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Reference librarian Candy Heise helps a library patron with an e-book download, part of the Sanibel Public Library's eShelf service providing downloadable audiobooks and e-books, funding by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation.

successful initiatives, the library foundation will host its second annual "Lunch with the Author" event featuring bestselling suspense writer Lisa Jackson at noon March 19 at The Sanctuary Golf Club.

For \$55 per person Jackson fans and all readers interested in an author's observations on life and writing will have lunch followed by a presentation by the author from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Book signing will follow.

Those wishing to make a reservation for the luncheon or those who have further questions, should call 239-214-0088 or e-mail authorluncheon@comcast.net.

The major sponsor for the luncheon is Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners.

Individuals interested in providing additional support for the event may become host committee members for a \$300 contribution. Host committee members will receive two reserved priority seats at the luncheon and meet with Jackson at a reception before the luncheon.

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On March 12, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of the Sanibel Island Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend.

This month's featured speaker is Mike Campbell, the Lee County Natural Resources senior

environmental specialist. Campbell will be doing a power point presentation titled: Lee County Reefs-Past, Present and Future. He will be talking about the recent sinking of the U.S.S. Mohawk off of Captiva as well as other historical deployments. Campbell will also be discussing future artificial reef plans including a possible submarine, a snorkeling reef among other possibilities.

The Mohawk was blown up and sunk on July 2, 2012, and is already a well established diving and fishing site, holding snapper, cobia, barracuda and amberjack. Whale sharks, once common in the Gulf, have been spotted around the Mohawk a half dozen times since its deployment. Campbell will also be sharing all the GPS coordinates for the dozens of reefs currently surrounding the Islands.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 239-472-8994 or attend our next meeting.

The Sanibel Island Fishing club has been an active social club for more than 27 years on the island. To learn more about the club, and to view catch photos or to explore fish recipe section, go to www.Sanibelislandfishingclub.com.



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Above is a shot of the U.S.S. Mohawk taken upon detonation on July 2, 2012.

Audubon Pond Apple Trail Bird Walk



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A 'Peek' at Zonta and its unique house tour

By SHANNEN HAYES

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The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva will host its 12th annual "A Peek at the Unique," which will showcase four distinct island homes on March 16. This signature fundraiser takes "peekers" to one-of-a-kind homes on Sanibel and Captiva by the bus load for a peek at the unique.

"Essentially we look for uniqueness in homes that are not usually accessible to the general public," said Peek co-chair Gini Jones. "But our primary goal of the Peek is every peeker has a good time by paying attention to every detail of the tour. It is why people return every year."

While all 560 tickets for the tour have been sold, there is a final chance to support Zonta's work by entering the "Chance at the Unique" raffle. Tickets, at \$10 each, are on sale from any Zonta member or outside Bailey's general store from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9. Funds raised during Peek go to support local and global programs that improve women's lives.

"We are excited about what we do for women and how we help to change their lives for the better," said Jones.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva, which was founded in 1987, is a service organization of more than 70 professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International.

Peek at the Unique is the local chapter's primary fund raising event that has



enabled the organization to award more than \$600,000 in grants during the past 12 years through the support of the Sanibel and Captiva communities, as well as ticket and raffle sales.

"We are incredibly grateful for the community support," said Orlene Shimberg, Zonta president. "We expect to raise a considerable amount this year and about half will come from our more than 250 island sponsors."

Zonta partners with local non-profit organizations that also work to advance the status of women. Those partners include PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, which is a program for at-risk girls ages 12 to 18; and Serving Women on the Islands, an important component of the club's mis-



sion in improving educational opportunities for women and children.

"We also provide funds to Community Housing Resources (CHR), which has enabled several women to improve their skills and employment potential," said Shimberg. "Grant money is used to assist children from women's families in need at the Sanibel School by helping with the 8th grade educational trip to

Washington D.C."

Additionally, the Zonta foundation provides funds to purchase materials for the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships' Artreach program, which reaches out to young girls and some boys

through art projects to raise awareness of human trafficking.

Other projects include The Guatemalan Rural Adult and Children's Education (GRACE) Project that works in Guatemala and locally to improve the lives of Guatemalan women and their families through education with emphasis on human trafficking prevention.

For the past 4 years, The Zonta Literacy team has tutored mothers at the Lee County Early Childhood Head Start Parent U Program in Fort Myers; and the Sanibel Captiva Zonta Recovery Team has overseen grants and provided active services for women with Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) and Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT).

In addition to providing funding to non-profit initiatives, Zonta members give much of their time to fundraising and hands-on service and advocacy. The tally was more than 16,000 hours in the last two years. With more than 70 members, five project themes, 10 partners and one fabulous Peek at the Unique, members are active throughout the community in their choice of activities.

Club breakfast meetings are typically held the first and third Wednesdays of the month, year-round. Meetings often feature guest speakers, generally on topics pertinent to the service projects and organizations with which the club partners.

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It is moments like this in live theater, that you put all your cynicism and sophistication aside as you ponder the inestimable genius of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, and maybe wonder how is it that this charming and sweet material can still manage to pierce the heart and bring a smile of comfort to your grinning face, and then you start mentally listing all the young people you know who have not seen this marvelous show live on stage.

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Dean Sobon's production deftly catches the always tricky balance between creating a new and different revival for the sake of being different and creating an authentic reinterpretation that celebrates a musical theater classic.

Let's start with the casting of the earnest Paige Mattox and her thoroughly modern take on Maria which feels more like Meg Ryan playing the role than Julie Andrews. Next we have the remarkably talented group playing the mini Von Trapps, the Director has encouraged these children to behave more like actual kids, rather than cuties all done up in sailor suits. And when teen aged Lydia Pusateri's genuinely adolescent Liesl has to listen to her young beau Rolf's romantic nonsense about men looking to write on her blank page, the Director allows her to giggle at the somewhat self-satisfied fella (played to the hilt by Henry Carter).

Director Sobon makes sure all his feature players have their moments to show off their talents as well as creating genuine flesh and blood characters instead of cardboard look-a-likes. Another stand out performance that must be acknowledged by its sheer magnificence is that of the aforementioned Alfreyynn Roberts in the role of Mother Abbess; Roberts invests her role with warmth, humor and yet manages to convey authority along with a voice that thrills as it fills the theater.

Last but in no way least is Rob Watson as Captain George von Trapp; Watson's von Trapp is painted with more traditional

strokes, but then again who would want this tough old dog otherwise. Nevertheless Watson is handsome, in really good voice, warm when called for, and totally committed to full filling this role.

All in all this is a fresh take on a wonderful, wonder filled, iconic, American musical and one that holds up amazingly well, and a show to delight every family member regardless age to enjoy. Since tickets will sell out fast for this endearing family classic, and the show only plays until April 6, I'd suggest you phone the Box Office ASAP at 278-4422 and book your reservation.

P.S. When you phone remind 'em Marsha sent you

Leif Bjaland to lead SW Florida Symphony at BIG Arts

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The Southwest Florida Symphony will come to BIG Arts March 13 for an island concert led by conductor Leif Bjaland. Tickets are \$36 for general admission and \$5 per child 17 years and younger. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in BIG Arts Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Rd.

The Southwest Florida Symphony is recognized as one of the finest ensembles in the region. The orchestra attracts the best musicians from across the country and continues to achieve new heights of expressiveness and virtuosity. The 2010-2011 Season marked their 50th anniversary. This "Symphony on Sanibel" concert program will include Mozart's Symphony No. 35



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Donna Puma, center, and daughter and general manager Stephanie on left, are with the winner of the \$100 gift certificate drawing, Helen Roney from Indianapolis, Ind.



Geppetto's Beach Foodies Birthday Cake.

Geppetto's celebrates a milestone

By SHANNEN HAYES

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Geppetto's Beach Foodies celebrated an important milestone with a year of success. Owners Tom and Donna Puma say the first year has been rewarding and successful.

The shop's most popular breakfast pastry the Sanibel Blossom®, made of three croissant fillings in one bloom, was awarded the 2012 Taste of the Islands "Best Take Out." Geppetto's was named "Best Beach Food To Go" of the 2012 Best of the Islands.

"We are elated to receive these accolades and consider the awards motivators for everyone on our team," said Donna.

Located next to the family's Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream, the famous little green shop on the east end of Sanibel Island, Geppetto's offers grab and go beach cuisine. The menu is inspired by the Puma's travels to New York, Paris, Italy and Amsterdam.

"We observed 'street food' being served in metropolitan cities and tied it into the concept of beach cuisine," said Tom. "The name Geppetto's just seemed like a natural progression from Pinocchio's."

Geppetto's Beach Foodies does not incorporate a set menu because all sandwich selections are offered on a variety of available freshly baked artisan breads. When particular bread is sold out for the day, other breads and wraps are offered.

While the Pumas strive to replace greasy fast food with

freshly baked offerings, Geppetto's has become synonymous with good food fast. Transforming their favorite pastime of cooking into a family business, Geppetto's is known as a place where sweet meets savory.

The sweetness of freshly-baked croissants filled with fruit butters like the popular Mango butter meet the savory offerings of breakfast croissants filled with bacon, egg and cheddar, ham and Swiss, salmon and brie, as well as basil pesto with grilled Italian vegetables. Savory offerings continue through lunch and dinner in several varieties.

Geppetto's is not a deli, a coffee house or a pizzeria, but is often referred to as "the little bakery on the east end." There is a selection of soups and salads, Pizza Rustica, stromboli and NYC bakery style pizza. Each night there is a light dinner special and other dinner selections include pepper steak, baked ziti, Shepherd's pie, Greek gyros and cilantro fish tacos.

Geppetto's also offers a limited selection of grocery staples from overseas. The coffee is Cuban-roasted from Miami; chocolates and dessert pastas are from Germany; and the Torrone and Sconza almond candies are from Italy, as are the olives, pesto, oils and vinegars.

Many may wonder what a beach foodie is - they simply love good food and often use their interest in food as a form of entertainment. Beach foodies combine their favorite pastimes of savoring good food from Geppetto's



Face painting by Cyndo during Geppetto's first-year anniversary party.

while enjoy a spectacular sunset with a dessert of their favorite Pinocchio's flavor on the porch of the little green shop.

"We will continue to let Geppetto's evolve while we continue with Pinocchio's success," said Donna about the future of the family's businesses. "Let it grow small and smart."

The Geppetto's bakery opens at 8 a.m. Ice cream is served from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., but the shop doesn't close until every customer is served. Visit these Sanibel traditions in the Seahorse Shopping Center, 362 Periwinkle Way, toward the lighthouse. For more information, visit www.beachfoodies.com.



Tom, Donna and Stephanie Puma with managers Kristina and Connor, as well as server Jonna

Sanibel Public Library announces special presentations

Contributed to the ISLANDER

The Sanibel Public Library will have a special program with historian and writer Maureen Sullivan-Hartung at 2 p.m. March 18; it's entitled "Beer, Worms, Square Grouper and Indians, Oh My!" It will tell the early history of Collier County.

In addition to her love of local history, Naples freelance writer Sullivan-Hartung is also a nature lover and supporter of the local environment belonging to the Friends of the Everglades begun by the late grande dame environmentalist Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

Sullivan-Hartung is also a Friend of Rookery Bay, a Friend of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida; a Friend of the Audubon Society, as well as a Friend of the State Parks and a Friend of the Everglades National Park.

"Everyone who comes to visit me here in Naples always gets a tour of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, the Naples Pier and the nearby Everglades. Southwest Florida's climate is totally different from our northern neighbors and I want them to be able to see those differences, because we do indeed live in a beautiful paradise," said Sullivan-Hartung.

She has lived in Naples since 1981

and has been freelance writing since 1994, following a year-long stint as a weekly newspaper reporter. Her articles and photographs have been published in numerous magazines throughout the state of Florida.

Enjoy a special presentation by Damaris Peters Pike as "Lucretia Garfield - First Lady for a While" at 2 p.m. March 19 at the Sanibel Public Library.

This is the uplifting story of President James A. Garfield and the tragedy of his brief presidency. Included in the presentation are songs from the era, which includes the Civil War. Pike portrays a variety of historic women in her Women of Note series and recently presented a program on Frankie Gershwin in Lee County.

There is no charge to attend this delightful program.

The library will welcome Holly L. Shaffer, site historian and volunteer coordinator at The Edison-Ford Winter Estates and former tour guide for 15 years at the Joshua Chamberlain home in Brunswick, Maine, at 2 p.m. March 20 for an informative program on the life of Joshua Chamberlain with emphasis on his part in the Battle of Gettysburg.

Robin Cook to speak on wealth management at library

Contributed to the ISLANDER

Robin L. Cook, vice-president and wealth advisor for Regions Private Wealth Management, will present the program "Enjoy Retirement by Retaining Your Gold in Your Golden Years" at 2 p.m. March 15 at the Sanibel Public Library.

Cook is a Sanibel resident and long-time friend of the library. She has 20 years experience in the financial industry in private banking and branch management.

Cook is a 2006 graduate of the Florida School of Banking at the University of Florida. She is also a Series 7.63 and Florida life insurance licensed and a certified senior advisor.

This program is free of charge to attend and open to all who are interested. The Sanibel Public Foundation, Inc. and its generous donors support the adult programs at the library.

Albion to speak at library

Contributed to the ISLANDER

Michele Albion will be giving a presentation, as well as signing copies of her new book "The Quotable Henry Ford," at 2 p.m. March 14 at the Sanibel Public Library.

Albion was the first professional curator of the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. She is the author of "The Florida Life of Thomas Edison" and "The Quotable Edison." Albion is a resident of

Dover, N.H. and a long-time friend of the Sanibel library.

This program is free of charge to attend and open to anyone who is interested in learning about Henry Ford, the brilliant businessman and pioneer of the low-price, mass-produced motor vehicle. The Sanibel Public Library, Inc. and its generous donors have made the adult programs at the library possible through their support.

SCCFR Snow Plover program

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Beach-goers should watch for snowy plovers. The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation has been monitoring and staking the nests of this bird on Sanibel beaches for 10 years. Join SCCF biologists for the Snowy Plover program at 2 p.m. March 14 to learn

about this threatened species and what you can do to protect their small nesting populations. The program will be held in the SCCF auditorium, 3333 San-Cap Rd. Cost of program is \$5; SCCF members and children are admitted free of charge. Call 472-2329 for more information.

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Frank Verrastro to Lecture at BIG Arts

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The Forum at BIG Arts Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series welcomes Frank Verrastro March 10 to Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Rd.

Frank Verrastro is senior vice president and director of the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. His government service includes staff positions in the White House on the Energy Policy and Planning Staff and with the Oil and Gas Office of the Department of the Interior.

Verrastro is a former director of the Office of Producing Nations and deputy assistant secretary for international energy resources. In the private sector, he served as director of refinery policy and crude oil planning for TOSCO (formerly the nation's largest independent refiner) and, more recently, as senior vice president for Pennzoil.

All speakers in The Forum program are sold out, though interested patrons can come the night of the lecture to see if tickets are turned back in. Although BIG Arts cannot guarantee ticket availability, historically tickets have become available the night of a lecture. The Forum lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.



Frank Verrastro

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Sanibel Shell Show announces guest speaker

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M.G. "Jerry" Harasewych, scientific judge, will be the Sanibel Shell Show featured guest speaker. Harasewych is a curator in the Department of Invertebrate Zoology at the Smithsonian Institution and the co-author of "The Book of Shells," a life-size guide to identifying and classifying six hundred seashells.

The title of his presentation is Cerion, "the most difficult genus of land snails" demystified. The talk will include an overview of the history of discovery and taxonomic thought about diversity within this genus, which contains more than 600 named species, as well as some of the more recent research on the patterns and processes that have led to such complex patterns of morphological diversity.

