beach is one of the few Sanibel restaurants with beachfront dining. The menu features Italian and Mediterranean cuisine based on fresh local seafood, meats and produce. Dining is from 5 p.m. until late and there is live entertainment most nights for listening and dancing.

Besides fish and steaks, you'll find Moroccan Lamb, roast duck, Texas Wild Boar Saddle and veal. Pasta, grilled items and a raw bar round out the menu. There's an attractive bar area also serving food and an extensive wine and cocktail list.

### ZEBRA FROZEN YOGURT

This bold and bright cafe/store offers a variety of frozen yogurt flavors – try the caramel sea salt pretzel – with more than 50 toppings such as strawberries, blueberries, chopped candy and sprinkles. Other offerings include milk shakes, smoothies and frappes.

Zebra has indoor and outdoor seating. The store recently added frozen yogurt to go, by the pint and quart.

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**LIVE ON THE ISLANDS**

Joe McCormick on piano and Barbara Smith, vocals, will be entertaining at Traditions on the Beach, tonight, Friday March 28

**The Jacaranda** has entertainment nightly. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured starting at 8:30 p.m. Weekdays, music is from 7 to 11 p.m. On Monday, it's Renata, playing jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, David Christian, funk, pop and top '40s; Wednesday, Trevor, with contemporary top '40s and reggae; Thursday, Malibu Duo, contemporary, reggae and dance; Sunday, Jamaica "Dave" & Co., reggae and dance.

**George & Wendy's Seafood Grille** has rock music tonight, Friday, by Robby & the Absent-Minded. Saturday it's Robby Hutto, guitar and vocals. Sunday Jazz Brunch is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with live jazz from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday is Hospitality Night with happy hour pricing from 8 p.m. to close. Tuesday is open mic night. Roy Schneider and Kim Mayfield are entertaining Wednesday and Karaoke is Thursdays from 9 p.m. to midnight.

**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.

This week's lineup at **Traditions on the Beach** at the Island Inn includes: Friday, Pianoman Joe McCormick and Barbara Smith with classic R&B, dance and disco sounds of the 70s and contemporary

dance music hits; Saturday, smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan; Sunday, Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar and vocals; Monday, St. Patrick's Day Party with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan; Monday, Mike Arnone aka "The Jersey Kid," pop pianist and vocalist performing everything from The Rat Pack to Mo-Town; Tuesday, Woody Brubaker on piano, saxophone, and vocals accompanied by Barbara Smith; Wednesday, Jazz Night! with vocalist Paul Ventura, joined by Father Al & the Jazz Congregation; Thursday, Pianoman Joe McCormick. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

Scott McDonald plays piano every Friday and Saturday at **Il Cielo's Cloud 9 Grill** from 7 to 9 p.m. McDonald, a Sanibel resident, has had a long music career including being pianist for singer Andy Williams.

**The Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn** will feature The New Vinyls on Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Taylor Stokes Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Crab races take place Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. for families and 9 p.m. for adults.

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

**Sea Breeze Cafe** at Sundial Beach Resort features the Danny Morgan Band Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Margarita Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There is also live entertainment on Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m.

**Turtles Beach & Pool Bar** at Sundial Beach Resort features live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. with Danny Morgan performing on Fridays.

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

**RC Otter's** on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining inside and out.

**Keylime Bistro** on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva features live music days and nights seven days a week.

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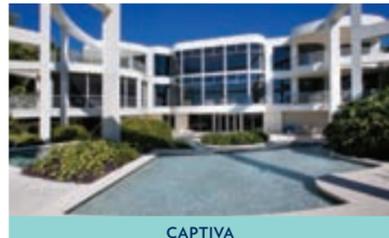
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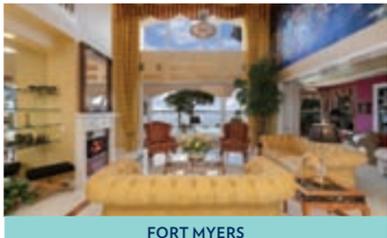
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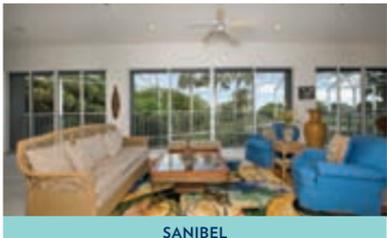
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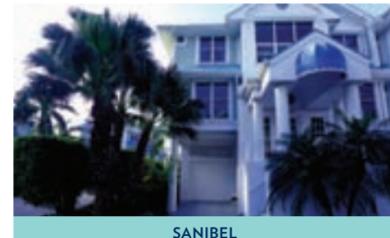
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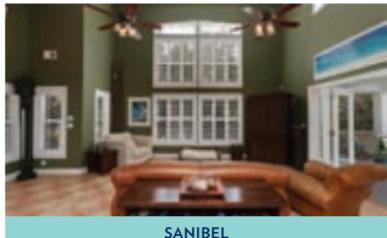
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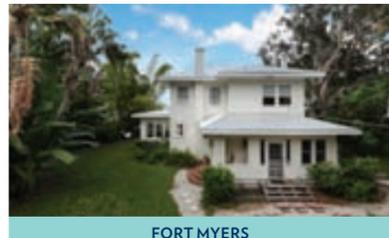
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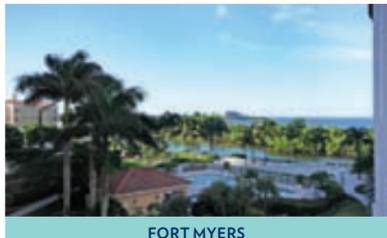
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# My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2014

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Putting yourself in someone else's shoes isn't easy for you. But if you do it, you'll gain a better perspective of what you need to do to achieve your goals. Be open to new ideas.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) There are still some problems you might have to deal with before moving on to your next project. It's a good idea to accept help from those who share your objectives.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's time to recognize the difference between those who are truly concerned for you and those who simply plan to use your good nature to their advantage. New ideas become increasingly attractive.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Depending on a promise made becoming a promise kept could be more than a mite unwise at this time. It's best to proceed on your own rather than wait for aid that might never arrive.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A recently revitalized relationship might not be quite what the Big Cat expected. But give yourself more time to deal with the changes. A little flexibility can go a long way. Good luck.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A major change could prompt more adjustments. Some of them might be difficult to deal with at first. But hang in there, and before you know it, you'll be coasting to your next goal.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice prompts you to speak out against an unfair situation, even if you seem to be the only one who feels that way. But you soon learn that many others agree with you.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Creating a fuss is not usually your style. But

that doesn't mean you should tolerate an ill-mannered attitude. Speak up for yourself, and you'll earn the respect of others.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might have a few loose ends to tie up before you can stamp your project as complete. But once that's done, you might want to celebrate with someone special in your life.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Disappointment darkens the Goat's mood. But close friends rally to pull you through with words of encouragement. Use their confidence in you to rebuild your own self-esteem.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An upcoming decision might be more difficult with inaccurate information. Best to recheck the data you have at hand right now to be sure it won't mislead you later.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An offer you previously turned down might no longer be available. But if you do some checking around, you could find something else that would suit you just fine.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You believe in helping those who cannot help themselves. Although it embarrasses you, the fact is, people like you and tell you so.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 31, 1776, future first lady Abigail Adams writes to her husband urging him to "remember the ladies" when drafting a new code of laws for the fledgling nation. Abigail pondered if and how the rights of women would be addressed in an American constitution.

- On April 4, 1841, only 31 days after assuming office, William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States, dies at the White House. At his inauguration, Harrison declined to wear a jacket or hat and

made a two-hour speech. Soon afterward, he developed pneumonia.

- On April 5, 1859, naturalist Charles Darwin sends his publishers the first three chapters of "Origin of Species," which will become one of the most influential books ever published. Knowing the fates of scientists who had published radical theories and been ostracized or worse, Darwin had held off publishing his theory of natural selection for years.

- On April 1, 1924, Adolf Hitler is sentenced for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch of Nov. 8, 1923. He had been charged with high treason. Despite his conviction, he was out of jail before the end of the year, with his political position stronger than ever.

- On April 3, 1936, Richard Bruno Hauptmann, convicted in the kidnapping and murder of the 20-month-old son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh, is executed by electrocution. In 1932, Charles Jr. was kidnapped from the nursery of the Lindbergh home.

- On April 2, 1979, the world's first anthrax epidemic begins in Ekaterinburg, Russia (now Sverdlovsk). Thirteen years later the epidemic was finally explained: Workers at a weapons plant had failed to replace a filter, causing a release of anthrax spores into the outside air.

- On April 6, 1950, a train plunges off a bridge into a rain-swollen river in Tangua, Brazil, killing 110 people. Days of torrential rains had undermined the bridge's foundation, but there was no warning system to stop the train. The locomotive and five cars fell into the river. The remaining 17 cars somehow stayed on the tracks.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was nonviolent Indian activist Mahatma Gandhi who made the following sage observation: "First they ignore you, then

they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

- Beloved children's author Dr. Seuss had a hobby that few people were aware of: He collected hats.

- With the summer holidays approaching, you might want to keep in mind this tidbit: Every year, 75,000 stuffed animals are left behind in hotels. Be sure to check under the bed before you leave!

- It was long believed that a single piece of paper couldn't be folded more than seven times, but in 2002, high-schooler Britney Gallivan disproved that notion. She ordered a 4,000-foot-long roll of toilet paper and, along with her family, headed to a shopping mall to try to break the seven-fold limit. After seven hours, she and her family had succeeded in folding the paper 12 times, putting an end to the myth.

- Ancient Mayan warriors were known to throw hornets' nests at each other in battle.

- At some point you've almost certainly heard a coward described as "lily-livered," but did you ever wonder where that expression came from? It was once believed that the seat of courage in the human body was the liver; therefore, someone who was timid presumably lacked blood in the liver, causing that organ to become white.

- If you're like the average American, you spend 38 hours in traffic every year. If you live in Chicago, you're stuck for 46 hours. If you're unlucky enough to be driving in Los Angeles, you'll be at the mercy of traffic for a whopping 72 hours every year.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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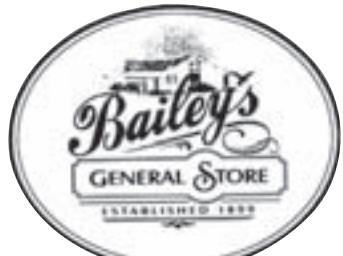
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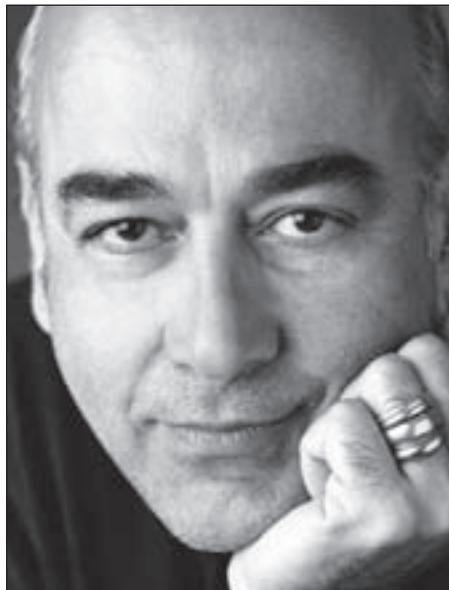
Meet international jewelry designer Gurhan at Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery on Friday, March 28 from 5 to 9 p.m. A collection of his latest works will be unveiled at the reception. An open house featuring Gurhan's designs will be held Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, March 30, from 12 to 5 p.m.

Whether it is the unique design wrought solely in gold or the tri-tonal silver line, women around the world seek out Gurhan pieces. His fingerprint is the hand-hammering and natural imperfections that are evident in every piece.

It was in the early 1990s when Gurhan was handed a sheet of pure 24-karat gold during a trip to Istanbul. He was immediately drawn to its warmth and sensuality. Four years later, his first Gurhan pieces were created. Before him, pure gold jewelry had not been made since ancient times.

Gurhan rejected modern teachings and instead studied techniques used by ancient goldsmiths. His distinctive designs drew the attention of New York-based investment banker Fiona Tilley, who was convinced the designer's pieces would be successful in the United States.

Nearly 10 years after first holding the sheet of pure gold, Gurhan and Tilley launched his inaugural U.S. line. *InStyle*



Gurhan

magazine promptly heralded his designs as being on the forefront of fashion.

Gurhan continues to defy the boundaries of traditional jewelry design, which is present in his 4/24 line that features a combination of an early Ottoman alloy containing 4 karats of gold and 24k gold, as well as a new way of setting diamonds.

Gurhan continues to evolve and grow with retailers in more than 15 countries. He has become a leader in both the fine jewelry and fashion worlds.

Lily & Co. is at 520 Tarpon Bay Road, across from Bailey's. For more information, call 472-2888.\*



Eric Pfeifer with all ten of the *Sanibel is...* artworks that will be sold to benefit Island non-profits. They are on display at Sanibel Art & Frame.

## Sale Of Sanibel Art To Benefit Island Non-Profits

You may have seen the *Sanibel is...* newspaper advertisements over the past 10 months. Each ad focused on one aspect of Sanibel life, and was sponsored by Eric Pfeifer, broker of Pfeifer Realty Group.

The ads have now been produced as one-of-a-kind artworks on gallery wrap canvas. Each will be sold, and the buyer may choose which of 10 Sanibel non-profits will receive the proceeds.

"This is a concept unique to Sanibel," Pfeifer said. "Many events raise money for a single cause. This one lets the buyer choose which organization benefits from their purchase."

The 10 artworks feature fishing, kayaking, boating, shelling, nature, wildlife, cycling, history, spectacular skies and the last one, *Sanibel is... My home*.

The art auction is unusual in that bids can be made online at [www.SanibelStories.com](http://www.SanibelStories.com). In addition, the art can be seen at Sanibel Art & Frame, 630 Tarpon Bay Road. And, for those want to be assured of getting the piece they want, there is a "buy it now" price of \$400.

The art auction is being conducted in conjunction with the premiere of *Growing Up on Sanibel*, a documentary which will have its first showing at BIG ARTS on April 10. The documentary is also sponsored by Pfeifer Realty Group.

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These two clean, personable, neutered, loved and respected, mature indoor male adults whose family must move to a no-pets neighborhood are pressed to find a new home.

Teddy, the calm, 11-year-old grey tiger cat, has claws and was adopted at age three while his mistress was taking chemo. He slept on her bald head keeping it warm. Still does.

Sebastian, the spirited 8-year-old, front declawed, omnipresent, copper-colored



Sebastian

tiger adopted to keep Teddy company when mom went back to work, greets human guests, helps fold laundry, converses, and stretches out on any shirt left lying on the bed. Throw a toy and he retrieves like a dog.

Both are loved, are fastidiously clean, are in great health and have shots and licenses and micro-chips and all that stuff you pay extra for with a kitten. Both are currently interviewing adult humans who will scratch their ears, don't mind being slept with, and savor their predictable maturity.

Call PAWS volunteer Bob at 239-466-4414 now and ask about adopting Teddy and/or Sebastian. Each is immediately available, comes with a carrier, and both would like to avoid the pound. These are great companions, but neither is a kitten - just great cats needing to be rescued. Rescue them. They make for a great home.\*

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### Fort Myers Beach Film Festival

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For more information, visit [www.worldsrichesttarpon.com](http://www.worldsrichesttarpon.com).

### MangoMania Tropical Fruit Fair

The mango is the star attraction for two days each summer on Pine Island. Go wild for fruit as you sample locally-grown delicacies at this annual affair, an unusual celebration of all the tropical fruit grown on the island, which includes lychee, carambola, longan, papaya and "chocolate pudding fruit." Fruit, exotic fruit trees, and fruit-related products are available for purchase. The festival, held on July 13 and 14 at the German-American Social Club, 2101 Pine Island Road, also offers live music, kids' activities and rides. Check [www.mangomaniafl.com](http://www.mangomaniafl.com) or call 283-4842 for hours and details.

### Island Hopper Songwriter Fest

The inaugural Island Hopper Songwriter Fest will bring nationally-acclaimed singer-songwriters to the islands of Captiva and Fort Myers Beach during fall 2014. Presented by BMI, along with iHeartRadio, Cat Country 107.1 and The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, the festival will take place over two weekends, September 26 to 28 on Captiva and October 3 to 6 on Fort Myers Beach, at popular island venues free of charge. With dozens of free shows to select from, attendees will have the unique opportunity to experience the voices, back stories and personalities of the artists in intimate island settings. Visit [www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/island-hopper](http://www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/island-hopper) for more details.