The lecture will be at 5:30 p.m. March 8 at The Bailey Matthews Shell Museum. All exhibitors are invited to attend.

Open house at Sanibel Fire Station No. 1

Contributed to the ISLANDER

The Sanibel firefighters invite the community to their home for fun and food free of charge. In appreciation of the community's support, firefighters are planning an exciting line up of activities during an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 23 at Station No. 1, 2351 Palm Ridge Rd.

The fire safety trailer will be on display, action-packed fire rescue simulations conducted, children's games, as well as station and equipment tours, along with other participating agencies.

For more information about the open house, call 472-5525.

Girl Scouts help 'Baby'



PHOTO BY SHANNEN HAYES

Twelve girls and 12 parents from the Daisy Scout Troop No. 292 visit the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel Island after raising \$100 from cookie sales for "Baby," the brown pelican. The Daisy Scouts were able to see "Baby," who was on her way for treatment by Dr. Ingraham in CROW's hospital. "Everyone absolutely loved the experience," said troop leader Jennifer Fischer. "All of the volunteers and workers at CROW were amazing with the girls."

Lending a helping hand



CONTRIBUTED BY CHRISTOPHER KOERNER

Lily & Co. Jewelers on Sanibel Island recently held a reception event for Sanibel artist Myra Roberts, during which \$1,450 was raised for Friends In Service Here (F.I.S.H. of Sanibel) through a raffle for a painting by Roberts. It was won by F.I.S.H. President John Morse, back row second from left. Above are Roberts, back row left, holding the raffle prize; F.I.S.H. Vice President John Pryor; and Lily & Co. co-owner Karen Bell; front row, Dan Schuyler, co-owner Lily & Co., along with Gracie and Angel.

The Sanibel Oyster Eating Contest

The annual oyster eating contest will take place this year on April 20 at Timbers. I've never entered it but my debut performance is coming up. Some people travel the world to witness bull fights. I travel the world to take part in eating contests.

In Mexico, I took part in the annual taco eating contest. I came in 627th. The winner ate 86 tacos in five minutes. I ate ten.

In France, I took part in the quiche eating contest. The winner ate 35 in three minutes. I ate four.

At Harvard, I took part in the annual beer guzzling contest. To win you needed to guzzle as much beer as you can in one minute. The winner guzzled a gallon. I guzzled two pints.

But the closest I've come in a food and beverage consumption contest was at the Coney Island hot dog eating contest. The winner consumed 68 hot dogs in ten minutes while I ate ten.

You may think that I may be a bit frustrated that my skills at these contests are not



Art Stevens

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at the highest professional level yet. But if you consider that I only started entering these contests a mere five years ago you would have to agree that I've made remarkable progress.

What better way to see the world than hitting the eating contest hot spots. I get to see the insides of restaurants, fast food chains, dingy bars and best of all the insides of emergency rooms at local hospitals. I've had the honor of having my stomach pumped seventy-two times in the past five years.

Getting back to the Sanibel oyster eating contest, I've been

practicing for this event for the past year. I seem to encounter astonished looks by waiters at various restaurants I've dined at when I nonchalantly order one hundred oysters as my appetizer. I've never finished them all but I'm making definite progress. Those I don't finish I throw back into the gulf.

To get used to the taste of multiple oysters I have been putting them in my dry cereal in the mornings, in scrambled eggs, as part of the ingredients in a protein shake and in my martinis.

I have even done some reconnaissance work at Timbers. I've studied the average room temperature, humidity, the air pressure, even the stirrings of a breeze. I've practiced the most important elements in the contest — the hand-eye coordination necessary to bring the oyster from the table to my mouth; and the ability to swallow rapidly.

To practice swallowing rapidly I stand before a mirror and swallow in rapid fire succession. I'm ready, Sanibel. I can now swallow one hundred fifty times a minute.

I've also studied the opposition. One oyster slinger has flown in all the way from Thailand to take part. He's a legend in oyster eating contests but he's developed one fatal flaw. He has begun to belch incessantly down the homestretch. He can be taken.

I'm very confident that the hard work and discipline I have put into my oyster eating training will pay off. And if I finally win one of these eating contests, I can take my winnings and invest in an oyster farm.

Gator and Crocodile Tales at SCCF

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The biology of alligators and crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival. Visit the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, 3333 San-Cap Rd., at 10 a.m. March 13 to learn about these living dinosaurs to ensure

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Sanibel Music Festival announces next lineup

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The Arabesque Winds will perform with one of their favorite pianists, Cherry Tsang at 8 p.m. March 9 as part of the Sanibel Music Festival Saturday at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Tickets are \$35 each.

In what the judges described as "an astounding performance" at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, the group won first prize over 70 international ensembles in 2008. They are active supporters of music outreach. In 2011, they collaborated for the third consecutive year with the Rochester City Ballet to present Peter and the Wolf for children. Cherry joins the ensemble for the timeless Poulenc Sextet and some charming smaller works for winds and piano.

The program will include:

- Bozza: Scherzo
- Bach: Concerto No. 2 after Vivaldi
- Gershwin: Three Preludes for Clarinet and Piano
- Poulenc: Sextet for piano, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn Trio for flute, oboe and piano Barber: Summer Music

- Dring: Trio for flute, oboe and piano
- Klugardt: Wind Quintet, Op. 79 third movement only

■ Ravel: La Tombeau de Couperin
The concert is sponsored by Susan & David Spector. Characterized by its youth, brilliant playing, and soulful interpretations, the Ariel Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. March 12 during the Sanibel Music Festival at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Tickets are \$35 each.

This string quartet has quickly earned a glowing international reputation. In January 2012, the Quartet was named quartet-in-residence at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, an astonishing accomplishment for such a young ensemble and a testament to the Ariel's skill and dedication to their craft.

Formed in Israel, the Quartet moved to the United States in 2004 to continue its professional studies.

The program includes:

- Mozart: Quartet in D major, K. 575
- Mendelssohn: Quartet in D major op. 44, No. 1
- Beethoven: Quartet in E-flat major op. 127

Jim and Rox Marks are sponsoring the concert.

Ranked among the most esteemed and influential classical musicians in the world today, cellist David Finckel and his pianist wife, Wu Han along with violinist Philip Setzer will perform at 8 p.m. March 16 as part of the Sanibel Music Festival at Sanibel Congregational Church.

Tickets are \$45 each.

Finckel and Setzer are members of the eight-

time Grammy-winning Emerson String Quartet, though Finckel is leaving the quartet at the end of the 2012-13 season. David and Wu Han through their multifaceted endeavors as concert performers, recording artists, educators, artistic administrators, and cultural entrepreneurs go unmatched.

They are owners of the recording company ArtistLed, and have served as the Artistic Directors of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center since 2004. They are also the founders and Artistic Directors of Music@Menlo, a chamber music festival in Silicon Valley that has garnered international acclaim since its inception in 2003.

Recently they began a residency at the Harris Theater of Music and Dance in Chicago. David and Wu Han are the first duo to win Musical America's coveted Musician(s) of the Year award. Wu Han has mesmerized SMF audiences in solo recitals, in duo performances with her husband, and as soloist with the Pacifica String Quartet.

The program includes:

- Haydn: Trio in A major XV: 18
- Britten: Sonata
- Dvorak: Trio in F minor, Op. 65

This concert is sponsored by Gene & Lee Seidler and Janet and Joseph Davie.

Single tickets are available by cash and check only at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way on Sanibel Island. Tickets may be ordered online at www.sanibelmusicfestival.org, or by calling the Festival's Hot Line at 239-344-7025.

The Sanibel Music Festival, celebrating its 27th season, presents world renowned artists during the month of March at the Congregational church on Sanibel Island. Incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization, its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.

Fernando Ortega comes to Sanibel

Contributed to the ISLANDER

Singer, songwriter, and winner of the Dove Inspirational Album of the Year, Fernando Ortega will be performing two dynamic concerts at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. March 10 at Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way.

There is no reserved seating, with the sanctuary doors opening 45 minutes prior to the concerts. A love offering will be received for the ministry of Fernando Ortega. All are encouraged to bring a canned good for F.I.S.H. (Friends In

Service Here) on Sanibel Island.

Ortega's music is a powerful mix of traditional hymns, mixed with both a Celtic and Latin sound. He will be accompanied by both the piano and cello. Famous for the songs, "Give Me Jesus" and "Be Thou My Vision," Ortega's music resonates with the deepest emotions of the heart.

For more information call 472-2684 or visit on the web at www.sanibelchurch.com.

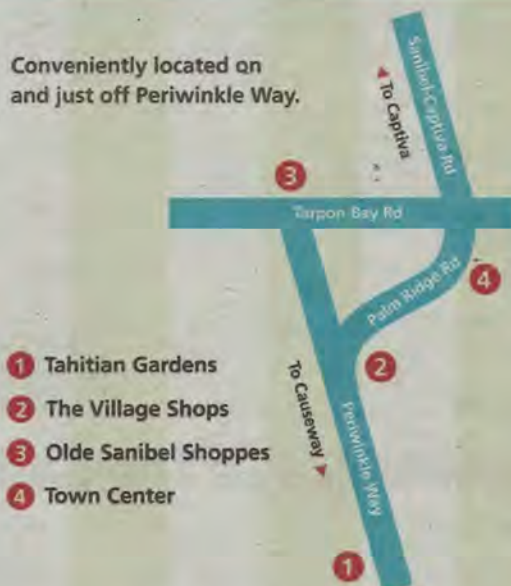
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By Jim Gustafson

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They are the sixth generation
To turn over this land, which has grown
To more than it was ever thought to be.

There is a dog,
For there is always a dog.
There are white chickens in the yard
Running in the dusty drive's ruts,
First worn deep by wagon wheels
Going to and from the barn.

Like the house and the chickens,
The barn is white, though faded.
It will be painted next year
If the harvest is worthy.
The name above the wide, wide doors
Will be refreshed, stenciled in green to match the roof.

The people are kind, yet strict.
They have just a touch of anger
To give God in return
For the fear they find
In their reflected faces
As they pass the kitchen window
In the evening after the porch light is put out.

It is a signal to neighbors,
Acres away, that all is well.
It is time for sleep.
The light will come on
Again in the dark of the next day's morning,
When things start over again.

They have become the same
As those in the front room's oak-framed photos,
Generations, dressed in grey,
Posed in order, outside the window sill,
Shadows still in the growing heat of summer.

These are to remind
That time to reap comes and goes,
Each harvest different in success,
Each the same in purpose.
They will do more or less, or more with less,
Depending on the whim of God and weather.

There are offers to buy the land.
Where would they go?
Who would fix the squeak in the stair,
Replace the chord in the back bedroom window?
What about the animals? What about the dog?

They look up when planes fly high overhead
Especially at night, when it takes a moment
To decide, if it's a moving star or a silver cylinder
Coming from places they have never been,
Going to place they shall never go.

They imagine these places
As they walk from the barn to the house.
The dog follows at their boot heels,
Heels covered thick with the land's dry dirt
and the finest work of cows.

Prize winning poet Jim Gustafson's extraordinary collection of poems, *Driving Home*, is available at Island bookstores and at Amazon.com.



Joe Pacheco

Poetic
License

Shorebird Walks at The Sanibel Inn

Contributed to the ISLANDER

Meet a guide from the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation at 8 a.m. March 13 at the Sanibel Inn, 937 E. Gulf Drive, to learn of the shorebirds encountered on the beach. Some of these birds have migrated thousands of miles to the local

beaches, which Sanibel is committed to protect by leaving the wrack community a cast ashore seaweeds and sea grasses that feed the insects, shorebirds and beach plants. This Shorebird Walk is free of charge.



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Jen McSorley
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Plant Subject: African Iris (*Dietes iridioides*)

First impression: Ruffled, exotic, cameo white petals with accents of canary yellow and amethyst purple. Gosh, I thought we couldn't grow Irises down here in the tropics? Linear dark green leaves emerging from the ground form a fountain like pattern. These memorable irises will remind you of your northern gardens, without the blanket of snow. Even Van Gogh couldn't paint them any better and their in full bloom at the Botanical Gardens of the Sanibel Moorings.



Anita Force Marshall

What's Blooming in Paradise

plant. When in bloom, look closely for the etched deep veins inside their flowers. These color cues are guides for our pollinators. The nectar guides show pollinators where to look for food/nectar. Some nectar guides may be visible only under ultraviolet light, of which bees and insects can see. The guides will lead them to the sweet reward and their pollen laden bodies to the flowers carpel. Viola'- pollination! Zoom in yourself and notice nine petals total, each 3 sets add drama and

Upon further investigation: We just don't have lots of Irises here in paradise. Dietes are native to South Africa and come in yellow (bicolor) or purple (iridioides). I prefer the purple varieties; the yellow ones tend to be messy and less floral. African Irises blooming are drop dead gorgeous and reminiscent of all those fabulous Irises we left behind up north. Our star is recognizable by stiff, spear shaped dark green leaves. The leaves emerge from the rhizomes or roots underground. Fabulous low maintenance, low growing fan shaped groundcover which never need trimming. Great for patios with a view, they stay low and, when not blooming they are an attractive spiky, shaped

dimension to one unmistakable iconic bloom. Ruffled, curly, fancy, large cameo white petals with a thick fuzzy line and speckles of buttercup yellow adorn the three outer petals. Full moon white slender petals with tiny freckles and exotic calligraphic markings in an Indian ink color make up the three in the middle. Showy and top of the bloom are last 3 petals in amethyst and lavender hues. You get many flowers per plant, unfortunately each flower lasts one day. Very economical babies come from seeds which soon appear in the form of miniature irises. You can let them amass in one location or move them around in your garden. It's hard to say no to this recognizable superstar



PHOTOS PROVIDED

African Iris (*Dietes iridioides*).

especially when their blooming!

Pros: Gorgeous Flowers - Likes sun or partial shade - Easy to maintain - Somewhat Salt tolerant - Is great for ooh's and ahhs - Great ground cover even when not blooming - May inspire you to take up painting -Start with one and they spread - No care needed - Non Invasive - Drought tolerant.

Cons: Non native plant - May find crazy painters with candles in their hats

in your gardens - Less blooms with wet feet - Spend lots of money on art supplies - Sensitive to cold.

Conclusion: Bring your camera or your paintbrushes to record the complexity of our simple tropical Iris. Simplicity who knew it could be such a challenge, so many flowers and hey - we got lots of time in our eye catching tropical garden. ...

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City funds audit of Causeway project

By JIM LINETTE

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Sanibel City Council approved a resolution Tuesday to hire an outside consultant to audit all pertinent data regarding the financing of the Sanibel Causeway reconstruction and maintenance expenses.

"I want an accounting of what the bridge cost," said Mayor Kevin Ruane. "I want to know how it was bonded and funded and I look forward to seeing this



Kevin Ruane

report."

In a tight economy with limited tax dollars streaming into the city budget, Sanibel is looking for new sources of revenue. The city collected a percentage of bridge tolls before the causeway reconstruction project and seeks

to restore that revenue, perhaps as soon as later this year.

"The city sued Lee County over the bridge design process and part of the settlement states that whenever the Junior Lien (a kind of second mortgage) is paid off the city will get 21 percent of the tolls collected," said City Manager Judie Zimomra. "The tolls were to be used for bridge maintenance and any issues on the roads to and from the causeway, but the county has used it for

other projects like the Summerlin fly-over on the premise that 'it's on the way to the bridge'."

City officials believe the Junior Lien could have been paid off by now and part of the audit's purpose is to establish that time frame. A weigh station on the causeway, which was eliminated in the reconstruction project, also provided limited funds to Sanibel.