### 25th Annual "Ding" Darling Days

Held from October 19 to 25, "Ding" Darling Days include a week of eco-activities with free refuge tram tours, live wildlife presentations, kids activities, Federal Duck Stamp artist presentation, art day, family day and more. Birding and kayaking tours, environmental speakers, a nature photography contest and the Junior Duck Stamp Awards will fill the week with environmental activities for all ages. The festival celebrates the birthday of the refuge's namesake, conservationist and Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist Jay N. "Ding" Darling. The event kicks off with Family Fun Day on October 19. For detailed schedule, visit [www.ding-darlingdays.com](http://www.ding-darlingdays.com) or call 472-1100.

### 29th Annual Oktoberfest

Hosted by the German-American Club from October 17 to 19 and 24 to 26, this huge celebration includes German culture, food, music and dancing. Highlights include authentic live entertainment with large musical groups from Germany, along with enough German food and beer to make anyone do the "Chicken Dance." There is also a carnival area for kids. Call 283-1400 or visit [www.capecoraloktoberfest.com](http://www.capecoraloktoberfest.com) for schedule and ticket information.

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# Nuptial Agreement Often A Necessary Estate Planning Tool



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

“Tom and Nancy” recently entered into marriage, the second time for each. Tom has three adult children from his prior marriage and Nancy has two adult children from hers.

Tom replied. “We trust one another and didn’t want to throw water on our relationship by engaging lawyers to argue over a document that contemplates divorce.”

“I understand those feelings,” I began. “But you need to know that a nuptial agreement doesn’t necessarily need to address divorce issues. A nuptial agreement however, might also be crucial to protect your estate-planning intent and to make sure that what you want to have happen in your estate actually happens.”

“What do you mean?” Nancy asked.

“As married persons, when one of you dies, the other has certain rights conferred by the law in the other’s assets. If, for example, you haven’t updated your estate plan between the time of your marriage and the time of your death, then the surviving spouse is entitled to an ‘intestate share’ of your estate. In other words, there is a presumption that the decedent spouse would have left the surviving spouse a portion of his or her estate equal to what he or she would have received had the spouse died without a will. This may occur even if that presumption is untrue and can be rebutted by testimony. Under Florida law, that would mean that the survivor of you would be entitled to fifty percent of the deceased spouse’s

estate, even if the will doesn’t provide the surviving spouse anything.”

“What happens if your plan has been updated? We are working now to update our estate plans, so we each plan to sign a new will which is obviously after our marriage.” Tom wondered.

“Just because you have updated your estate plan doesn’t end it. The surviving spouse still has an ‘elective share’ available which would roughly give him or her thirty percent of the deceased spouse’s estate, even if the surviving spouse is excluded in the will.” I answered. “A nuptial agreement waiving these rights is the only legal way to foreclose this possibility.”

“It sounds like the survivor of us would actually have to do something proactive to take from the other’s estate,” Nancy pointed out. “And we trust each other not to do that. So is a nuptial agreement really necessary?”

“Not if the survivor of you doesn’t make the election,” I confirmed. “But imagine a scenario where the survivor of you has dementia and that spouse’s adult child who holds a durable power of attorney makes the election on behalf of their parent. The adult child would have a vested interest to do so since he or she would inherit more.”

“Well I would tell my children not to make that election.” Tom said. “But I see where the trust that Nancy and I have with each other sometimes might not be enough.”

“I haven’t even discussed the Florida homestead issue,” I continued. “The home is in Tom’s name,” I said, “so where would Nancy reside if Tom prede-

ceases her?”

“I want my will to give a life estate to Nancy and then at her death the house would go to my children. They’d probably sell it and divide the proceeds.”

“Unfortunately without a nuptial agreement waiving Florida’s descent and devise rules, that provision in your will would be considered invalid,” I counseled.

“Really? I can’t do what I want with my home?” Tom asked.

“What would happen when your will contains an invalid devise is one of two things. Nancy could elect to take one-half of the residence as her own as tenants in common with your children, or she could take the life estate.”

“So it could work out as we want?” Nancy asked.

“It could, but there are no guarantees. If you both didn’t want Tom’s children involved in decisions regarding the home before you both were deceased, having a nuptial agreement would go a long way to solving that problem. Many married couples also want more flexibility than Florida law provides, such as giving the surviving spouse the right to sell the home and move to a different home.”

So one can see that a nuptial agreement may actually serve to ensure a married couple’s wishes are carried out without having to rely on the goodwill of other family members. A nuptial agreement need not even contemplate divorce but instead could be used as a useful estate planning tool.

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When they arrived at my office to discuss updating their estate plans, Tom and Nancy verbalized some very specific and definite goals.

“We have kept our finances separate,” Nancy told me, “and we want to keep it that way. So no matter who dies first, then that person’s estate will immediately go to his or her children.”

It was apparent from their financial statements that they didn’t need each other’s money to survive in retirement.

“So what you want,” I asked, “is to keep your estates forever separate – what is Tom’s will one day go to Tom’s three children and what is Nancy’s will one day go to Nancy’s two children.”

“Exactly!” they both affirmed.

“Do you have a nuptial agreement that affirms this understanding?” I asked.

“No we don’t, nor do we want one,”

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### Top Agents And Sales Teams

VIP Realty Group announced the top agents and sales teams for the month of February.

Jim and Penny Hetmanek were recognized as the top sales agents while Lomano, Nicholson & Associates were recognized as the



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top sales team and top producing team. The Bell team was recognized as top listing team.

In addition, Debbie Ringdahl was recognized as the top listing agent and Mary Lou Bailey was recognized as the top producing agent.✪

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My high school son says he's bored all the time in school. His grades are still pretty good but I'm concerned about him. What can I do?

Jennifer C., Fort Myers

### Jennifer,

Boredom is a big issue for high school students. Here is some background on the topic. According to a recent Gallup poll that asked American teenagers to choose three words that best described their typical feelings in school from a list of 14 adjectives, "bored" was chosen most often – by one out of every two students. Tired came in second, chosen by 42 percent of teenagers surveyed. Boredom is a global issue as well. Across 32 countries, nearly half of 15-year-olds said they often felt bored at school according to a 2000 OECD survey. Ireland did worst of all, with 67 percent of teenagers reporting frequent boredom, compared to 61 percent in the U.S.

Boredom is not healthy. It is related to depression, poor grades, substance abuse, hopelessness, and loneliness. In one survey of 467 recent high school dropouts, nearly half said boredom was

a major factor in their decision to quit school.

There is a new phenomenon going on now with students and boredom according to a recent report. Students are coping with it digitally. Just look at a real-time map of bored-in-school Twitter real-time graph to see how many are tweeting about being bored at school. Students are now tweeting about their boredom in huge numbers. Students appeared to be bored most often around 10 or 11 a.m., Eastern Time in America. By then, schools are in-session all over the country, and the Tweets explode. Some kids are complaining but most just want a response from anyone so they can engage in some type of interaction.

While not all schools permit digital devices, there are so many ways kids get around this rule. Many more teachers and schools have decided to allow the devices with some limitations, since smart phones can hypothetically be used for research and since comprehensive bans are so arduous to enforce.

According to Amanda Ripley, a writer for the *New Republic*, there is very little research on boredom; it's not a topic that has been well investigated. What we do know more about is how to engage kids in learning. And right now that should be the focus.

Studies tell us that the way to engage students in their learning is to make the work relevant to their lives. There are many examples of good teachers who do just that. I'm sure you can think back to a time when your son was highly engaged

with a school project or class and much of that was due to the teacher's skills of presenting and reinforcing the material in a creative and relevant manner.

It might be time to take a closer look at what your son is studying. Is his boredom in every class or just a few? Is he taking the correct classes to help him meet future goals? Are the classes too easy or maybe too difficult? Does he have the prerequisite skills to accomplish the class work? Maybe he is just trying to fit in with the crowd by saying he's bored.