The resolution passed Tuesday

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NEW NAME SAME TRADITION



Sanibel Shell Festival under way

By JIM LINETTE

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One of the most popular and well attended events on the islands is the Sanibel Shell Festival. This is the 76th year for the event, which kicks off a three-day run this weekend at the Sanibel Community House.

The event might have been around for 76 years, but this is the first with a new name. It has been known as the Sanibel Shell Fair & Shell Show since Hallie "Granny" Matthews organized the first event in the lobby of her hotel, which is the Sanibel Inn today. Since

then, it has grown to lofty status that draws thousands of visitors to the grounds of the Community House.

The festival runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 7 & 8 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 9. Admission to the outdoor shell area is free and parking is free. There's a \$5 donation to enter the indoor shell show. Food and beverages are available.

"We are hoping for good weather and a good crowd this year," said Lynette Kelly, who has been crafting shells for 12 years.

See SHELL FESTIVAL, page 54

If You Go:

What:

76th Sanibel Shell Festival

When:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7-8;

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 9

Raffle Drawing:

3 p.m. March 8

Where:

Sanibel Community House,
2173 Periwinkle Way

Admission:

Free outdoor shell area;
\$5 donation to enter indoor show;
Parking is free

Workshop to air out redevelopment ideas

By JIM LINETTE

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Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane, city council members and city planners get a chance to exchange ideas on a commercial redevelopment plan on Tuesday, March 12, at MacKenzie Hall.

The expected four-hour workshop commences at 9 a.m. to address the best way to proceed with redevelopment guidelines.

"I just think we need to sit down as a council and have a discussion on this subject, without distraction, to get this right," Ruane said at the Feb. 5 council meeting. "There is no silver bullet to fix this and I think we've been rushed. I'd like

See REDEVELOPMENT, page 54

Turn your clocks ahead

You're going to lose some sleep this weekend. Daylight Savings Time goes into effect at 2 a.m. on Sunday. Turn your clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday night.



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START hosts informative red tide information panel for the public

Submitted by START

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of START (Solutions to Avoid Red Tide) hosted a panel discussion last Wednesday with local and regional experts on red tide to help the public understand the ecological and human health effects of red tide. This event could not have come at a better time, as public concern about red tide has been high due a recent red tide bloom in Sanibel and Captiva.

The event drew about 150 members to the Sanibel Community House. As questions about public health and safety arose from the crowd, experts from Mote Marine Laboratory, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Sanibel & Captiva Conservation Foundation, and Sanibel Sea School were on hand to educate the audience and address concerns.

While the presence of the organism responsible for red tide produces a toxin, which elicits a cough, the panel of scientists explained that there is actually very little need for alarm. Symptoms such as throat irritation and a slight cough are temporary for individuals not suffering from pre-existing respiratory conditions.



The panel did have a suggestion, however, for people suffering from conditions such as Asthma and COPD — "send out a 'scout' to the beach to check out the conditions," advised Dr. Barb Kirkpatrick, senior scientist at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota and the manager of Mote's Environmental Health Program. "Have them listen to the beach. If they hear other people coughing, it is not a good time to send an asthmatic or someone with respiratory problems to that particular beach."

The panelists stressed that a red tide bloom should not keep visitors and residents from enjoying the beaches of Sanibel & Captiva. "Just because there is red tide toxin in the air at the Lighthouse doesn't mean that Bowman's beach isn't a perfectly good

place to spend the day, or vice versa," said Dr. Bruce Neill, executive director at Sanibel Sea School. "Also, the toxin level in the air at any beach can change drastically

throughout the day — if a morning walk produces coughs, an afternoon walk at the same beach might be just fine." The panel further suggested the use of particle filter masks as one method of mitigating red tide's effects.

The recent red tide seems to have washed up a rising sentiment over water quality and the health of the Gulf of Mexico, a topic worthy of attention among social and scientific circles. While red tide has occurred for hundreds of years, the frequency and duration of a red tide bloom has certainly increased along with the development of southwest Florida.

Fertilizers are thought to largely exacerbate both the intensity and the frequency at which harmful algal blooms occur. Vice Mayor Mick Denham expressed a need for the City of Sanibel to continue to examine and improve its fertilizer use ordinance and to encourage other municipalities to adopt similar ordinances to ensure the protection of coastal waters, a sentiment met with applause from the audience.

While the panel of experts was able to elaborate on the health effects of red tide, many questions may remain unanswered for the foreseeable future. Dr. Kirkpatrick raised a grave concern for those in the red tide research field:

"The way we study red tide cannot be efficient because of funding, or lack thereof. Funding is ample when there is a red tide bloom, such as the one we experienced in 2005. However, as soon as red tide goes

away and the fish kills are cleaned from the beaches, funding dries up and the public forgets. Our budget is at one quarter of what it was during the 2005 bloom. This roller-coaster funding does not allow us to do our jobs."

The panel encouraged audience members to write to their congressmen and advocate for steadier red tide research funding.

In an effort to serve the public and further its mission of coastal preservation, the San-Cap chapter of START has three ongoing initiatives. The Seafood Savvy program is in place to work with local restaurants and seafood vendors on promoting and serving ocean friendly seafood. The Coastal Classroom, available online at www.coastal-classroom.org, provides curriculum tools to middle school teachers to help them better educate their students on ocean conservation and marine science issues.

Finally, the Beach Conditions Monitoring Network is an online service that allows the public to get up-to-date information on red tide activity and other beach parameters in order to determine which beach to visit at a particular time. This information can be found online at <http://cool-gate.mote.org/beachconditions/>.

All of START's initiatives help people be better conservation stewards and are funded locally by our annual fund-raiser, the Crackerfest, which occurs in the fall. For more information, visit START's website at www.start1.org.

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Word on the Island

The Sanibel Public Library Foundation will be hosting its 2nd annual 'Lunch with an Author' event featuring suspense writer Lisa Jackson on March 19 at the Sanctuary Golf Club. We went to the library and asked, "Who is your favorite author?"



Lew Gunstone

"I love all of Leo Tolstoy's work, but 'Resurrection' is one of my favorites."



Cathy Cameron

"Richard Marcinko's 'Red Cell' is my favorite author and book."



Duane Shaffer

"H.P. Lovecraft"



Lorna Gunstone

"I love 'The Best Laid Plans' by Terry Fallis."



Marian Russell

"My favorite author is Hugh McLennan and I enjoyed his book 'Two Solitudes.'"

We want your opinion

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Letters to the Editor

Card of thanks

To the editor:

Sanibel Uncorked! The Food and Wine Festival was an outstanding success held by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club at Lily & Co. Jewelers. Lily & Co (co-host) and Bailey's General Store and Catering are student enrichment supporters.

Safety officer and vintage supporters are Barrier Island Title Services, Inc., Tammie's Total Care LLC.

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Cooking demonstrations were performed by Island Celebrities: Chef Melissa from Sweet Melissa's Restaurant; Chef Matt Asen From Timbers/the Grill; Matzaluna's restaurants; Chef J.T. and Chef Karl Hamme from Bailey's Catering.

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Pilot Mike Macray; Friday's; The Sanibel Diamond Store; The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry; Spatini Teabar; Marit Hansen Mouchou-Therapeutic Massage; Amy Cason Photography; Bobby Dune Original Paintings; John Grey Painting; SunTrust on Sanibel; Jb designs; She Sells Sea Shells; Ace Performer; Double D. Taxi; Island Books; Charles Sobczak - author; Southern Wines; Premier Wines; Trans Atlantic Wines; Gallo Wines; and Blueash Media.

A number of wine distributors brought a variety of wines to try. Canapes were prepared and served by Bailey's Catering services. Incidental music was provided by Frans Kox with Quebbie.

Many thanks to all the gener-

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Agree? Disagree?

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Web Poll

Web Poll Results

Is it time for tighter gun control?

- Yes — 27%
- For some types of weapons, yes — 13%
- No — 15%
- The issue isn't guns — 31%
- It's wrong to push a political agenda in the wake of tragedy — 13%
- Other — 2%

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- Debt ceiling debate
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Religious ideals, political goals of immigration policy

United States immigration policy affects its economy and social structure. It, therefore, made the front page of the New York Times on Feb. 27 when Rep. Robert W. Goodlatte of Virginia charged the Obama administration with using immigration policy to further its political goals.

It furthered its goals with sequestration against the necessary and proper goals of immigration policy.

Pope John XXIII of blessed memory referred to immigration policy in his great 1963 encyclical, Peace on Earth.

"There are some countries where there is an imbalance between the amount of arable land and the number of inhabitants; others where there is an imbalance between the richness



Rabbi Selwyn Geller

Faces on Faith

of the resources and the instruments of agriculture available. It is imperative, therefore, that nations enter into collaboration with each other, and facilitate the circulation of goods, capital and manpower."

Free trade and free labor give all nations more food, clothing and shelter. The Pope had a religious ideal for economic and immigration policies. He supported this with a view of work that Yahoo is changing.

"We advocate in such cases the policy of bringing the work to the workers, wherever possible, rather than bringing workers to the scene of the work."

His approach to labor would ease

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Letters to the Editor

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ous folks who bought entry donation tickets. Thanks go out to all the hard working volunteers, too, from Lily & Co, from Bailey's, the valet parking staff, and the Optimist Club members. Anyone we missed, thank you! Donated funds from all

sources make it possible for the Optimists to continue to sponsor its current four-year college scholarship program, to continue the Optimist's junior anglers summer fishing adventures (through the Recreation Center), to sponsor a new kids' summer basketball league (also through

the Rec. Center), and to continue a number of other charitable endeavors for kids.

Plan on coming next year and joining the fun. The date and time will be announced later in the year.

John F. Jones
SanCap Optimist Club

Obituary

Allen Woodbury Cater

Allen Woodbury Cater, known to all as "Woody," of Edina, Minn., and Sanibel, Fla., died Feb. 11, 2013 in Edina at 79 years old. What a wonderful ride.



Allen Woodbury Cater

He drove a six-pony hitch in the Minnesota State Fair and showed three- and five-gaited horses. He had an NROTC scholarship to the University of Minnesota and served 20 years as a Navy pilot, five years active and 15 years in the reserve.

Flying in the first supersonic jet in the Navy, he flew F8, had 500 carrier landings. Woody retired as a commander.

He went on to form his own company in the food business.

Loved our cabin in Balsam Lake, Wisc., where he was always surrounded by family and friends of all generations. There were mandatory rides on his refurbished (by him) 1938 fire truck, John Deere tractors, boats, a 6x6 Army truck and anything with a motor.

Woody loved skiing in the mountains out west going back to 1950.

Sanibel & Captiva were near and dear to his heart for their natural beauty. He was active in the Captiva Island Yacht Club, SCCF, Ding Darling, San-Cap Trust and on the board of the School House Theater for years. Boating was a must in Woody's life.

He is survived by Betty, his wife of 57 years, three children, Mark, Jeff and Stacie Weiss (Mike), four grandchildren, Kelsey, Shelby, Kevin and Annie, sister Neede Cooley (John) and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many wonderful friends. We thank you all for your love and prayers.

A memorial service will be held at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

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Barbara Cacchione



Karen Bell



Jim Hetmanek



Penny Hetmanek



Martha Humphrey



Robin Humphrey

VIP celebrates top agents

During a recent ceremony, VIP Realty Group awarded Jim & Penny Hetmanek as Sales Associate of the Year for Sanibel-Captiva in addition to top sales associate for all VIP offices in Lee and Collier counties.

Robin Humphrey and Martha Smith received the marketing excellence award for representing the most sellers in 2012.

Barbara Cacchione was named the firm's rookie of the year for the island offices.

Additionally, Karen Bell was awarded Team of the Year status.

Award presentations were made on Feb. 15 at Kelly Greens Country Club in Fort Myers. Realtors from Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach and Naples offices attended the ceremony.

Top agent



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Premier Sotheby's International Realty of Sanibel and Captiva recognizes Kim Herres as the firm's top marketing and sales agent for the month of February.

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PRESERVING PARADISE

FWC arrests 13 in artifact crime ring

Special to the Reporter

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), with the support of the Florida Department of State (DOS), completed a statewide investigation last week that included more than 400 felony violations by 13 individuals from the Keys to the Panhandle.

The undercover operation shut down a group of individuals who destroyed state lands to illegally uncover and sell historic Florida artifacts.

"The suspects were part of a criminal conspiracy," said Maj. Curtis Brown, head of FWC's Investigations section. "Their crimes pose serious environmental, economic and cultural consequences."

Florida statute establishes that historic properties, including artifacts, are an important legacy to be valued and conserved for present and future generations. Artifacts on public lands are part of the public trust and should be enjoyed by all. When people take them and sell them illegally, they are stealing from the citizens of Florida.

Undercover FWC officers infiltrated the operation and gathered evidence to charge the subjects, stopping their illegal business and protecting both the lands and the cultural resources.

"This is not the situation of a family out hiking and finding an arrowhead or other artifact that they want to take home," Brown said. "We did not target the casual collector. These subjects intentionally destroyed lands and rivers for their own personal gain. Some even made their entire living on these illegal sales."



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Many of the illegally obtained artifacts were offered for sale online or at trade shows. The asking prices for some of the looted pieces were as much as \$100,000.

"Artifacts are a finite, nonrenewable resource. When they are taken, destroyed or stored in private collections without being documented, they, and the history they represent, are gone forever," said Rob Bendus, State Historic Preservation Officer and director of the DOS Division of Historical Resources. "This is a significant loss to the state's quality of life, history, economy and cultural resources."

The methods used by these subjects were extremely damaging to the environment. They were operating on

state lands, illegally dredging rivers and digging massive holes in pristine wooded areas.

"Some of the sites they looted have been completely decimated and will never be able to be studied by professional archaeologists in the future," Bendus said. "Historians are still trying to piece together the history of Native Americans in Florida. These sites hold immeasurable amounts of information that would be extremely valuable to historians and archaeologists who are working to learn more about Florida's earliest human inhabitants."

This investigation was led by the FWC, but incorporated support from other agencies and organizations as well. The public can also help by reporting suspected violations to the FWC Wildlife Alert hotline (888-404-FWCC).

The suspects face charges ranging from violations of historical resources, theft, dealing in stolen property, dealing in stolen property by use of the Internet; removal of artifacts by excavation; damage to state lands; possession of drug paraphernalia; and possession of cannabis, less than 20 grams.

The 13 people arrested are:

Nathan A. Curtis, Havana, Fla.; Terry Tinsley, Havana, Fla.; Jacky Fuller, Fortson, Ga.; Johnny Tomberlin, Bainbridge, Ga.; Allen C. Hyde, Macclenny, Fla.; James Tatum, Fort White, Fla.; Donald McAlister, Jasper, Fla.; Linda K. Herring, Jasper, Fla.; John Laver, Florahome, Fla.; Paul Hilton, Silver Springs, Fla.; William Walters, Dade City, Fla.; William Frignoca, Sarasota, Fla.; Harlan Trammell, Big Pine Key, Fla.