If he does reveal that a particular class is just deadly for him, talk about it. See if you can help him understand the how the course work relates to his life right now. This isn't a one-time lecture from you but an ongoing conversation where you and he can really dig in and get more insight into your son's interests and needs. It may be hard to start this conversation but over time both you and he will appreciate the insights you discover.

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## Forum At Edison State College

The Edison State College Diversity Alliance is hosting its 9th annual Religious Diversity Forum from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8 on the college's Fort Myers campus in building U, room 102. The event is free and open to the public.

The forum, entitled Women and Religion, will feature the following panelists:

- Reverend Margaret Beard, minister, All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
- Mary Tracey Sigman, Buddhist leader, Rishho Kosei-kai Sect
- Dale Cohen, religious education director, Temple Beth El
- Geri Gallagher, member, Free Inquiry Group of Southwest Florida

Refreshments will be served, courtesy of Edison State College Student Life.

For more information, contact Dr. Russell H. Swanson at [Russell.Swanson@edison.edu](mailto:Russell.Swanson@edison.edu) or call 489-9312.\*

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## New Lee County Environmental Policy Management Office

Lee County Manager Roger Desjarlais announced the establishment of the Environmental Policy Management Office. The new office will be responsible for ensuring a balanced approach as county staff reviews and enforces Lee County commissioners' environmental policies. Staff will serve as a central source of environmental information and assistance to Desjarlais and his senior management team as well as to county departments such as community development, natural resources, transportation, utilities, transit and solid waste – areas that affect Lee County's management of environmental sciences, construction management and land-use planning and zoning.

"As we emerge from a failed economy and begin to rebound, it is more important than ever for us to demonstrate to commissioners and the community that the Lee County staff is committed to sound, fair and consistent review and application of the Lee County Commission's environmental and economic policies, codes and programs as well as state and federal laws," Desjarlais said.

The office will be led by Holly Schwartz, a 20-year county employee with experience and knowledge of environmental policies and the Lee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Schwartz will transition from her post as assistant county manager to head up the new office, which will include four other current county employees who will be reassigned to this effort.

Desjarlais' announcement is part of an on-going strategic planning process that is designed to identify Lee's critical financial, operational, capital, technology and staff issues and to focus on basic services and customer service. The strategic planning will support commissioners in establishing priorities and direction for several years.

"We plan to focus on strategic opportunities in order to continue to provide cost-effective and quality services as well as good customer services," Desjarlais said.

A landing page at [www.lee-county.com](http://www.lee-county.com) will be established soon for the new office, which was officially launched on March 24. For more information, call 533-2221.\*

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Superior Interiors

# Don't Be Matchy-Matchy

by Jeanie Tinch



One of the tips I often give during interior decorating seminars is: Take a look in your closet. What colors do you see in your wardrobe that you particularly enjoy? Pastels? Dark jewel

tones? Neutrals? Bright, lively shades? Doesn't it stand to reason that the very colors you're attracted to in your wardrobe might just be the perfect shades to consider in re-coloring a room?

When you look in that closet though, don't you often see outfits that match? Well this fall's New York Fashion Week offered a different approach. One word that was heard frequently was "juxtaposition." That means not so "matchy-matchy."

"There's more freedom now to express yourself through clothes than there was 20 years ago, 50 years ago," said one designer. (I wonder if that includes the disco-era? Maybe that was too much expression then.)

If fashion designer Kenneth Cole can embrace prints, stripes, dressy and casual, all in one outfit, then why not do the same in your home?

Isn't it all about personality? Much like you don't want to see the same dress you are wearing at a party, you don't want your home to look just like some other one. You want it to reflect your lifestyle, your taste, your personality.

Your decorating should tell a story about you and your family, the area in which you live, your culture, your talents your loves. It should look different from a picture in a magazine.

That means having the freedom to mix and match, or not match at all. Yes, you do want something that holds it all together. It could be a theme, a color, a style, an emphasis. Emphasis is truly adding the excitement factor to the creation of a new room. The basic idea behind emphasis in decorating is that every room should have a focal point, or a center of interest that immediately attracts the attention of anyone entering the room.

Perhaps, though, it's time to change a room's focal point by juxtaposing a new element into the design. Just as you feel special entering an event in a new outfit, you can make it an event to enter your favorite room with a new focal point.

Another aspect of not being matchy-matchy in your home is the notion that good decorating must be limited to only one interior style. That idea has been discarded. Just because you like country in one room doesn't mean you can't have a different theme in other rooms.

It's not unusual these days to see several different compatible styles within the same household. For example, some of the most exciting home interiors might include a formal Queen Anne living room

and dining room, a contemporary kitchen, a country family room and a romantic Victorian master bedroom. How's that for not being matchy-matchy?

As you hit the stores looking for the new fall and winter fashions, think about this: A new outfit is enjoyed periodically. A new look for a room is seen every day. Don't be afraid to mix it up.

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

Insurance Tip

## Loss Of Use Coverage



by Angela Larson Roehl

Loss of use coverage in the event your property has a partial or complete loss that prevents you from living in the dwelling until repairs are made.

Usually the coverage for loss of use is based on a percentage of the dwelling coverage. However, in some cases you can increase/decrease coverage based on your needs. Seasonal/secondary home owners usually do not need this coverage as they have another residence to reside in while repairs are being made.

Payment of loss of use will be based on the least amount of time necessary for the repair or replacement.

This coverage is only payable if the damage to your home was caused by an insured peril and coverage will be based on your normal standard of living, for instance the same size of living area your home has. The carrier may not pay the additional costs should you rent a home that is much larger or more elaborate than your current home.

The carrier may also not pay for any additional rents to a temporary residence if the repairs are all done, but you decide to stay in the rental for an extended period of time.

While your homeowner's policy offers loss of use coverage, your flood policy specifically excludes this coverage.

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## LCEC Makes New Award To CROW

LCEC is giving a \$4,450 environmental funding award to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) to help save wildlife through care, education, and collaboration.

CROW is the first organization to receive LCEC's newly established environmental funding award.

To apply for this award, organizations can email [pr@lcec.net](mailto:pr@lcec.net) to receive an application. The deadline for 2014 award applications is September 1. Interested organizations must meet certain criteria to be considered, including being located within LCEC service territory, funding utilized for projects/programs related to the environment and the utility industry, and having a demonstrated need for funds.

## Fan Appreciation Night With The Everblades

Sanibel Night with the Everblades is Saturday, April 12. Game time is 7 p.m., Everblades vs. the Greenville Road Warriors at Germain Arena. This is the last game of the regular season and it will have playoff seeding implications.

Tickets are \$22 for adults or children. Purchase your tickets at the Sanibel Recreation Center by Wednesday, April 9 and receive a commemorative Florida Everblades shirt at the game. With each ticket purchase, receive an entry into a chance drawing to ride the Zamboni after the first period.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345.

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Shelley Brunner with her son, Jeremy, and their toy poodle, Bella



Jeremy with Jesi Caison, Trailways Camp coordinator, receiving the Most Fish Inches Award at Trailways Camp



Jeremy Flickinger loved the Special Equestrian horse

## Next Trailways Camp Is April 7-10

“It’s a marvelous thing!” These are the words of Shelley Brunner, a Sanibel resident and mother of Jeremy Flickinger, who is 34, has Downs Syndrome and is profoundly deaf. He communicates using his own adaptations of American Sign Language. Jeremy attended the February session of the Trailways Camps, founded by Sharon and Jerry Miller.

The Millers established the Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund in 2012 and have partnered with Goodwill Southwest Florida and the Riverside Retreat Center in Alva to provide this unique, and much needed, opportunity for adults with special needs who live in Southwest Florida. They, along with their son Benjamin, are also Sanibel residents.

Brunner explained that for Jeremy, the camp experience “...provides an opportunity to do things, to be part of something, meet new people, make some friends and to have new adventures. For me, it was an opportunity to have some healing time from surgery that I had the week before.”

These feelings are reflected in the ratings given by campers, families, volunteers and staff who participated. The overall rating for Trailways Camp in February was a 4.87

out of 5 possible for the various experiences at the camp.

Brunner, her son and their toy poodle Bella moved from Tennessee to Florida in May 2013. Family members had lived in the Fort Myers area for many years previously and Mrs. Brunner had worked on Captiva. She is now living on Sanibel and working at Magnolias in Periwinkle Place. They reside in an apartment with assistance from the Community Housing and Resources.