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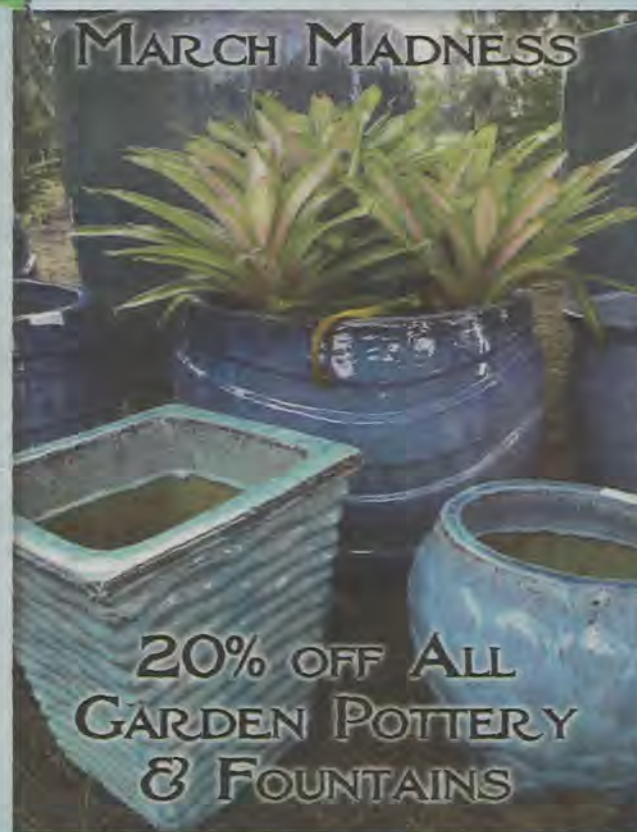
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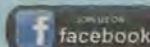


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PRESERVING PARADISE

Historical Village to celebrate Rutland birthday

Special to the Reporter

Sanibel Historical Museum & Village will celebrate the 100th birthday of the Rutland House on Friday, March 22.

The Rutland House was the first building moved to the current Historical Museum & Village site in 1984. Built in 1913 in the typical "cracker" style is made of hard Florida pine. The house originally stood on Periwinkle Way (where Periwinkle Park is now) above ground on pilings made of concrete and beach sand. This protected the house from floods and allowed the air to circulate.

Eleven-foot ceilings, a wide hallway and the placement of windows and doors opposite each other keep the house cool and are typical attributes of a "cracker house."

Clarence Rutland came to the island with his parents in 1896 at the age of 6 and was a jack-of-all-trades. In the 1920s he earned seven cents per crate packing tomatoes and peppers for farmers and resided in the house from 1928 to shortly before his death in 1982. Uncle Clarence, as he was known, and his wife Ruth are fondly remembered by islanders.

"To honor the 100 years this house has lived and breathed Sanibel history, we will have activities ongoing all day," said museum manager Emilie Alfino. "We're going



The Rutland House turns 100 years old this month.

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to start with a traditional birthday cake to cut at 10 a.m. in Rutland's beautiful dining room. Later on there will be treats in Charlotta's Tea Room."

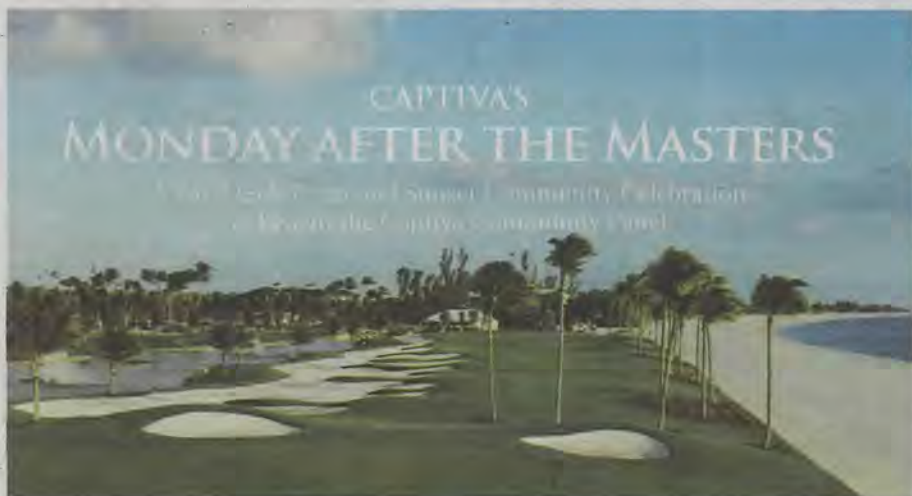
In addition to goodies, author Marya Repko (A Brief History of Sanibel Island, and The Story of Sanibel Island: A History for Younger Readers) will talk about Sanibel History and sign books in the Old Schoolhouse. This begins at approximately 10:30.

From 10:30 to 4 there will be craft demonstrations in the tea room (craft kits are available for sale in the museum gift shop).

At 1:15, long-time museum docent Ted Hoesel will speak about his extensive vintage clothing collection, while Hal and Nola Theiss will do a reenactment of Sanibel lighthouse keepers in the Old Schoolhouse.

Learn more about Rutland House and Sanibel's history at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, 950 Dunlop Road, open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Guided tours take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.

Admission is \$5 for adults over 18; children and members are free. For more information, call 472-4648 or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.



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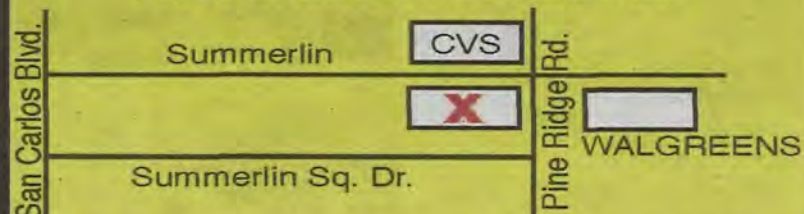
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Coastal scientist to speak at FGCU Lecture Series

Special to the Reporter

Energy scarcity, climate change and lost wetlands endanger the long-term sustainability of the Mississippi River delta and basin, according to a leading expert in oceanography and coastal science who believes this will have repercussions for Florida Everglades restoration.

John W. Day Jr., professor emeritus of the School of Coast and Environment at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, will discuss ecological engineering solutions in these critical areas during a public lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, at the Harvey Kapnick Education & Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4940 Bayshore Drive.

His presentation is part of the free "Moonlight on the Marsh" lecture series sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University's Everglades Wetland Research Park in Naples. The series features distinguished scientists from



around the world sharing their expertise on renewable energy, nature conservation and other environmental topics of interest to Southwest Floridians.

Day has published extensive research on the ecology and management of coastal and wetland ecosystems. During the 20th century, about a quarter of the wetlands in the Mississippi Delta were eliminated by the creation of levees along the river and other changes to natural water systems, he says. In Louisiana, the equivalent of a football field of coastline is lost every hour, according to a 2011 study by the U.S. Geological Survey. This means lost ecosystem benefits such as hurricane protection, nitrogen retention from agricultural runoff and wildlife habitat.

Climate change further threatens restoration and sustainability of the

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Historical Museum elects board members

Special to the Reporter

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village elected two new members to its board of directors at its annual meeting on Feb. 26 at the Sanibel Public Library. New board members Ellen O'Neill and Alan Lessack were elected to serve three-year terms.

O'Neill has extensive fundraising experience and was the Ontario County director of economic development in New York State. She also served as chair of the United Way board and the Chamber of Commerce board. She recently moved to Sanibel and became involved with the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village last year.

Lessack was vice president of U.S. Field Operations for B'nai B'rith, and senior director for B'nai B'rith in Chicago. His volunteer experience includes serving as a certified docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation, now specializing in river cruises. He currently serves as a board member of



Ellen O'Neill



Alan Lessack

Healthy Start of Southwest Florida. Lessack joined the Historical Village as a docent in 2010.

Also formally elected to the board after being appointed to serve out the term of former member Nancy McNeill was James Frizzell, MD. A native of New Hampshire, Frizzell graduated the University of Vermont College of Medicine with specialty training at

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Today's Cryptocquip Clue: J equals T

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CANET

VENLEE

COLTEK

Ans: " " " " " "



LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
TURNED THE BUTCHER
SHOP INTO A —

Now arrange the circled letters
to form the surprise answer, as
suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: " " " " " "

Jumbles: RUMMY ENACT ELEVEN LOCKET
Answer: Love at first sight turned the butcher shop
into a — "MEET" MARKET

Sudoku

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Sudoku Solution

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(Tannah Hirsch welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Media Services Inc., 2010 Westridge Drive, Irving, TX 75038. E-mail responses may be sent to gorenbridge@aol.com.

North's bid of two diamonds was a transfer to hearts and the rest of the auction was natural. With what looked like two defensive tricks in addition to shortness in partner's suit, West doubled to end the auction. West led the top of his doubleton in partner's suit. It looked as if the contract was now unbeatable, but East had other ideas. He won with the ace and, in the hope of finding his partner with the ace of diamonds, switched to the king of diamonds and continued with a low diamond. West won to complete the defensive book and returned a diamond. East obliged by carefully ruffing with the nine of hearts. Declarer could overruff, but now West's king-ten of trumps combined became the setting trick. Try it.

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NORTH
♠ A 7 6 5 4
♥ 10 8 6
♦ K J 10
♣ A Q J 10 4 2
EAST
♠ 9 8
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♦ K J 10
♣ A Q J 10 4 2

Both vulnerable. South deals.

WITH TANNAH HIRSCH UP FOR PROMOTION
GOREN BRIDGE

Bridge

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FGCU golf team to help CHR mission

Special to the Reporter

Building on the success of their first-ever Mardi Gras community fundraiser last month, the volunteer board of Community Housing & Resources (CHR) is heading enthusiastically toward another first — the FGCU-Sanibel Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 16.

It all happens at the Sanibel Island Golf Club (formerly Beachview) at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

CHR supporters and friends are seeking sponsors and players for this event, which will feature members of the Florida Gulf Coast University men's golf team and local golf pros. Each team of three golfers will be matched with an FGCU player or local pro.

The entry fee is just \$100 (a great price as it's just a few dollars away from the cost of a round during season) and includes golf, snacks and awards luncheon, with prizes for the top three teams. Miller and Budweiser distributors have signed on as beer sponsors.

"We want this to be a fun golf outing on a beautiful course, and no particular level of talent is required," said Richard Johnson, CHR board chair and manager of Bailey's General Store. "We want people to come out, enjoy playing with the golf stars from FGCU, and support CHR."



Getting in the (imagined) mood at St. Andrews Links in Scotland, the home of golf, from left are CHR board chairman Richard Johnson, vice-mayor Mick Denham, Craig Albert of San-Cap Community Bank, and Ed Lockard of Sanibel Island Golf Club.

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Funds, he said, are constantly needed because rents on CHR's 74 units are structured to be affordable, based on each resident's income, and this does not cover maintenance, upkeep and improvements.

The Sanibel Island Golf Club is under new management with a new name and loves to show off the course, especially to those who have never played it.

"We're excited to host this tournament to benefit CHR," said Ed Lockard, co-owner of the club. "It's obviously a great cause and we're happy to be a part of it."

The Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank is the event's principal sponsor. Other sponsorship opportunities are the Eagle (\$1,000), which includes one threesome and sign recognition at one tee or hole; and Birdie (\$500), which includes one threesome and recognition. Those who don't play can become a tee or hole sponsor (\$100) and receive name recognition.

For information on sponsorships, contact Kerri Maw at (239) 292-4944 or kerri-maw@comcast.net.

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Refuge breaks ground on educational boardwalk

Special to the Reporter

Representatives from J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, and Sanibel School gathered recently with donors and green architect Amy Nowacki to break ground for the long-anticipated Children's Education Boardwalk that will connect school and refuge property on Sanibel.

Donations for the project came from the Jim Sprinkle Duck Decoy Exhibit sponsorships, the George and Miriam Martin Foundation, a bequest from the late Syril Rubin, memorials to the late Win Kloosterman, a contribution from the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, and many individuals from throughout the country.

From a locked gate on school property, the boardwalk will cross a brackish wetland currently inaccessible to the public en route to the refuge's Indigo Trail. It will give school children and visitors up-close views of alligators, wading birds, and more.

The boardwalk, expected to be completed by early April, will be accessible to the public from the refuge. It will meander through mangroves and expand into an in-the-round venue to accommodate up to 25 students and other groups.

The project is one of only a handful of school-refuge partnerships in the nation that are physically connected by an educa-



Computer rendering of the boardwalk's observation deck.

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tional boardwalk, according to supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland.

"We are so pleased to be getting under way with this project that so many have worked and contributed selflessly to make a reality," said DDWS president John McCabe. "We know it will be a valuable

tool in our mission to educate visitors of all ages about the importance of preserving the environment."

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support the refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education

through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

For more information on DDWS and the refuge visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 239-292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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'The CROW Picture Show' screened on Fridays

Special to the Reporter

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider's look at why critters come to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there. Last year, southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital cared for 4,253 sick, injured, or orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 58 percent were birds, with 36 percent mammals and six percent reptiles/amphibians.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But now the clinic offers the next best thing - a 30-minute presentation showing numerous photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran

clinic volunteer.

The next CROW Picture Show will be presented at 11 a.m. March 8 in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Rd., across from The Sanibel School.

Members are admitted free of charge. Non-member adults pay \$5, teens are \$3, and children 12 and under are free. Admission includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information, call 472-3644 ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.



Baby Bobcat.

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The Alien Invasion — March 14

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Birding at the Preserves — March 11

Both new and experienced birders are welcome to join experienced birders at Sanibel Gardens. Enter Island Inn Road from Tarpon Bay Road and park on the side of the road near the trailhead or enter Island Inn Road from West Gulf Drive, park near road barrier and short walk to trailhead. Call 395-1878 for more info. *Monday, March 11 at 8 a.m.*

Caloosahatchee Oxbow & Riverlore Cruise — March 17

Because of sold-out February and March cruises, Rae Ann Wessel has added a new date in March. Cruise up the river from the Franklin Lock. *Sunday, March 17 at 1 p.m. Reservations required: 472-2329.*

Gator & Crocodile Tales — March 13

Florida's history of gators and humans is closely intertwined, and Sanibel has one crocodile. Learn about what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival. *Wed., March 13 at 10 a.m.*



Photo by Suzy Carroll

Photos: Wildlife Candid by Bill Heyd — March 15

Island photographer Bill Heyd shares his candid photos of bobcats, great horned owls and eagles. *Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m.*

Sunset, Moonlight and Wading Birds Cruise — March 14

This quiet cruise will allow passengers to drift near feeding wading birds as they prepare for their nightly migration. This is a rare opportunity to visit a secluded area of Pine Island Sound away from the hustle and bustle of Captiva and the nearby mainland. Dress for the weather, bring binoculars. Sunset is at 6:25, we will travel back across the water in the reflective, quiet, quarter moonlight. *Thursday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 26 from 7 - 9 p.m.. Cost \$40. Call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.*

Shorebird Walk at the Sanibel Inn — March 13

Meet your SCCF guide poolside at the Sanibel Inn, 937 East Gulf Drive. Learn the stories of the shorebirds you encounter. Some have migrated thousands of miles to local beaches. *Wednesday, March 13 at 8 a.m.*



Snowy Plovers — March 14

Have you ever wondered about the staked nests on the beach or the families of birds with tiny chicks running around? Join us to learn more about the Snowy Plover and the ongoing SCCF research and conservation efforts on Sanibel and around Florida. *Thursday, March 14 at 2 p.m.*

Weeds and Seeds — March 11

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LWV teams up with SCCF for Lake Okeechobee trip

Special to the Reporter

The League of Women Voters of Sanibel has teamed up with the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation for a trip to Lake Okeechobee March 22-23, to learn more about the periodic release of nutrient rich water from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee estuary.

The trip is \$40 per person for members of the League of Women Voters or SCCF and \$45 for nonmembers excluding lodging and meals. Contact Carolyn Gray at carolynmgray45@gmail.com or 239-395-9694 for registration.

Our government affects us in many ways. One set of actions of particular significance for Sanibel is the events upstream from us. This trip will teach attendees how releases have a substantial impact on the quality of the water washing into our backwaters and beaches.

On March 22, the group will assemble on the South side of Franklin Locks, just off State Road 80. SCCF's Natural Resources Policy Director Rae Ann Wessel will share some of the river lore and discuss the challenges of living downstream from such a massive, manmade watershed. Pack a lunch for the stopover at Franklin Locks.

After a picnic lunch, travelers will move on upstream and meet South Florida Water Management District Board member Dan DiLisi at the Clewiston Field Office. DiLisi and the staff will explain the role of SFWMD in controlling water flow from Orlando to the Florida Keys.

The final stop will be the Clewiston Museum to meet director Butch Wilson, long-time resident, Lake Fisherman and sugar worker, and story teller extraordinaire. Exhibits tell the story of Clewiston from a tiny settlement created for people from the north escaping cold winters to enjoy the healthful benefits of South Florida's climate up to the modern day agricultural activities.

People choosing to spend the night in Clewiston will join other early risers on Saturday for an 8:30 am trip out to Storm Water Treatment Area No. 5, a now world famous place for bird watching. Local resident Margaret England will serve as guide. STA 5 is not regularly open



Franklin Locks.

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for public use, so people who wish to see a host of spectacular birds should bring spotting scopes and binoculars for this part of the journey.

Proceeds from this joint effort will benefit the Clewiston Museum, Hendry County Audubon, LWV and SCCF.

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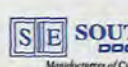
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Yellowfin is mackerel of a dish

Yellowfin tuna are members of the very large mackerel family and are found in warm ocean water. They restlessly roam the deeper offshore waters of Florida's Gulf and Atlantic coasts. They travel in schools and are rapid swimmers, feeding primarily on fish, squid, crab and shrimp.

Yellowfin tuna can weigh up to 300 pounds, but average weight in commercial catches are between 20 and 100 pounds.

There are a number of varieties of tuna with flesh ranging from light to dark. Yellowfin tuna, also known as Ahi, are more common and easy to find in the markets.

Yellowfin tuna can be consumed raw, cooked, smoked and canned. The lean meat is widely used for sashimi, raw fish dishes popular in Japan and a connoisseur's delicacy in the United States as well. Yellowfin tuna steak have lean meat with a large flake and a sweet mild flavor, firm, dense beef-like texture, and is traditionally cooked rare to medium rare in the center as for beef steak.

When buying fresh tuna, meat should be firm with no discoloration and can be stored in the coolest part of refrigerator at 32 degrees F for up to two days.



Hazelnut Crusted Yellowfin Tuna Steak with Chablis-Citrus Sauce

Chablis-fresh citrus sauce:

- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup Chablis wine
- 2 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

In a sauce pan, heat the orange, lemon and lime juice over medium heat, add Chablis wine and bring to boil until reduced to 1 1/2 cup — about 4-5 minutes. Remove sauce pan from burner and whisk in two tablespoons of butter and parsley.

Set aside and keep warm until the fish is done.

Ingredients:

- 4-6 oz. Florida yellowfin tuna steak, 1 to 1 1/4 inches thick
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup toasted hazelnut
- Kosher salt and pepper to taste
- Chablis-fresh citrus sauce

Directions:

Put hazelnut in a rack sheet pan and toast in oven for five minutes at 350 degrees. Place in food processor, add the fresh dill and process until coarsely ground. Spread mustard on both sides of the tuna and dredge in the hazelnut mixture.

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the

tuna and cook till brown, adjusting the heat as necessary to prevent burning, 2-3 minutes per side for medium rare. Place in a serving plate arrange pickled ginger on top, pour the sauce over and serve.

Tuna are traditionally cooked rare to medium rare in the center. For rare; cook one minute on each side. For medium center cook 3-4 minutes. For well-done center cook 5-6 minutes.

Leftover cooked tuna is excellent as a salad topper. Reheating is not recommended, unless you chop and add at the end of cream a sauce just warmed through. Serve over rice or pasta.

This is one of my favorites. I love the fresh citrus sauce over the tuna — perfect for anytime of the year.

Hazelnut crusted yellowfin tuna steak with chablis-citrus sauce



Recipe courtesy of Chef Aziz of Traditions on the Beach, 3111 West Gulf Drive in the historic Island Inn. To make a reservation call 239.472.4559 or visit www.TraditionsOnTheBeach.com.

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Cavanaugh elected president of SWF Police Chiefs Association

Special to the Reporter

John (Jack) T. Cavanaugh Jr., chief of police for the Lee County Port Authority Police Department, has been elected president of the Southwest Florida Police Chiefs Association for 2013.

The Southwest Florida Police Chiefs Association, founded in 1985, promotes efficient law enforcement services through cooperation and coordination between 34 local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Previously, he had held positions as treasurer and secretary of the non-profit organization.

Cavanaugh was named police chief for the Port Authority in 2009 and is responsible for public safety and security at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field. He began his career with LCPA in February 1991, as a patrol officer and a member of the canine team. In 1999, he was promoted to sergeant and then lieutenant in 2002, where he was a watch commander and assisted in the development of APD policies and procedures. In 2007,

Cavanaugh was promoted to major/assistant chief charged with overseeing the day-to-day operations of the airport security program, working closely with the Transportation Security Administration and managing the airport police patrol division.

Cavanaugh graduated from the 226th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in September 2006 and obtained his certification for Airport Security Coordinator Training through the American Association of Airport Executives in 2006. He completed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Executive Development Seminar in April 2011.

In 2012, Cavanaugh retired from the U.S. Coast Guard as chief petty officer in charge of the Reserve Unit at Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach, where he served since 1986.

Cavanaugh has an associate's degree in criminal justice from Edison State College.

For more information visit www.fly-lcpa.com.



St. Andrew 4th graders with naturalist, Kristy Raines, enjoying a touch tank exploration at Tarpon Bay Explorers.

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'Ding' Darling NWR hosts St. Andrew 4th Graders

Special to the Reporter

Enthusiasm was high as 4th graders from Cape Coral's St. Andrew Catholic School spent a warm February day in The J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The annual field trip is an event the students, as well as their teachers and parent chaperones eagerly look forward to.

The field trip kicked off with a guided trip through the refuge's Wildlife Drive with ranger Becky Wolff leading the charge. Students were introduced to the ecologically important mangrove trees and learned the secrets of the trees' abilities to tolerate living in a saltwater environment. An array of wildlife inhabiting the mangrove estuary was spotted including numerous bird species, mangrove tree crabs and even a mangrove water snake.

After a break for lunch the group headed to Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge concessionaire, for a Touch Tank Exploration program with naturalist Kristy Raines. The students were treated to some hands-on fun as they learned about the small marine life that inhabits Tarpon Bay. The program provided up-close examination of sea stars, live whelks & conchs, hermit crabs, horseshoe crabs, shrimp, numerous varieties of fish and the ever-popular seahorses. Kristy also presented the skeleton of a bottlenose dolphin and the jaw bone of a Florida manatee.

The field trip was capped off with shopping in Tarpon Bay Explorers' nature-themed gift shop. Several students purchased mementos to remind them of their special day at "Ding."

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Tiger Lily finds new home

Special to the Reporter

Pet Palooza 2 on Feb. 28 was the happy place where Tiger Lily, a cute and energetic 2-year-old, 20-pound boxer-beagle mix found a new home.

"We were on the deck at The Village Shops when I heard that sound of delight that little children make," said Barb Harrington of Royal Shell Companies. "The girl and the dog were nose to nose and totally enjoying each other. Tiger Lily's tail was wagging and the girl was hugging her and petting her. They spent close to an hour playing and the little girl's parents and grandparents watched and spent time with Gulf Coast Humane Society's volunteers learning about the adoption process."

Friday afternoon, Courtney Piggott with GCHS contacted Harrington with the good news, Tiger Lily had been adopted.

Last summer The Royal Shell Companies hosted a pet adoption event at Tahitian Gardens and two dogs were adopted. At Pet Palooza 1 at Olde Sanibel Shoppes in January, nearly \$700 was collected plus many donations that will help at the shelter. Pet Palooza 2 was another successful endeavor as another dog found a good home.

Watch for Pet Palooza 3 which is scheduled in May.

Finding homes for these good dogs along with collecting donations for the shelter are the main purpose of the event. However, there are many activities for those who currently have a lov-



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Courtney Piggott of Gulf Coast Humane Society visits with Tiger Lily prior to adoption at Pet Palooza 2.

ing pet in their home. Pets du Soleil on Location Pet Photography is on hand to photograph some of the island's finest four legged residents and the K-9 agility people bring lots of fun things for dogs to do.

Center merchants are happy to have you and your pet come and shop with them. If you're thinking about getting a new pet, visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org where you'll see some good dogs looking for a new home.

Orchid Society meets Dr. Motes

"Vandas and Why We Love Them" is the topic of the Monday, March 18, meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. The speaker for the meeting is Dr. Martin Motes, who is a distinguished AOS judge and well known Vanda breeder. He has won numerous awards for his orchids throughout his career as co-owner of Motes Orchids in Homestead.

Along with his wife Mary, Dr. Motes has written several books on orchids and vandas including "Florida Orchid Growing" which offers readers a month by month guide to successful orchid culture in the Sunshine State. The meeting takes place at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the meeting at 1 p.m. to hear a member of the Orchid Society talk about the fundamentals of orchid growing.

Participants are encouraged to come early to purchase orchids or to do so during intermission. Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during Show and Tell. Orchid Society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best Hybrid and best Species Orchids.

Members and guests are also invited to participate in a monthly orchid raffle. Society annual membership is \$20, guests are \$4.

Bonsai Society sets workshop

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will present a beginner's workshop to be conducted by Mike Lane at its March 16 meeting.

After an introductory talk, participants will receive a fukien tea tree for styling and individual instruction on bonsai styling techniques.

Additionally, Krystin Muller will give a brief talk on caring for wood cutting tools and will be available following the workshop to professionally sharpen scissors and cutting tools; a small fee will be charged.

The public is invited to attend the meeting at 9 a.m. at the Support Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) Building, 6281 Metro

Plantation Road, Fort Myers. Guests are welcome and invited to bring their trees for styling suggestions. There is no charge for attending, but a \$10 fee will be charged for the workshop participants. Parking is free.

Bonsai is the practice of artistically styling and maintaining small trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida is a non-profit organization that promotes education and appreciation of bonsai and related arts.

To sign up for the workshop, or for more information about the Society, call Jim Bremer at 239-482-7543, or visit the website www.thebonsaiswfl.com.

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Rotarians connected to the mission

There was an article recently in the March Rotary International (RI) magazine about RI incoming president Ron Burton of Norman, Okla. The article touched on many of the reasons why he became and continues to be a Rotarian for the last 34 years.

"I almost terminated my membership about a year and a half after I joined the Norman Rotary Club," Burton said. "I tell people that it was because I didn't have a reason to go."

Keeping club members involved is the key to retaining them. All clubs can be guilty of not recognizing the signs that a member may not feel connected to the mission of his or her club. Although each new member goes through a process of vetting before being accepted as a member, there is often a time period when those new members still don't fully realize what Rotary membership is about.

Rotary has such a long and rich history, founded Feb. 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris, an attorney, who wished to create a professional club with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth; club activities that support friendships and encourage networking to serve a broad range of opportunities to serve society.

Rotary membership has so much to offer. There are now 34,282 chapters around the globe and more than 1.2 million members worldwide. Its members have an amazing amount of business and professional experience with outstanding problem solving skills. Fellowship, socializing and working together creates bonds and life-long personal and professional friendships. Rotary works on solving problems that improve the welfare of children, women and men around the globe with an intent on making their lives better and giving

them a chance to make a positive contribution to society.

Rotary projects emphasize water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development. Rotary Club projects can be local, national, or global.

Here is the challenge that Burton will be presenting to the Rotary leadership after he officially takes office in July...

"Get your members involved. You can lead by example."

His president's theme for this year is, 'engage Rotary, change lives.'

"If you truly get involved in Rotary, it's going to change your life. You can't stop that. In the process of engagement, you're going to change a lot of lives, and you can't stop that either. I can't imagine how many lives have been touched and changed by Rotarians over the years, but the life that's going to be changed most of all is your own."

Our own Sanibel-Captiva club president John Grey wrote this year, "The most rewarding experience I have ever had is traveling with club members to participate in Rotary service projects in Haiti, Guatemala, and here in the Sanibel, Fort Myers and the Naples area, only a few miles from my home. I encourage you who have an interest in improving the human experience to explore the opportunities that membership in Rotary offers."

Rotarians are dedicated to the idea that they can make a difference in the lives of others and when you put the concept of helping others ahead of helping yourself, everything becomes possi-

ble.

Rotary Motto: Service above self.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club will be inducting two new members in the next few weeks and would like to invite anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our club to come and join us any upcoming Friday morning meeting ... breakfast will be on us.

Upcoming Speakers: 3/8 Tom Madigan and Bill Zocovic - Army JROTC and induction of new member;

3/15 Jack Drury, Wheelchair Foundation and Steve Agis - Gift of Life.

Direct questions to club president, John Grey at John@JohnGreyPainting.com; or president-elect, Scot Congress at Scot@scongress.com.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at the Beachview Bistro, 100 ParView Drive, 7 a.m. for breakfast, followed by guest speaker series at 7:30. Guests are always welcomed.



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Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum volunteer reception

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum volunteers enjoy an array of food and beverages supplied by in-kind donations from local island restaurants during the annual volunteer appreciation reception hosted at the shell museum. It was "the best ever" reception, according to the volunteers. Donors include The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market, The Jacaranda, Doc Ford's Sanibel, Matzaluna, CIP's, The Lazy Flamingo, Old Captiva House, Il Cielo, COSTCO Wholesaler, and the Thistle Lodge.



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1. Four-year volunteers: Tom Risher, Susan Young, Cindy Timm, Edward and Marilyn Braum, Virginia Robinson, Tom and Margo Toering
2. Patricia and Cam Calvert, 8 years
3. Five-to-six-year volunteers: Genese Hessman, Harold "Smoky" Payson, Candy Heise, Jean Rompala, Phyllis Sharp, and Mary Hackett
4. Edward and Marilyn Braum, both 4 years
5. Museum volunteer for 18 years, Barbara Hansen and her husband Richard
6. Freda and Dick Willis, 14 years
7. Genese Hessman (6 years) and her husband Fritz
8. Jandy Bird (8 years) and her husband Jim
9. Jean Rompala, 8 years
10. Jean Jacob (8 years) and her husband John
11. Dave and Judy Gaggin, 2 years
12. Ken and Joyce Matthys, 18 years
13. Leroy Neitzel, 2 years, and his lovely wife, Diane
14. Linda Miller, 3 years, and her husband, Joseph
15. New to the Museum this year, Linda and Thomas Annesley enjoy the evening with new colleagues
16. Margo and Tom Toering, both 4 years
17. First year volunteers: Marianne Sherrier, Cynthia Mollus Trimbley, Linda and Tom Annesley
18. Mary Carol and Don Dillinger, 3 years
19. Wasssel, Wil Schlosser, 3 years; Hal Pilcher, 18 years; and Jennifer McLean, 2 years
20. Second-year volunteers: Stephanie Payson, Marie Peart-Colberg, Judy Gaggin, Jennifer McLean, and Leroy Neitzel



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Weather interrupts some good fish-

Right as fishing was getting on track and you could feel the transition from winter to spring, Mother Nature had other thoughts as a cold front brought several days of tough fishing conditions. Action was good ahead of the front for both inshore and offshore anglers.

Good news for trout anglers, large fish were showing up in good numbers throughout Pine Island Sound and also in areas of Charlotte Harbor. Many were running over 20 inches with several measuring up to 24 inches. Of course, the weekend cold front slowed the action down for a few days but look for the bite to pick right back up as the weather warms. Fishing in Pine Island Sound, Capt. Cliff Simer reports trout from 18 to 23 inches taking live shiners fished in sand potholes. Most fish were found in the northern sound on the incoming tide, flounder up to 16 inches were also caught from the sand holes.