The next Trailways Camp will be held April 7 to 10. Application can be made by contacting Jesi Cason, Trailways Camp Coordinator, at 357-3623 ext. 2312 or online at <http://goodwillswfl.org/trailwayscamp/>.✱



Jeremy Flickinger

## Sale And Auction To Help End Slavery

On April 5, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP) 2nd annual Bling Bash will be held at the Forever Green Shops, 2025 Periwinkle Place, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Last year, money was raised to support programs for youth to learn how to protect themselves from becoming victims of human trafficking. The group which is most targeted in the state of Florida is young American girls between the ages of 11 and 15 so HTAP targets them as the group which needs the most education.

Through its ARTREACH and TIPS programs, working at after school programs and summer camps, HTAP reached over 100 students last year at Boys and Girls Clubs, Our Mother’s Home and the Heights Center.

After four years of development of its youth programs, HTAP has held Train the Trainer classes locally, in Tampa, Savannah and Milwaukee and has seen the program spread across the country. HTAP is currently developing a prevention program aimed specifically at boys since more boys are victimized.

This year, there will be over 1,000 pieces of previously loved jewelry for sale; jewelry from noted local designer Lindy Holt; and over 60 silent and live auction items from local businesses, designers and jewelers. Proceeds from sales will support youth programs and the Point of Contact, Point of Rescue program which is educating the staff of Lee Memorial Health System to recognize the signs of trafficking, follow a protocol to report cases, and teach librarians and hotel employees the same.

The suggested donation is \$20, which includes six raffle tickets and special opportunities at the live auction, conducted by professional auctioneer Jean Baer. All are welcome to purchase jewelry, sample canapes by Cip’s Place and honor Yaro Garcia, head clinician at the ACT center who has personally treated over 120 human trafficking victims in Southwest Florida over the last five years. Garcia is president of the SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition. She will receive the first Human Trafficking Awareness Partner of the Year Award. Make reservations at Cip’s Place for dining during or after the Bling Bash and a portion of your tab will go to HTAP. Reservations are recommended.

The first silent auction will end at 4:30 p.m., followed by the award presentation. At 5 p.m., the live auction will be held and at 5:45 p.m., the second silent auction will end. Auction items include eco-tours, resort stays, theater tickets, gift certificates for dance lessons and dinners, jewelry, and some special items for men. Donations, auction items and jewelry will accepted up until the day of the event.

For more information, call 415-2635 or email [info@humantraffickingawareness.org](mailto:info@humantraffickingawareness.org).✱



ARTREACH program at Boys and Girls Club in Fort Myers



Designer Roberta Montgomery’s necklace will be up for auction

fishing and wildlife. The festival – held on November 6 to 9 at Sun Splash Family Water Park – will feature a national musical act, gymnastic entertainment, carnival rides, water-ski shows, tropical food, contests, coconut crafts, fireworks and more. Visit [www.cocofest.com](http://www.cocofest.com) or call 573-3121 for a complete schedule.

#### Sanibel Island Writers Conference

Participants at all stages of development, from notebook scribblers to published novelists, are invited to attend workshops in fiction, poetry, songwriting, children's literature, journalism, screenwriting, creative nonfiction, publishing and editing, along with nightly readings and concerts. All scheduled events are presented by celebrated and experienced writers and teachers, and are open to full-time registrants. The conference – held from November 6 to 9 – welcomes any aspiring writer who wants to create new work or refine a project already in progress. The keynote address will be presented by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo. Call 590-7421 or visit [www.fgcu.edu/SIWC/about.html](http://www.fgcu.edu/SIWC/about.html) for registration details, schedule and costs.

#### American Sand Sculpting Championships

Come join the fun on Fort Myers Beach for the 28th annual American Sand Sculpting Championship and Beach Festival, returning on November 21 to 30. Sponsored by the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, this fun-filled event will include world-class master sand sculptors, a state championship contest, amateur contest, quick sand speed sculpting, sand sculpting demonstrations and

lessons, chain saw art, flying colors, a kids activity area with bounce houses and slides, and more than 60 vendors. Scheduled for 10 days this year, the first week will include the Master Solos and Amateur divisions. The second week includes the Master Doubles and State Championship divisions. Call 454-7500 or visit [www.fmbandsculpting.com](http://www.fmbandsculpting.com) for schedule details.

#### Christmas Luminary Trail and Open House

December 5 and 6  
472-1080

[www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org)

This popular event draws visitors from all over the world as they join local residents to celebrate the season. Three miles of luminary candles line Periwinkle Way from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Sanibel Island on December 5 and December 6 on Captiva Island. Businesses are decorated for the holidays with 2,000 candles illuminating the island pathways, storefronts and homes. Call 472-1080 or visit [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org) for more details.

#### Holiday Nights at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights at the Estates reflect the many contributions of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and their families. Discover the fun of a bygone era and make this a holiday tradition for your family. It was chosen by the editors of 10 Best for *USA Today* as one of the Historic Homes for the Holidays, which also included The White House, Mount Vernon, Monticello and the Biltmore in North Carolina.

The event is a "must see" holiday

tradition in Southwest Florida. During the holidays, the homes and gardens of Thomas and Mina Edison and Henry and Clara Ford are seasonally decorated and visitors have the option of a self-guided tour or a guided tour with a historian. Holiday Nights includes evening entertainment by school and community groups, book signings and appearances by artists, plus the "Children's Tree Trail," a forest of trees. See [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org) for admission and details.

#### Captiva Holiday Village

Joyful sights and sounds will fill the beaches, bays and lanes of this quaint and cozy village throughout the month of December. Packed with holiday activities for everyone in the family, this event includes nightly entertainment, tree lightings, Junkanoo Parade, Santa visits, decorated boat and golf cart parades, musical performances, fireworks and much more. Check out [www.captivaholidayvillage.com](http://www.captivaholidayvillage.com) for details and a complete schedule.

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in Southwest Florida includes Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Boca Grande & Outer islands, North Fort Myers and Lehigh Acres.✪

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## Wildlife Drive

no longer pervious and had become so rough that our cycling visitors could no longer comfortably ride the drive."

"It was supposed to last at least 10 years, but it barely lasted that long as it was severely crumbling and functionally impervious," he explained, adding that the fresh asphalt surface will extend the life of Wildlife Drive for at least 20 years.

Following their ceremonial "first" ride through "Ding" Darling, members of the Bike Club traveled to Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille for lunch.✪

## Jewelry Designer Bez Ambar To Visit Congress Jewelers

Bez Ambar, creator of the Princess, Quadrillion and Blaze cut diamonds, is coming to Sanibel March 28 and 29 to showcase his collection at Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place Shopping Center, 2075 Periwinkle Way. During his two-day visit, Ambar will be available to sketch and collaborate with customers on their very own masterpieces.

In 1979, Ambar wanted to create a square-cut diamond that was more modern and could rival the round brilliant diamond. After years working alongside diamond cutters, he achieved the look he wanted. He formed Ambar Diamond in 1980 to sell the diamond in the United States, but he found difficulty in marketing this shape without it being mounted. He ultimately drew on his classical training in sculpture and painting to design his own line of jewelry. Unlike the round brilliant, the square cut diamonds can sit flush against each other, thus creating a modern and seamless presentation.

Throughout his career, Ambar has developed the most notable design features, from being the first to use microscopes in setting small diamonds, to creating the term "micro-pave."

Congress Jewelers was among the first retailers to carry his collections in the United States and has for more than 25 years.

"Bez Ambar is an innovator and trendsetter in the diamond jewelry industry and without his many talents diamond fashion jewelry would have stayed in very simple platinum settings," said Scot Congress, owner of Congress Jewelers.✪



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## Grand Opening For New Company

SanCap Management will hold a grand opening party on Wednesday, April 2 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. "Our family has dreamed about opening a management firm on Sanibel for years," said Sherry Snyder, owner, along with her husband, Steve.

The Snyders have worked in the hospitality industry throughout their careers. Steve is involved with the association management division of the company and will take care of the accounting and financial side of the business. Their three sons, Nicklaus, Joseph and Christopher, are also a part of the family business. Nicklaus is a licensed community association manager and will be managing condominium associations as well as heading up the property watch division. Joseph, an information technology major at FGCU, will assist with IT issues. Christopher is majoring in hospitality management at Florida Gulf Coast University.