Capt. Bill Russell
On the Water

Capt. Gary Clark found trout up to 21 inches in the southern sound over grass flats north of the power lines. Most fish were caught with shrimp under popping corks or Redfish Magic shad tails in white color. On my boat we noticed a big jump in the size of the trout over several days leading up to the cool down. We caught trout up to 23 inches with a good number of fish just shy of 20 inches in Pine Island Sound and north Matlacha Pass. We are also catching several flounder a day mixed with the trout. Other anglers reported good trout fishing with some large fish mixed in near Captiva Rocks in the sound and over sand holes between Demere Key and Regla Island.

The Spanish mackerel bite was strong ahead of the cool down and should pick right back up immediately following. Look for action over bottom with a sand/grass mix in 5 to 10-foot depths. Hot areas included Charlotte Harbor near Bokeelia and Boca Grande Pass, inside Captiva Pass near the channel, and the flats on the gulf side of the Sanibel Causeway. If you are shore-bound, the Sanibel and Bokeelia piers are a good choice to hook into some macks along with a variety of other fish.

Windy days made it difficult for anglers to take advantage of the full moon negative low tides for stalking tailing redfish. A few fish were reported south of Pineland in the



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John Debelak of Mineral Springs, Ohio, and a couple of his fishing buddies got into good trout fishing including this fat 23-incher. They were fishing Pine Island Sound as last weekends cold front was approaching on a charter with Capt. Bill Russell.

sound and also near the mud hole in Matlacha Pass, but the bite was difficult. Capt. Simer reports landing a few redfish from 22 to 30 inches on the afternoon high water while fishing live shiners under a popping cork along the mangroves in northern Matlacha Pass.

Offshore, on one of the few calm days, Capt. Sean McQuade reports excellent cobia fishing 25 to 30 miles west of Captiva Pass. Five anglers limited out on cobia with the largest estimated near 70 pounds. The fish were caught on live pinfish on a jig head. Closer to land the near-shore reefs continue to yield a mix of sheepshead, grunts, snapper, flounder and Spanish mackerel. Most fish were caught on shrimp/jig combination or shrimp fished on a small circle hook.

In March, fishing rebounds from cold fronts quickly, the days are growing longer, average temperature is warmer and the water just doesn't stay cold as long. Look for good fishing as a front approaches followed by a day or two of slow

action after it arrives. Once the north wind settles down and the bright Florida sun returns look for the action to pick right back up again.

If you have a fishing report or for charter information, please contact us at: Phone: 239-283-7960 Website: www.fishpineisland.com Email: gcl2fish@live.com

Have a safe week and good fishin'.



Dunes golf results

Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Men's Golf Association

Grand Seniors Tournament — 2/27

Gross — 1. Don Weymouth 88; 2. Dick Hopkins 89.
Net — 1. Bruce Nobel 68; 2. Mike Richmond 69.

Foursome 2 Best Quota — 2/27

1. Jack Czarniecki, Hank Humphrey, Jack Roberts, Tim O'Neill +21; 2. Jim Burkholder, Peter Cline, Roy Brodersen, Ed Hannon +18; 3. George Sell, Richard Giangiorgi, Jerry Muench, Phil Pilobosian +12.

Men's Interclub Qualifier — 2/27 (Interclub at Olde Hickory 3/11)

Jack Roberts +10; George Sell +6; Joe Burns +6; Jack Czarniecki +6; Dave Jones +5; Bob Rohl +4; Jack Strothman +4; Jeff Mistler +2; Jerry Muench +2; Joe Raboy +2; Bob Schoen +1. (Alternates: Doug Mallon, Bill Hotchkiss)

Sunday Mixed Golf — 3/3 Best Odd/Best Even

Odd — 1. Hank Humphrey, Ann Humphrey, Dod Wainwright, Annie Wainwright 26;.

Even — 1. Tom Donovan, Mary Donovan, Dick Jones, Carolyn Jones 27.

Closest to Pin — #2, Val Hotchkiss; #9, Gordon Raines.

Tiebreaker settles Sanibel scramble

Three teams were bunched at the top of the leaderboard in the men's golf association scramble on Saturday, March 2, at Sanibel Island Golf Club. It took a tiebreaker to determine the overall winner, based on the lowest back-nine score.

Over a post-round lunch, the tiebreaker declared Bill Stell, Mike Zembko, Al Krause and Roger Triftshauser the winning foursome after shooting a round of 63.

The winning team recovered from putting three tee shots in the water on No. 16, but Triftshauser's tee shot into the bunker saved the hole. Stell's bunker shot found the hole for a birdie. Zembko sank a long birdie putt on No. 14.

The foursome of Jim Mulka, Jay Allen, Dick Waterhouse and Don Bradford, who matched the leaders with a 63, settled for second place.

Third place, with a score of 63.34, was the trio of Dick Cordair, Joe Barbieri and Jerry Mader.




The foursome of, from left, Bill Stell, Al Krause, Mike Zembko and Roger Triftshauser won the men's scramble event on March 2 at Sanibel Island Golf Club.

The foursome of, from left, Don Bradford, Jay Allen, Dick Waterhouse and Jim Mulka placed second in the March 2 men's scramble at Sanibel Island Golf Club.



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|  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Away | March 8 at Fort Wayne 8:00 p.m. | March 9 at Fort Wayne 7:30 p.m. | March 10 at Kalamazoo 3:00 p.m. |
| | March 13 vs. South Carolina 7:30 p.m. | March 15 vs. South Carolina 7:20 p.m. | March 16 vs. South Carolina 7:00 p.m. |
| | | | March 22 vs. Cincinnati 7:30 p.m. |

Grapefruit League

Remaining 2013 Spring Training Schedule

- Saturday, March 9 – Twins at Pirates, 1:05 p.m.; Orioles at Red Sox, 7:05 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10 – Pirates at Twins, 1:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Rays, 1:05 p.m.
- Monday, March 11 – Twins at Rays, 7:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Marlins, 1:05 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12 – Twins OFF; Jays at Red Sox, 1:35 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Orioles at Twins, 7:05 p.m.; Red Sox OFF
- Thursday, March 14 – Red Sox at Twins, 1:05 p.m.
- Friday, March 15 – Twins at Red Sox, 7:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Orioles, 1:05 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16 – Pirates at Twins, 1:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Rays, 1:05 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17 – Twins at Orioles, 1:05 p.m.; Rays at Red Sox, 1:35 p.m.
- Monday, March 18 – Marlins at Twins, 1:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Pirates, 1:05 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 19 – Twins OFF; Orioles at Red Sox, 1:35 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20 – Rays at Twins, 7:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
- Thursday, March 21 – Twins at Yankees, 7:05 p.m.; Phillies at Red Sox, 7:05 p.m.
- Friday, March 22 – Yankees at Twins, 1:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Blue Jays, 1:05 p.m.
- Saturday, March 23 – Twins at Rays, 1:05 p.m.; Pirates at Red Sox, 1:35 p.m.
- Sunday, March 24 – Blue Jays at Twins, 1:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Phillies, 1:05 p.m.
- Monday, March 25 – Cardinals at Twins, 1:05 p.m.; Red Sox at Orioles, 1:05 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26 – Orioles at Twins, 1:05 p.m.; Red Sox OFF
- Wednesday, March 27 – Twins at Pirates, 1:05 p.m.; Marlins at Red Sox, 1:35 p.m.
- Thursday, March 28 – Twins at Red Sox, 7:05 p.m.
- Friday, March 29 – Red Sox at Twins, 1:05 p.m.
- Saturday, March 30 – Twins at Red Sox, 1:35 p.m.

Red Sox home games at JetBlue Park; Twins home games at Hammond Stadium

Duplicate Bridge Club

Feb. 26 Results 11 Tables in Play

North/South

1. Diane Metz & Caroline Oldenburg; 2. Sara Berendt & Shirley Levine; 3. Holly & Benjamin Day; 4. Jim Daney & Clark Wackerman.

East/West

1. Marlyn & James Stewart; 2. Linda Tedeschi & Charlene Young; 3. Lydia & Walter Freedman; 4. Ann Cooper & Barbara Johnstone.

The game runs November through April, at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. For more information call Susan Willoughby at (239) 281-3258.



Sanibel Rec Center Calendar

New schedule starts Oct. 1

Monday Hours

6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. 50/50 Cardio-Sculpt
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Hi-Low Aerobics
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Slow Flow Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. Bosu Pilates
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba

Tuesday Hours

6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. Flow Yoga
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 10:30 a.m. Water Pilates
- 12:00 p.m. Zumba
- 4:00 p.m. Ball Core Strength
- 5:30 p.m. Cycle Zone

Wednesday Hours

6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. 50/50 Cardio-Sculpt
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone Flex
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Zumba
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Flow Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. Restorative Yoga
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba

Thursday Hours

6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. Flow Yoga

- 7:00 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Aqua Jogging
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 10:30 a.m. Water Pilates
- 12:00 p.m. Aquaritis
- 12:00 p.m. Zumba
- 5:30 p.m. Bosu, Ball and Strength

Friday Hours

6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

- 7:00 a.m. 50/50 Cardio-Sculpt
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Hi-Low Aerobics
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Slow Flow Yoga

Saturday Hours

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 12:00 p.m. Power Yoga

Sunday Hours

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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FCA hosting OSU's Meyer

Special to the Reporter

Urban Meyer, head football coach at Ohio State University, will be the keynote speaker on Monday, March 11, for the 6th annual Southwest Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes banquet at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs.

Meyer, who won two national championships at the University of Florida, led Ohio State to an undefeated season. He was named Coach of the Year in 2004.

This uplifting and motivating event has been designed to share the vision of the FCA on both a national and local level and will include guest speakers, lively entertainment, dinner, music, dynamic video presentations, and a silent auction!

The banquet is the primary fundraising event for the Southwest Florida area FCA, a trans-denominational Christian ministry directly involved with youth in our schools focusing on four major areas of ministry: coaches, campus, camps, and community. The Southwest Florida chapter of FCA serves Collier, Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

They support student athletes who serve as leaders for huddle groups in 60 percent of area schools with thousands of students participating and hundreds every year coming to faith in Christ. The banquet supports FCA to reach more youth for Christ, broaden their base of consistent prayer and financial support, and further develop relationships within our community.

Tickets are available at www.swfloodafca.org or call 239-784-3377 for information and sponsorship opportunities.

Magic moves seven games ahead

Bathroom Magic pounded Island Lifers 10-2 Monday to move seven games ahead in their quest for a second straight Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League championship with only three weeks left in the season.

John Gonzalez and Bob Dupree led the Magic guys with 3-0 marks over Tracy and Tom Walters.

Sandycappers also posted a 10-2 win over Deep Pockets. John Riegert went 3-0 and once again Jeff Brown submerged Deep Pockets ace Mike Miller 3-0. The win vaults Sandycappers into fifth place.

John Earle, Richard McCurry and Randy Carson had two wins each in Sanibel Cafe's 7-2 victory over Fresh Legion Crew. High point of the evening, however, was the 2-1 win that Legion captain Gator Gates racked up over Pete Mindel.

Bunt's Ball Busters' Dave Doane and Matt Hall, of the

Odd Balls, produced half of their respective team's wins and settled for a tie.

Standings through March 4

1. Bathroom Magic 166-78; 2. Bunt's Ball Busters 159-85; 3. Sanibel Cafe 138-106; 4. Odd Balls 117-127; 5. Sandycappers 108-136; 6. Island Lifers 103-141; 7. Deep Pockets 96-148; 8. Fresh Legion Crew 90-154.

March 4 Results

Bathroom Magic 10, Island Lifers 2
Sandycappers 10, Deep Pockets 2
Sanibel Cafe 7, Fresh Legion Crew 5
Bunt's Ball Busters 6, Odd Balls 6

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■ Saturday, March 9 — Rivers and Creek Kayak Tour from Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve with GAEA Guides - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn about the history of the Caloosahatchee and Orange Rivers, about the estuary that this area is part of and get to know the wild creeks of the preserve. Visit an active bird rookery island with many birds nesting at this time of the year. Learn about the birds, plants and animals that live here. \$50 per person includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. Call 239 694-5513 for reservation.

■ Sunday, March 10 — Estuary Kayak Tour in Estero Bay with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Bonita Beach. Learn about the wonders of America's only Mangrove Forest. See herons, egrets, pelicans, osprey, roseate spoonbills, dolphins, manatees and more. includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist will be your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations required 239 694-5513.

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■ Monday, March 11 — Useppa Island Archeological Kayak Tour - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pineland, Pine Island. A special kayak tour to this unusual, private island. Your guide is a Florida Master Naturalist that knows the ins and outs of the route through the grass flats and mangrove islands of Pine Island Sound and the history of the area. We will visit Useppa Island's museum which details 10,000 years of human habitation on Useppa. This island has a fascinating history, both ancient and modern. We will eat lunch at the historic Collier Inn and get to see the beautiful flora and interesting fauna of the island. \$70 per person (includes entry fee to the museum and parking), plus the cost of lunch. All equipment included. Reservations needed. 239 694-5513

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■ Wednesday, and Thursday, March 13-14 — Kayak Tour on Lake Hickpochee as part of the Big "O" Birding Festival with GAEA Guides - <http://www.bigobirdingfestival.com/> Paddle on this ancient, shallow lake with many birds, turtles, and alligators with a Certified Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. Lake Hickpochee was part of the waterway used by the native Americans for eons before the Caloosahatchee River was dredged through to Lake Okeechobee. Equipment included. Reservations required - 239 694-5513.

■ Thursday, March 14 — Mangrove Mazes of Matlacha Pass Kayak Tour with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. In Matlacha. Visit the Mangrove Mazes and Tunnels of Matlacha Pass, "Nature's Cathedrals". Lots of birds, fish and critters in these mysterious tunnels. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master

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Islanders surpass United Way goal

Special to the Reporter

The Sanibel Captiva United Way Campaign Committee announced Wednesday that island residents contributed \$319,517 to the 2012-13 United Way campaign, 4 percent more than the campaign goal.

Campaign Committee members include chair Tony Lapi, and committee members Chauncey and Allison Goss, Dick and Debbie Riley, and Tom and Linda Uhler, and Judie Zimomra organized the volunteer effort. The Sanibel-Captiva campaign's leadership givers included 14 Alexis de Tocqueville members who give \$10,000 or more annually, and 59 Keel Club members who give \$1,000-\$9,999 each year.

The combined total of the money raised for the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades was \$8.1 million. All money raised for the United Way supports local agencies and programs.

"Thank you Sanibel & Captiva residents who have shown how much we care about our neighbors who are in need," said Lapi. "The United Way and its 70 partner agencies will help thousands of people because of the generosity of our islands. The successful campaign directly benefits our islands through the services provided by Sanibel F.I.S.H. and other United Way agencies located in the Sanibel United Way House."

"We are very proud to be part of a caring and generous community," said Cliff Smith, United Way president. "With the very difficult economy, it is amazing that the Sanibel-Captiva campaign raised 4 percent more than their goal of \$315,000! A special thank you to Tony Lapi and the campaign committee for their hard work."

The United Way raises funds for human service organi-



Sanibel-Captiva United Way Campaign Committee members, from left, Chauncey Goss, Tom Uhler and Tony Lapi draw attention to the United Way goal on the islands.

zations in the community and promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies, focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

For more information call (239) 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.

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Governor appoints 2 to SWF Water Management District

Special to the Reporter

Governor Rick Scott announced the appointments of Thomas E. "Tommy" Bronson and Bryan K. Beswick to the governing board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District on Monday.