A ribbon-cutting will be held during the grand opening celebration. The Rev. Christopher Senk of St. Isabel's Church on Sanibel and Ric Base, president of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, will lead the ceremony. The ribbon cutting will take place at 5:30 p.m., followed by appetizers, drinks and give-a-ways including a resort stay, wine basket and restaurant gift certificates. An exhibition of art by Wilson Lopez of Ultimate Mosaic, will add to the festivities along with jazz guitarist Mario "The Catman" Infanti. Infanti has played with Chuck Mangione, has recorded and produced numerous CDs and jingles for radio and TV, as well as sound tracks for movies.

SanCap Management is located at 1177 Causeway Road, next to the chamber of commerce.✪

## Seahorse Project Boosts Children's Hospital

Following a special event held Friday, March 7, members of the Seahorse Dream Team announced that they had raised more than \$380,000 for the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida during the group's year-long campaign.

More than 240 guests, plus a herd of 40 seahorse statues, attended the gala, which was held at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa.

Jack Thomas, a member of the Seahorse Dream Project, expressed the committee's gratitude to the individuals, businesses, and organizations for supporting the group's efforts.

Thomas stated that, "With your donations and sponsorships of the five-foot-tall, decorated seahorse statues, the Seahorse Dream Project was able to more than triple our goal to raise funds for the new hospital."

During the gala he also praised the generosity of an anonymous donor who gave \$75,000 recently to the project, helping to boost the total amount to more than \$380,000.

The project has been guided by a steering committee comprising David Eberhardt, Paula Castallo-Eberhardt, Irma and Roger Spencer, Joyce and Jack Thomas and Jim Sherman, working through the not-for-profit Lee Memorial



Seahorse Dream Project Committee members with Lee Memorial Health System staff members, from left: David Eberhardt, Paula Castallo-Eberhardt, Jim Nathan Lee Memorial Hospital president and CEO; Jim Sherman, Jack Thomas, Joyce Thomas, Dr. Emad Salman, medical director of hematology/oncology, Irma Spencer and Roger Spencer

Health System Foundation.

Individuals or businesses that would like to continue supporting the Seahorse Dream Project may do so by contacting the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6106.\*

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Lori Pierot presents a check from the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors to Jim Griffith, president of The International Osprey Foundation

## Local Realtors Donate To The International Osprey Foundation

Members of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors had the opportunity to meet Jim Griffith, president of The International Osprey Foundation, based on Sanibel, at their March 20 Membership Breakfast. Griffith spoke about the foundation and its mission to preserve the osprey population.

The members made a donation of \$250.00 to help further the efforts of the osprey foundation to build nesting platforms. For more information on the International Osprey Foundation, log onto [www.ospreys.com](http://www.ospreys.com).

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## ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



The Burns Family Team

### Top Producers

Royal Shell Real Estate recognize its top producers for the month of January.



Vicki Panico and Fred Newman



McMurray and Nette team

The top listing producers team was The Burns Family Team.

The top listing producer individual/partners was Bob and Viv Radigan.

Top sales producers team was McMurray and Nette.

Top sales producer individual/partners was Fred Newman and Vicki Panico.



Bob Radigan

## Top Producers For February

John R. Wood Island Real Estate announced its top producers for the month of February. They include top closings agent Phaidra McDermott, top pending sales agent Ellie See and top listings agent Denise Chambre.



Phaidra McDermott



Ellie See



Denise Chambre

## Cause For The Paws Set For April 11

April Bordeaux of the Professional Women's Group has been selected to chair this year's Community Action Project. The title of her project is called Cause for the Paws Southwest Florida.

A Yappy Hour Pawty is planned for Friday, April 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bell Tower Shops Center Court. All funds raised will benefit Gulf Coast Humane Society.

The event will feature a Dogs on the Catwalk fashion show, food, drinks, live entertainment, raffles and vendors of pet related products and services. Admission is free and no registration is required.

The fashion show will feature a Dressed for Success category for the best owner/pet duo dressed the same; Most Creative Costume; and Mr. or Mrs. Congeniality for pets with personality to spare. Entry fee is \$5.

Pets available for adoption will also take to the catwalk in hopes of finding a forever home during the Diamonds in the Ruff segment. The humane society will accept donations of funds and pet supplies and attendees are asked to bring your donations to help fill the fountain at Center Court.

Vendor tables and sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit [CauseForThePawsSWFL.com](http://CauseForThePawsSWFL.com) or email [info@causeforthepaws.com](mailto:info@causeforthepaws.com) for more information.

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dearPharmacist

## Six Tips That Could Save Your Life



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Pharmacist:** I take four different medications now. Lately, I've had stomach pain, insomnia, headaches and dizziness. I am sure it's related to my medicine. What should I do, stop

everything?

LE, Seattle, Washington

While I do believe in "drug holidays" I don't think you should ever undertake those without your physician's approval and supervision. If you stop certain medications suddenly that are supposed to be weaned off slowly, it could cause seizures or major withdrawal problems. If you're fed up and insist on stopping everything, you must do it properly, and with supervision by your doctors.

When beginning a medication or new dietary supplement, it's ideal to keep a little notepad handy, an app, or a computer document to track progress. Doing this allows you to pinpoint which medication triggers a side-effect. I believe all side-effects are caused by the drug nutrient depletion, something I call the drug mugger effect. Unfortunately the side-effects are often misdiagnosed and labeled a "symptom" thus giving you some new disease. By restoring nutrients stolen by your medicine, you can avoid these new "symptoms." That's important, because nutrient deficiencies look just like diseases.

For example, a diagnosis of restless legs syndrome could be tied to your cholesterol medicine stealing vitamin D and CoQ10. Your depression diagnosis

may just be related to your acid blocker, which suppresses your ability to make neurotransmitters by mugging your body of probiotics and methylcobalamin (a form of B12). I've been a pharmacist for 24 years, so here are some of my ninja secrets to help you minimize side-effects and interactions:

Go to the same pharmacy each time. There is a computer record of your medication profile that automatically screens for interactions. If you chase coupons and stray, the new pharmacy will not have the rest of your medication profile and you're more apt to experience an interaction.

Take your medication at the same time each day. If you take your blood pressure pill at different times of the day, you will experience more highs and lows in your blood stream, and the swinging blood levels cause dizziness, nausea and faintness.

Consider the drug mugging effect. If you take one or two medications, and suddenly need more medications for brand new symptoms, it's probably related to drug number 1 or 2 ripping you off! You have to fix the nutrient depletions, not layer on more medications.

Don't drink coffee with stimulants. There's an additive effect of caffeine with certain drugs like Provigil, Adderall, Concerta and Ritalin. Avoid the stimulants.

Don't drink alcohol with sedatives. There's an enhanced effect on your nervous system, and the alcohol can make your medicine work much stronger causing your breathing to stop completely. It's bad news to combine drugs that all depress your nervous system.

Ask both your doctor and pharmacist point blank, "Will this new medication interact with anything I'm taking." This is particularly important if you go to more than one physician.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.dearpharmacist.com](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).\**

## 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 patiently waiting for the lab results from a lab test I recently had.

Finally the doctor's nurse called with the results. She stumbled over the numbers and then said she could not read the doctor's writing. Then said, "I think it says that you are to continue to watch your diet, and come back in six months for more tests."

It was pointless for me to ask to have the doctor call because he does not make phone calls to patients – but he does take Medicare so I will have to stay with him.

Does that tell me something? And what do you think?

Maryanne

### Dear Maryanne,

I know it is hard being a patient. It is also very hard being a health care provider. I am confident that most health care providers go to work wanting to provide the best care possible but, because of policies and procedures to meet legal, insurance and business demands, it is difficult to provide the care we wish we could.

I am not suggesting that anyone stand for poor care. I am suggesting that patients try to work with providers, understand that while one patient believes their concerns are the most important and must be answered immediately; there are 500 patients who feel the exact same way.

Pryce

### Dear Maryanne,

I have experienced many similar problems and it is very annoying and frustrating. Unfortunately this seems to be the direction that modern medicine is going.

Government regulations, insurance companies and the legal system have made it extraordinarily difficult for medical offices to function the way they did in the past. Regulations first, the patient second.