Bronson, 76, of Brooksville, is the retired CEO of Meridian Aggregates. He is a former member of the Pithlachascotee River Basin Board and the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council.

Beswick, 45, of Arcadia, is the grove manager for Blue Goose Growers LLC and a sales associate with Blue Goose Realty. He previously served on the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Peace River Basin Board.

Both were appointed for a term beginning March 4, 2013, and ending March 1, 2016.

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Island writers perform works during Writers Spring Read

Special to the Reporter

The Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers will perform selections from their prose and poetic works from 7:30 to 9 p.m. March 14 in the Phillips Gallery at BIG Arts. The evening "Reads" have been an island tradition since 1987.

Island Writers, established in 1984, meet weekly. Members read and critique each other's work and share writing-related information. Currently, five groups of 10 writers comprise Island Writers.

The selections have been chosen carefully for quality, entertainment value and listener friendliness by a panel representing each of the five groups. An audience of more than a hundred island residents and visitors received last year's Spring Read enthusiastically.

The readers for the March 14 Read will be: Hazel Barber, Duke Barron, Maryanne Daly, Chris Godwin, Sandy Greco, Jim Gustafson, Tanya Hochschild, Jane Hogg, Martha Jeffers, Jean Jensen, Tom Jones, Mary Lavelle, Mort Levy, Gary McLouth, Joe Pacheco, Loretta Pickens, Dawn Schumann, Rennie Severance and Lorraine Walker Williams.

Admission to the "Read" will be a \$5 donation to BIG Arts.

Libertarians meet monthly

The Libertarian Party of Lee County (LPLC) meets the first Wednesday of each month from 7-8:45 p.m. in the Judge Landis or Useppa rooms at Shoeless Joe's restaurant within the Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower in South Fort Myers.

Liberty minded individuals of all party affiliations are welcome to attend. Dinner is served by Shoeless Joe's 7-7:45 (self-pay). The program follows at 7:45.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/lee-libertarians, or call the (239) 245-9267.



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Larsen Pavilion at Shell Point receives highest rating from U.S. News & World Report

Special to the Reporter

Larsen Pavilion, the skilled nursing center at Shell Point Retirement Community, has received the highest possible overall rating of five stars in U.S. News & World Report's fifth annual Best Nursing Homes, available exclusively at www.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes.

The Best Nursing Homes 2013 ratings highlight the top nursing homes in each city and state, out of nearly 16,000 facilities nationwide. U.S. News's goal is to help users find a home with a strong track record of good care.

Best Nursing Homes draws on data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a federal agency that assesses homes in three categories—health inspections, level of nurse staffing, and quality of care—and gives each an overall rating.

U.S. News awarded the "Best Nursing Home" designation to homes that earned an overall rating of five stars from CMS in January 2013.

Along with the ratings, U.S. News has published a series of articles and a step-by-step video to guide users in choosing the right nursing home. The articles and ratings are exclusive to the website and aren't expected to appear in print.

"Less than one out of every five nursing homes got an overall rating of five stars," said Avery Comarow, U.S. News Health Rankings Editor. "All seniors deserve the best nursing care available, and these are homes that merit their consideration by demonstrating



Larsen Pavilion at Shell Point.

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such high quality."

"We're obviously very thrilled," said Sherry Brown, director of long term care and Larsen Pavilion administrator. "The five star overall rating is a major achievement and one that is not easy to obtain; we're very pleased to be given us this recognition and to be listed in this prestigious report."

More than one year ago, Shell Point completed a seven-year, \$32.3 million major renovation of the Larsen Pavilion that included the addition of a free standing state-of-the-art rehabilitation center, activity spaces, waterfront walkway and deck, chapel, dining room, reading area,

administrative building, and a complete remodeling of each residential room and bathroom.

However, Brown insists that it isn't just the newly modernized building that achieves these high standards. "I am extremely proud of our staff, as well for the special effort they make each day to care for our residents," she said. "Our goal is to provide an individualized, person-centered approach to patient care. We really look at the specific needs of each resident to create as much of a homelike setting as possible."

Located in the Waterside Medical Complex near the center of Shell Point's Island community, the Larsen Pavilion is comprised of four floors

with 219 beds.

"The Pavilion provides residents with a unique peace of mind, that if they need to stay in the facility—whether it's for a week or two to recover from surgery, or a long-term stay—they know the quality of care offered is the best available," said Brown.

"More than 60% of Pavilion admissions are individuals who experience successful recoveries and are able to return to their homes in a relatively short period of time," she said. "Our goal is to welcome people, get them healthy, and get them back to the best quality of life possible, which ultimately means the most independence possible."

As such, the Larsen Pavilion's on-site medical facilities, rehabilitation center, and physical therapy programs have proven to be great successes. The Larsen Pavilion also provides superior memory care for conditions such as Alzheimer's or stroke-related dementia.

According to Brown, "We dedicate multiple resources to this group, including an entire floor of our facility, a specialized activities staff, and an on-staff behavioral health team."

The Larsen Pavilion welcomes individuals from anywhere in Southwest Florida and is Medicare-approved.

"We are honored to receive the five star rating and to be included in the listing of Best Nursing Homes in America by U.S. News & World Report," said Brown. "It truly shows that our resident care and quality are the best based on national, federal ratings. While we celebrate our five-star recognition, we will continue to abide by the highest standards and quality of care that Shell Point is known to provide."

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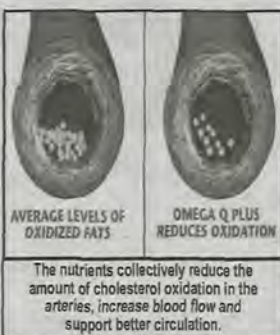
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SCCF Tennis Tournament



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The 21st annual Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Tennis Tournament will be April 6-7 at the Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. Above, tournament chair Lisa Cochrane poses with tournament sponsor Barbara Chappell; SCCF Executive Director Eric Lindbald; and tournament originator Lucas Century. To learn more about the tournament or become a sponsor and receive a Lucas Century glass piece, call Lisa at 239-246-8875.

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Unique 'Osprey Cam' to provide opportunity to see baby chicks hatch

Special to the Reporter

Baby chicks are on the way, much to the delight of viewers who have been flocking to Ocean's Reach unique "Osprey Cam" to keep tabs on this year's osprey family at the resort.

Six months ago, Ocean's Reach added a high-definition webcam to the special 35-foot-high nesting platform the resort built five years ago to accommodate the birds. Guests from around the world have enjoyed watching the day-to-day activity of these feathered friends, sharing comments and screen shots that have been featured on the resort's daily blog.

"This season, our female osprey laid three eggs," said Andy Boyle, general manager. "The first egg was laid on Feb. 7, with the other two following on Feb. 9 and 11. Since incubation takes 35 to 42 days, all eyes will be on the Osprey Cam starting March 14 as we anxiously await the eggs to hatch.

"Our 'Osprey Cam' has been a huge hit with guests and friends of Ocean's Reach," Boyle continued. "Dozens of people write us - some from as far away as the U.K., Scotland and Finland - to let

us know how much they enjoy the live feed. We'll keep the webcam operational for the next several months so that everyone can enjoy watching the chicks hatch, feed and fledge - it will be fun to watch as they learn how to spread their wings," Boyle concluded.

Boyle thanked Jim Griffith, president of The International Osprey Foundation and the Sanibel Audubon Society, as well as Carlos Hernandez, owner of Tree Trimming Doctor, for their help in caring for the nest this year. In late January, they organized a crew to safely remove excessive twine and fishing line that the birds had precariously flown into the nest.

Ocean's Reach has quickly become a favorite local destination for birding enthusiasts. Throughout the season, birding expert and park ranger Walt McNairy has been hosting a series of "Nesters & Resters" beach walks. His final beach walk is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at 9 a.m. at Ocean's Reach, 2230 Camino del Mar, Sanibel. Bird walks are complimentary and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit oceansreach.com or call 239-472-4554.

Live Osprey Camera at Ocean's Reach



Viewers of the popular Ocean's Reach "Osprey Cam" anxiously await the first of the chicks to hatch mid-March.

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Shell Point to host senior symposium

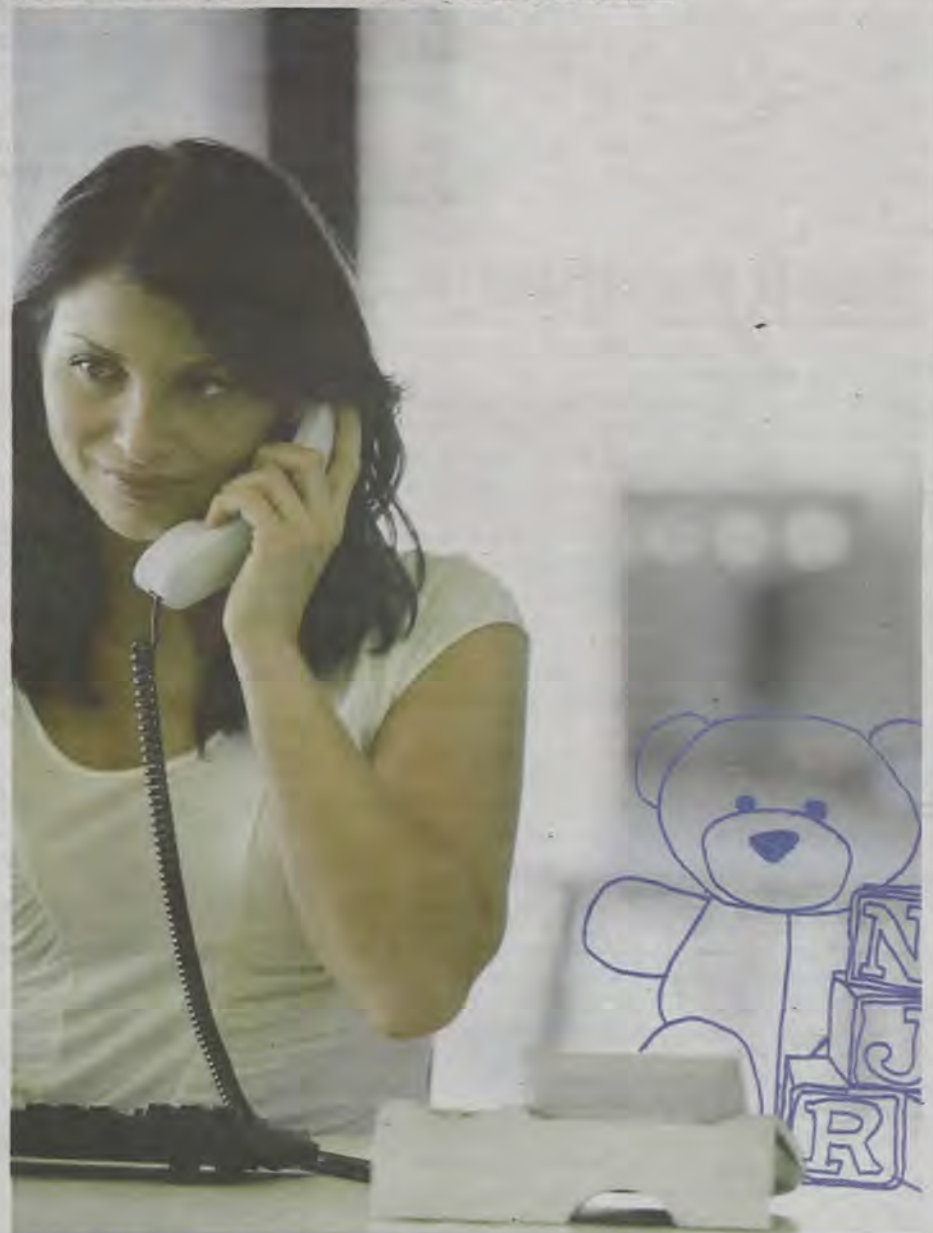
Seniors Blue Book will host its annual senior symposium at Shell Point Retirement Community on March 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will take place in the Community Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point. This is a free event, and lunch is included. However, space is limited, and a reservation is required for entry. To register, call 313-6409.

This symposium will help to educate seniors and their families about their options in Southwest Florida. Attendees will learn how to decide the right time and place to make a change - whether it's moving into one of the many beautiful independent living communities in our area, choosing an assisted living community because more services are needed, or

having outside help so seniors can stay in their homes.

The symposium will focus on housing options, along with a wide range of topics such as the importance of socialization and proper nutrition, home healthcare, transition planning and elder law. In addition to educational panels, 40 vendors will have exhibits and information available.

The Seniors Blue Book is updated twice a year. It is available free at over 620 locations, including most Walgreen's. An "A-to-Z" directory of services, it is a useful resource for seniors and their families. In addition to educational articles, you will find information for all senior housing and health at home options. Visit www.seniorsbluebook.com.





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authorized \$12,500 to consultant Roy Hyman to do the audit, expected to be completed within six weeks.

"I believe this is a good use of (our) funds," said Ruane. "There is a definite need for an accounting of bridge expenses, especially considering cracks in the structure have been found. I want to make sure the county is not spending toll money on non-bridge related projects."

Lee County Commissioners have extended its annual invitation for a joint meeting with Sanibel City Council, which the council plans on accepting for the first time since 2004, given the causeway audit and a proposed county impact fee rollback.

"This will be good for the citizens of Sanibel and as long as the meeting is here, in MacKenzie Hall" said Ruane. "Council directed city staff to come up with an agreeable date for the meeting before responding to the county in



Sanibel City Council is paying for an independent audit of the Causeway reconstruction and maintenance project in an effort to resume collecting a percentage of the bridge tolls.

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writing.

Council also authorized the expenditure of \$25,000 for an independent needs assessment for the Center 4 Life building on Library Way, which has roof and structural issues that needs to be addressed.

The second reading and public hearing regarding changes to the Sanibel Plan was deferred to a future council meeting. The hearing was prompted by objections to the Sanibel Plan received from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The city submitted the Sanibel Plan to the state on Dec. 4 and received the objections, recommendations and comments from the DEO on Jan 31.

Council is holding a commercial redevelopment workshop at 9 a.m. on March 12 with the next regular council meeting set for March 19.

Shell Festival From page 21

Last year, the festival celebrated Sanibel and Captiva as the top destination for shelling by organizing a massive crowd of bent-over shellers on the beaches that established a Guinness Book of World Record for simultaneous shelling, also known as the "Sanibel Stoop" or the "Captiva Crouch." This year's festival theme is "color your world."

While the Shell Festival draws attention for three days — March 7, 8 & 9 — shelling and shell crafting goes on all year round. Crafters tirelessly sort, assemble and store all types of shells for sale on Mondays at the Community House.

"With the exception of March, we create all year long," said longtime shell crafter Pat Schneider. "We make flowers, jewelry, wreaths, crosses and much, much more; and it's all done by volunteers, who use their creative abilities to produce quality shell crafts."

"Shelling is half the fun of shell crafting," said Sue Ross, who has crafted shells for 10 years.

World-class, prize-winning shell items are on display to be viewed or purchased by casual collectors, admirers or die-hard connoisseurs. There's a raffle of a week's getaway for two to Captiva's

"Tween Waters Inn, sterling silver shell bracelet, cackle shell earrings from Sealife by Congress, and a five-foot shell floor lamp filled with shells of the world donated by She Sells Sea Shells. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 available at the Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way until the drawings at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The festival is a major fundraiser for the Sanibel

Community Association and Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.

For more information visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net, or call (239) 472-2155.

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to have a workshop session where redevelopment is the only thing we have to focus on and I want input from the public."

While Planning Department director James Jordan was ready to present the next phase of the staff report, council unanimously agreed with Ruane's view and set a date for next week's workshop session.