Lizzie

### Dear Mom & Me,

While scanning the net the other day I read about Bubba, and thought you might find this interesting and entertaining.

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said shingles. so she wrote

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## Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** Everyone I am around seems to be so serious. I try to lighten up and no one seems to get it. I think it is important to laugh and use humor. Any suggestions to help the serious people

around me?

**A:** As a therapist, I work with people on their concerns, grief, depression, divorce, addiction and anxiety. I help clients begin to see the light in their darkness and emerge with some sense of hope and encouragement. When appropriate, I even encourage them to see some humor in how they react even in difficult situations. I get them to understand that humor is good for the soul and encourages a cathartic release of emotions.

Humor therapy is used in many therapeutic programs. Remember Patch Adams? He was the physician who dressed as a clown and made his primary healing method humor rather than medication with children in hospitals. Humor therapy is used in other rehabilitation pro-

grams, including the treatment of physical trauma and addiction. It has also been a stress reliever for the military. Below are some tips to use to help those around you begin to see the value of humor.

Look for the humor in what you experience. If you don't learn to laugh at yourself then how are you going to benefit from what laughter offers? Instead of being so serious, lighten up.

2. Watch comedy shows or films. Whether it's an old comedy movie or re-runs of *Seinfeld* or *Frazier*, expect to crack up. It's a great way to boost the immune system.

3. Practice belly laughing everyday. Think about something really humorous and just start really laughing. The more ridiculous, the better. It will give your internal organs and muscles a fabulous workout. Try it for 30 seconds.

4. Start a comic relief notebook. Write anything or paste cartoons or photos in the notebook that put a smile on your face. Share the notebook with friends and ask them to start one. Share among yourselves. Before you know it, you will have a great collection of humorous sayings, stories, cartoons, and funny photos. Laughing makes you feel good inside.

5. See yourself as more than your work. Unless you are a comedian, you most likely need to be serious in the work that you do. We tend to forget that we are not all about work. Not that you should start taking your work less seriously, just take yourself more lightly.\*

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## Fundraiser To Benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities

The Red Shoe Society will host a fundraiser with the Florida Everblades on Saturday, April 5 benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of SW Florida. You can support this great cause while watching some hard hitting hockey action as the Everblades take on the Greenville Road Warriors. There will be a pre-game tailgate party, a hockey puck entrance giveaway and a chance to win some great prizes. Tickets are \$20 and include an end zone ticket, pre-game tailgate access and a \$10 donation to RMHC.

The Red Shoe Society is a group of young professionals dedicated to supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida through fundraising, volunteerism and public awareness of its mission to improve the health and well-being of children and provide a "home away from home" for families of hospitalized children.

For ticket information, visit <http://floridaeverblades.com/redshoesociety> or [www.rmhcswfl.org](http://www.rmhcswfl.org) to get involved.✪

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## Mom And Me

down his name, address and medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aid came out and asked Bubba what he had and Bubba said shingles. So she wrote down his height, weight a complete medical history and told him to wait in the examining room.

A half an hour later a nurse came in

and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said shingles. The nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test and an electrocardiogram, and told him to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said shingles. The doctor asked where?

Bubba said outside on the truck, where do you want them?

Lizzie

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

## Mobile Mammogram Returns March 31

The City of Sanibel Recreation Center will host the Radiology Regional Center's Mobile Mammo Coach on Monday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mobile Mammo Coach is a state of the art breast imaging clinic, providing full field digital mammography services. Most insurances are accepted and discounted self-pay pricing available.

According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. More importantly, with early detection, the survival rate for an early diagnosed breast cancer at five years is better than 97 percent. Mammography is one aspect of breast health, in addition to monthly self-exam and annual physician exam.

For an appointment or if you have any questions relative to the test, call

the Radiology Regional Center at 936-2316. The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).✪

## Women's Health Series Continues

The next FISH of Sanibel-Captiva Women's Health Seminar Series presentation is on the topic of Women's Physical Health: Making Various Forms of Exercise Worthwhile For You on! Wednesday, April. 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It will be presented by Barbara Gennity, fitness coordinator, Sanibel Recreation Center.

Seminar #4, Women's Medical Health and Well Being, is set for Wednesday, April 9, presented by Dr. Anne Lord-Tomas, private practice physician at Women's Health and Gynecology.

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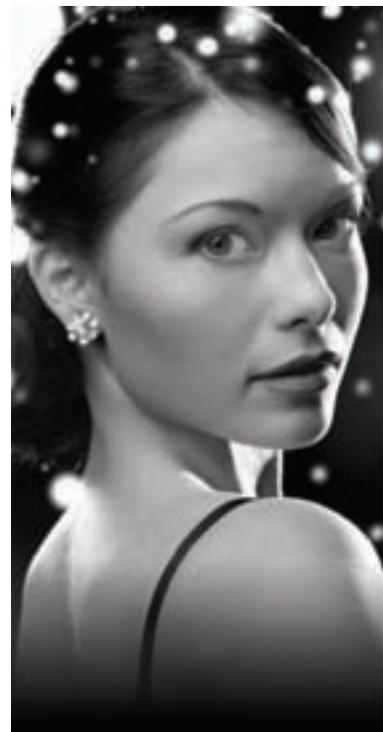


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**Alligator Scallopini with Sauce Dijon**

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 3 tablespoons coarse-grain Dijon mustard  
 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Heat the butter and oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add alligator meat and sauté quickly 1 minute per side. Remove and keep warm.

Add shallots to skillet and sauté 2 minutes. Add brandy to skillet and deglaze by stirring to loosen browned bits from bottom of pan.

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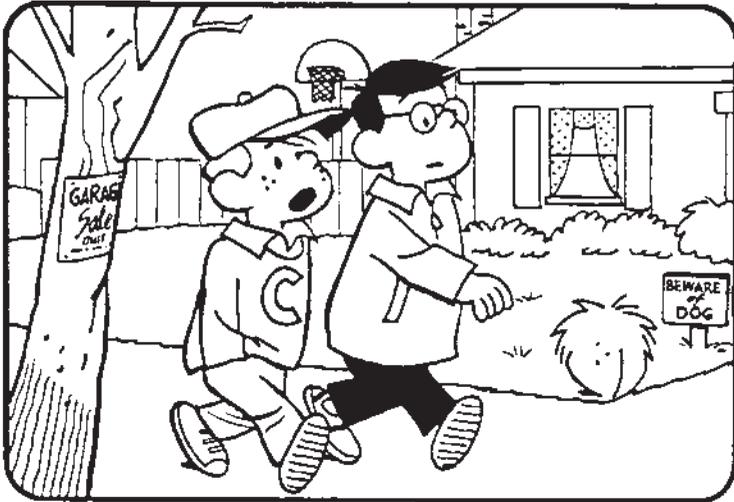
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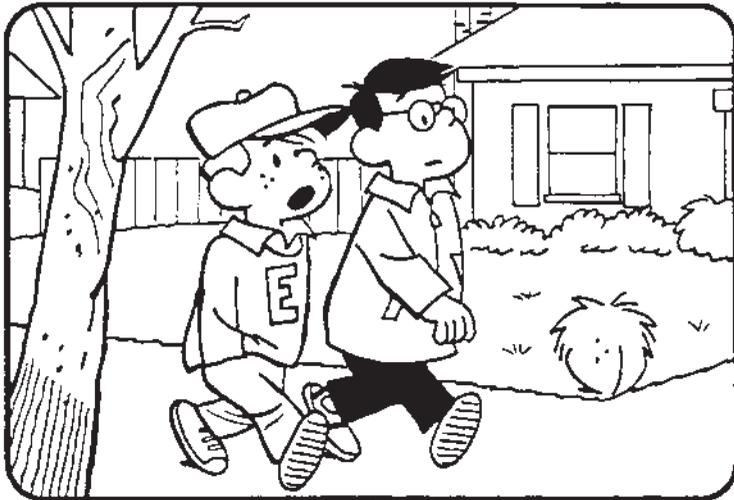
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TODAY'S WORD

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answer on page 43B

		5	1					8
1				3				2
	8			5	6	9		
6			4			3		7
	7	3		1		8		
	2				9		4	
	3				7		6	
		6	8	9		5		
9			2					3

## SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 43B

# Top 10 Real Estate Sales

City	Sub Condo Name	City	Year Built	Square Footage	List Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bonita Springs	Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	2003	4,562	\$3,995,000	\$3,500,000	64
Fort Myers	Fiddlesticks Country Club	Fort Myers	1987	9,363	\$999,000	\$950,000	245
Sanibel	Seagull Estates	Sanibel	1987	1,824	\$749,900	\$725,000	0
Fort Myers	Somerset	Fort Myers	2011	3,094	\$719,900	\$689,000	128
Fort Myers	Bella Lago	Fort Myers	2005	3,120	\$699,900	\$678,000	0
Fort Myers Beach	Flamingo Bay	Fort Myers Beach	1988	1,580	\$529,900	\$525,000	257
Fort Myers	Heritage Palms	Fort Myers	2004	3,995	\$649,500	\$525,000	6
Fort Myers	Palm Acres First Addition	Fort Myers	1991	2,047	\$550,000	\$510,000	33
Bonita Springs	Bellino	Bonita Springs	2006	2,543	\$489,900	\$478,000	37
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2001	1,969	\$549,000	\$475,000	48

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1	6	4	9	3	8	7	2	5
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6	1	9	4	8	2	3	5	7
4	7	3	6	1	5	8	9	2
5	2	8	3	7	9	1	4	6
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## KING CROSSWORD

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Seating for 8.  
Asking \$13,000. Gently used.  
Call 1-413-668-8335

\*NS 3/28 CC 4/4

## 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 3/7 CC 5/30

## FOR SALE

### BUY SELL TRADE

### Silver Jewelry SALE

2431 Periwinkle Way  
www.SanibelSeaLifeGallery.com

\*RS 3/21 CC TFN



**GARAGE •  
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SALES**

### GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
821 Sand Dollar Drive, Sanibel.  
Misc. items: clothing, books, decor,  
puzzles, games, toys, etc.

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### GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT ZONTA CLUB CONFERENCE FUND

8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 29  
1046 Sand Castle Road.  
Lots of good stuff.

\*NS 3/28 CC 3/28

## Pets Of The Week

**H**i, my name is Ginger and I am a 2-month-old black female American Staffordshire mix.

I was one of five puppies found in the woods with our mom. We are all so lovable and obviously adorable, so why wait. You can train me to be the perfect family dog you've always wanted, Adoption fee: \$95

I'm Ace, a domestic short hair neutered male gray and white tabby cat.

Do you think you could find a little room in your heart and home to adopt me? I'm really a personable kitty that plays well with others. I'm pretty low maintenance too. I enjoy lazy afternoons and I'd be happy to spend some with you.

Adoption fee: \$50.

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*



Ginger ID# 582106

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Ace ID# 583909

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# Island Sun

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Sanibel & Captiva Islands

### CALLING CARD 239-395-1213

Emergency.....	911
Sanibel Police .....	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office .....	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy .....	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel .....	472-5525
Captiva .....	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol .....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce.....	472-1080
City of Sanibel .....	472-4135
Administrative Office .....	472-3700
Building Department .....	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources.....	472-1189
Planning Department.....	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel .....	472-2483
Captiva .....	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel .....	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free) .....	800-275-8777
Captiva .....	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association .....	472-2155
Senior Center.....	472-5743
<b>ARTS</b>	
Arcade Theater.....	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts) .....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre .....	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	472-6197
Lee County Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic.....	597-1111
The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater .....	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival .....	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League .....	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
<b>CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.).....	565-7872 or 433-7798
American Legion Post 123 .....	472-9979
Angel Flight SE .....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Audubon Society.....	472-3744
Sanibel Bike Club .....	<a href="http://sanibelbicycleclub.org">sanibelbicycleclub.org</a>
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 .....	<a href="mailto:sanibelLWV@gmail.com">sanibelLWV@gmail.com</a>
Lions Club (Tom Rothman) .....	395-3248
Master Gardeners of the Islands .....	472-6940
Newcomers .....	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida .....	768-0417
Optimist Club.....	472-0836
PAWS .....	472-4823
Rotary Club .....	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.....	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society .....	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron .....	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.....	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer .....	395-2040
<a href="http://www.sanibelsoccer.org">www.sanibelsoccer.org</a>	
The Military Officers Assc. of America	
(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie).....	395-9232
United Way of Lee County .....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline..... (24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900	
Zonta Club .....	671-6381
<b>ISLAND ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge .....	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Museum & Village .....	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) .....	472-2329



# Come See What's Happening at Your Club...

## Friday, 3/28

DUNE GOLF SANCAP SCRAMBLE

5:30pm

*Nine holes of golf followed by a sunset dinner buffet.*



## Sunday, 3/30

THE DUNES SUNDAY MIXED GOLF

18 and 9 Holes

1pm & 4pm, Dinner at 5pm  
*Come out and play 18 or 9 holes of golf and finish with The Dunes' fabulous backyard barbeque.*

**\*\*JUNIOR MEMBERS PLAY FREE EVERY WEEKEND\*\***

## Wednesday, 4/2

BOOK SIGNING BY DAN PERKINS - *BROTHERHOOD OF THE RED NILE TRILOGY*

6pm



## Friday, 4/4

DUNES WOMENS MEMBER GUEST GOLF AND BRUNCH

10:30am

*DWGA's competitive 18 hole golf tournament where members showcase Your Club to family and friends with celebratory events and a fun and social brunch*

## Saturday & Sunday, 4/5-4/6

SCCF'S 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

<http://www.sccf.org>

*Players and fans are invited to attend the 22nd Annual SCCF Tennis Tournament. Matches start at 8am each day, and a Players' Party and special Exhibition Match will end the day on Saturday.*

For Reservations, call 239.472.3355 and visit [www.dunesgolfsanibel.com](http://www.dunesgolfsanibel.com) for more information.



1st Row- John Gersack, Ray Vazquez. 2nd Row-Tom Settanni, Fred Gobel, Don Athey, Clint Parsons, Jim Fantozzi, Cliff Leach. 3rd Row- Phil Howard, Manfred Dicks, Steve Wassman, John Bralove, Howard Dwyer. Top- Andy Berman

### IF YOU WANT TO BE A CHAMPION, THEN COME JOIN THE DUNES!

Your Club celebrated with The Dunes Mens White B Team as they raised their trophies in pride as the 2014 Lee County League Champions.

Every Sunday, The Dunes hosts its weekly **MIXED GOLF EVENT**. Teams of couples and friends play 18 holes of competitive but always social golf and then complete the day at the club's Sunday Backyard BBQ.



Bruce and Jeanette McLaughlin with Mo and Gordon Rains

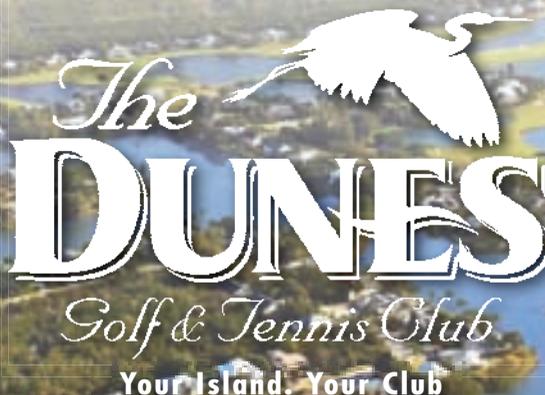
This week's format was Couple Swap (1 Net Better of 2) and the Rains and McLaughlins take the first place prize!

The Dunes introduces the newest island event - **THE DUNES GOLF SANCAP SCRAMBLE**. The Dunes partners with **Sanibel Captiva Community Bank** to offer a full summer schedule of Friday Scrambles - And kicking off the season is the March Scramble event, all starting **tonight at 5:30pm**. Come out and play with members and island locals...**ONLY \$49/Member** for nine holes of golf, a backyard BBQ dinner and winning prizes!



The Dunes announces its brand new Spring Golf Rates. Only \$109 for 18 holes of golf, \$99 Early Bird Special if you play before 8:30am and only \$70 Twilight Special if you play after 3:45pm. Become a Full Club member and pay only \$23 everyday or even become a Social and Sports Member and pay only \$45 on the weekend and \$23 at Twilight.

## COME OUT AND PLAY



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