"It's intended to give staff direction," said Ruane. "We need to identify the five most common problems we face, whether it is setbacks or parking, and perhaps identify specific properties to address."

Ruane compares the redevelopment of commercial properties with the rebuilding

of residences and resorts that went on after Hurricane Charley.

"I want a real active discussion," said Ruane. "There are some tough decisions that need to be made and I want the public to be aware. I'm not required to take public comments at the meeting, but I'd like to."

Conclusions of the first phase of the study, first presented to the Plan Commission on Jan. 22, to this point indicate the average age of Sanibel's commercial stock is older than the average age of stock off-island. The island's commercial growth occurred in the 1970s and 1980s while the growth of Iona has occurred since 1990.

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the problems of migrating men and women that leave their countries without employment for lack of work. John XXIII also was conscious of the problem of political refugees from rogue policymakers and dictatorships.

"The deep feelings of paternal love for all mankind which God has implanted in our heart makes it impossible for us to view without bitter anguish of spirit the plight of those who for political reasons have been exiled from their own homelands ... In defining the scope of a just freedom within which individual citizens may live lives worthy of their human dignity, the rulers of some nations have been far too restrictive ... These refugees are persons and all their rights as persons must be recognized ... And among man's personal rights we must include his right to enter a country in which he hopes to be able to provide more fittingly for himself and his dependents. It is therefore the duty of state officials to accept such immigrants and — so far as the good of their own community, rightly understood, permits — to further the aims of those who may wish to become members of a new society."

"The good of their own community rightly understood" favors the migrants

that contribute to national economic functions and social structures. As Psalm 24:1 expressed the religious ideal in a pastoral and agricultural economy: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians reads: "Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.'"

Muhammad also dictated in Quran 4:13. "Unto Allah belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. And we charged those who received the scripture before you, and (we charge) you, that ye keep your duty toward Allah. And if ye disbelieve, lo unto Allah belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, and Allah is ever absolute, owner of praise."

Our president and congress and the prime ministers and parliaments of other nations must have the courage to overcome the competition and gridlock of world politics. It does us no good.

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Guided Kayak Nature Tours

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■ Friday, March 15 — Bird Beaches and Mangrove Creeks of Bunche Beach and San Carlos Bay Kayak Tour with GAEA Guides. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A protected wild area of shallow waters, lots of birds and a variety of other creatures, including dolphin and manatee. \$55 per person includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist guide. Reservation needed 239 694-5513.

■ Friday, March 15 — Sunset/Bird Rookery Kayak Tour on the Caloosahatchee River with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours. 5-8 p.m. Fort Myers. Paddle on the Caloosahatchee and some wild creeks with 1000's of birds. Learn about the plants and animals that are in this part of our estuary. Great view of the sunset! Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist will be your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations a must. 239 694-5513.

■ Saturday, March 16 — Estuary Kayak Tour in Estero Bay with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Bonita Beach. Learn about the wonders of America's only Mangrove Forest. See herons, egrets, pelicans, osprey, roseate spoonbills, dolphins, manatees and more. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist will be your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations required 239 694-5513.

■ Sunday, March 17 — Rivers and Creek Kayak Tour from Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve with GAEA Guides - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn about the history of the Caloosahatchee and Orange Rivers, about the estuary that this area is part of and get to know the wild creeks of the preserve. Visit an active bird rookery island with many birds nesting at this time of the year. Learn about the birds, plants and animals that live here. \$50 per person includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. Call 239 694-5513 for reservation.

■ Monday, March 18 — Kayak Shell Creek in Punta Gorda with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours - 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This is a beautiful, undisturbed creek with many cypress and large oak trees, lots of fish and birds feed from this creek. This is one of the only areas that we see the rare Limpkin. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations needed - 239 694-5513 or toll free 866 256-6388.

■ Tuesday, March 19 — Cocohatchee River/Wiggins Pass Estuary Kayak Tour with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours 10 a.m.-1 p.m. North Naples. This is a beautiful estuary area, with mangroves and many birds, dolphins, manatees and other critters. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. \$45 per person - reservations needed - 239-694-5513.

■ Wednesday, March 20 — Estuary Kayak Tour in Estero Bay with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Bonita Beach. Learn about the wonders of America's only Mangrove Forest. See herons, egrets, pelicans, osprey, roseate spoonbills, dolphins, manatees and more. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist will be your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations required 239 694-5513.

■ Thursday, March 21 — Sunset/Bird Rookery Kayak Tour on the Caloosahatchee River near Ft. Myers with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours. 5-8 p.m. Paddle on the Caloosahatchee and some wild creeks with 1000's of birds going to roost for the night. This area is a perfect place to see sunset and moonrise. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations 239 694-5513.

■ Friday, March 22 — Imperial River/ Estero Bay Kayak Tour with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours. 1-5 p.m. Visit this lovely river as it gently pours into Estero Bay through winding mangrove mazes, a very productive estuarine environment with up to 300 species of birds and a wide variety of aquatic species. See how important the estuaries of the world are to life on this planet. \$50 per person. Reservations needed. 239 694-5513

■ Saturday, March 23 — Estuary Kayak Tour in Estero Bay with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Bonita Beach. Learn about the wonders of America's only Mangrove Forest. See herons, egrets, pelicans, osprey, roseate spoonbills, dolphins, manatees and more. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist will be your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations required 239 694-5513.

■ Sunday, March 24 — Rivers and Creek Kayak Tour from Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve with GAEA Guides - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn about the history of the Caloosahatchee and Orange Rivers, about the estuary that this area is part of and get to know the wild creeks of the preserve. Visit an active bird rookery island with many birds nesting at this time of the year. Learn about the birds, plants and animals that live here. \$50 per person includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. Call 239 694-5513 for reservation.

■ Monday, March 25 — Kayak Alligator Creek in Punta Gorda with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This is a beautiful creek that is part of Charlotte Harbor Estuary. See the transition from fresh water to salt. Lots of fish and birds feed on this creek. Learn about the estuary, the "cradle" of the Ocean, and the important mangrove forest. \$50 per person. Reservations needed - 239 694-5513 (out of town? 866 256-6388).

■ Monday, March 25 — Full Moon/Sunset/Bird Rookery Kayak Tour on the Caloosahatchee River near Ft. Myers with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours. 5-8 p.m. Paddle on the Caloosahatchee and some wild creeks with 1000's of birds going to roost for the night. This area is a perfect place to see sunset and moonrise. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations 239 694-5513.

■ Tuesday, March 26 — Estuary Kayak Tour in Estero Bay with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Bonita Beach. Learn about the wonders of America's only Mangrove Forest. See herons, egrets, pelicans, osprey, roseate spoonbills, dolphins, manatees and more. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist will be your guide. \$40 per person. Reservations required 239 694-5513.

■ Tuesday, March 26 — FULL MOON Kayak Tour on

Estero Bay with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours. 5-8 p.m. Coconut Point, Bonita Springs. Watch day turn to dusk on the waters of spectacular Estero Bay. See the sun set and then the moon rise. Day birds feed for the last time and then the evening birds come out. Paddle in the moonlight. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. \$45 per person. Reservations needed. 239 694-5513.

■ Wednesday, March 27 — Cocohatchee River/Wiggins Pass Estuary Kayak Tour with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours 10 a.m.-1 p.m. North Naples. This is a beautiful estuary area, with mangroves and many birds, dolphins, manatees and other critters. Includes all equipment and a Florida Master Naturalist as your guide. \$45 per person - reservations needed - 239-694-5513.

■ Thursday, March 28 — Bat Kayak Tour in North Fort Myers with GAEA Guides - Guided Kayak Nature Tours. 5:45-8:45 p.m. Visit a lovely creek in the wilderness of North Fort Myers. This is part of our estuary system, with many plants and animals. At dusk we will see the bats come out of their hiding places. Learn about these very interesting, ancient and important creatures from your Certified Florida Master Naturalist guide. \$40 per person. All equipment included. Reservations needed. 239 694-5513.

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delta and basin with accelerated sea level rise, more intense hurricanes and projected increases in precipitation that will lead to more large-scale flooding, according to Day.

"In order to be successful, sus-

tainable restoration must work with the natural system and fully utilize the resources of the river," Day said. "This is ecological engineering on a large scale. South Louisiana and South Florida are two of the most unsustainable areas

in the U.S., and restoring these areas will be highly challenging."

For more information about the lecture series visit www.fgcu.edu/swamp or contact Dr. William J. Mitsch at (614) 946-6715.

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Dartmouth Medical School. He had a private practice in gastroenterology for 38 years in Frederick, Md., and founded the Frederick Surgical Center. Frizzell and his wife Janet are both docents at the village. They are full-time Sanibel residents and own three local businesses.

Leaving the board due to term limits are long-time president Alex Werner and Gayle Pence. Pence has served as vice-president and head of a number of committees. Werner and Pence served six years and will continue to be volunteers and docents for the museum. The board presented them with Luc Century etchings featuring the Rutland home, the first building to serve as the museum, to thank them for their leadership and service.

Representing the city of Sanibel was Councilman Marty Harry, who recognized their contributions over the last several years.

An executive session immediately followed the meeting at which the following officers were elected: Dorothy Donaldson as president, Debbie Staley as treasurer, and Jan Halliday as secretary. The executive session was left open in order to determine who will serve as vice president.

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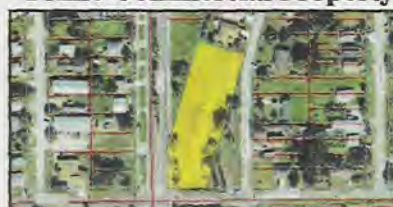
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Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland will share stories and images from their international outreach missions in 2012 at a special presentation at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 15 in the free "Ding" Darling Education Center.

As part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service International Affairs' Wildlife Without Borders initiative, Westland traveled to Siberia for two weeks in July 2012, and Tritaik spent 17 days in central and southern China in December 2012.

Wildlife Without Borders addresses grassroots wildlife conservation problems from a broad, landscape perspective, seeking to build expertise and strengthen institutions dedicated to conserving nature.

To that end, Westland traveled to Baikalsky Reserve in Russia to help redesign existing visitor facilities and plan new ones on the shores of Lake Baikal. She also consulted on development of environmental education and interpretation programs.

Tritaik traveled to Shanxi and Hunan Provinces in China to evaluate habitat management activities in nature reserves and advise on planning and holding bird festivals.

Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by Shell Point Retirement Community and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), as part of its 11-week Friday Lecture Series.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Future events are listed below; all include two presentations at 10

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series events:

(*Book-signings will follow all
starred presentations)

■ March 15 - Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland - Wildlife Without Borders: China to Russia

■ *March 22 - John Yow - Armchair Birder Goes Coastal: The Secret Lives of Birds on the Southeastern Coast

■ March 29 - Jeremy Conrad, refuge biologist, and Paul Ryan, fire operation and prescribed fire/fuels technician - Fire - The Secret to a Healthy Eco-System

■ Apr. 5 - Jeremy Conrad, refuge biologist, and Amanda Bryant, SCCF biologist - Sea Turtles of Sanibel

a.m. and 1 p.m.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free Education Center and also the recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

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Lily & Co and Bank of the Islands co-sponsor ABC Celebration

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For the first time, two generous island businesses were co-sponsors of the ABC Celebration - Lily & Co. Jewelers and Bank of the Islands. This event, held March 7 at the Sanctuary Golf Course Clubhouse, benefited the Captiva Civic Association.

"It was an honor and a privilege to co-sponsor this long-time event," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. with Karen Bell, who has been a prominent realtor on Captiva for the past 30 years.

As one of the two co-sponsors, Lily & Co. had an amazing gift basket filled with a variety of items from throughout the gallery up for bids during the live auction conducted by auctioneer Tommy Williams.

Items ranged from a jewelry suite that consists of a necklace, bracelet, ring and earrings by Marya Dabrowski, a sterling silver and black onyx Visconti ballpoint pen and a burl wood and mahogany jewelry chest, as well as a piece by



Lily Basket - Lily & Co. Jewelers, co-sponsor of the Captiva Civic Association's ABC event for the first time, donated a "Lily basket" filled with a variety of items from throughout the gallery for the live auction. The basket included a burl wood and mahogany jewelry chest, a jewelry suite by Marya Dabrowski and many other items. It was valued at \$5,000.

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See ABC CELEBRATION, page 65

Captiva Cottage Rocks the Art World

Contributed to the CURRENT

Last Thursday evening more than 100 art lovers appeared at the charming lime-green cottage on Andy Rosse Lane.

Long-time friends Jane Reader Weaver of Royal Shell Real Estate and Jane Coats Eckert of Eckert Fine Art in Millerton, New York lined the walls of the newly renovated cottage with original art by Robert Rauschenberg, Roy Lichtenstein, Michael Kalish and their contemporaries. These works provided quite the backdrop for a gathering of art lovers and old friends.

John and Melissa Talmage of Island Barbecue and Sweet Melissa's Restaurant on Sanibel provided the evening's light fare and Chris Heidrick of Heidrick and Company Insurance along with Barb Harrington of The Royal Shell Companies shared celebrity bartender status.

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Gary Neiheisel from Manhattan.



Kat Epple, Flautist.

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Corcoran presents a copy of *Learning for Sustainability in Times of Accelerating Change* to Anne Bradley of Captiva Memorial Library.

Corcoran book talk at Captiva Memorial Library

Submitted by Michael Saenz

Director of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University, Peter Blaze Corcoran delivered remarks as part of the Captiva Memorial Library's Cultural Fest. Barrier island resident Corcoran delivered an insightful lecture on the Center's two recent books and how they can help people achieve a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world together through education.

Corcoran discussed *Learning for Sustainability in Times of Accelerating Change* (Wageningen Academic Publications 2012) a publication which he edited as the Center's most recent contribution to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. In addition, he introduced *Fundamentals of Sustainable Development* (Routledge, London 2012) which he co-

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Representing the 2013 ABC Celebration co-sponsor, Bank of the Islands Captiva Office Manager Willy Ocasio presents CCA Foundation Treasurer Jack Cunningham with a \$3,000 contribution check. It will be used for the Captiva Community Center renovation and expansion.

ABC Celebration

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Sanibel glass artist Lucas Century, among many other items.

The basket was valued at \$5,000.

"We were excited to help raise money for the Captiva Civic Association," said Schuyler. "Here at Lily & Co. we carry artwork by Captiva artist Diane Fugit and have supported the community in many other ways over the years."

More than a dozen other items were up for bids, including a pristine 2007 Ford Escape with only 15,300 local miles, a limited edition signed Robert Rauchenberg print, and golf for a foursome and lunch at the Sanctuary Golf Club.

Bank of the Islands' co-sponsorship was reflected in their \$3,000 contribution to the event. Those proceeds will be used to help renovate and expand the Captiva

Community Center's building.

"We were so pleased to join Lily & Co. as the 2013 ABC Celebration co-sponsors," said Bank of the Islands President Robbie Roepstorff. "Our Captiva office opened this time last year, and this was a great way to show how much we have appreciated becoming part of the Captiva community since then."

Jack Cunningham, ABC committee chairman, said they were delighted to have Bank of the Islands join Lily & Co. in the sponsorship of the annual ABC Celebration. "We are thrilled with receiving the generous support toward the Captiva Community Center renovation and expansion. It is an important community building project," he said.

Book

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edited with Niko Roorda and Joseph Weakland.

"Peter Blaze inspires me to think beyond the boundaries of conventional thought," said Ann Bradley, senior librarian and branch manager at Captiva Memorial Library. She believed Corcoran's lecture "drove home our personal responsibility to educate ourselves and others to conserve our precious natural resources."

Key interrelated environmental threats were highlighted during the lecture and included degradation of ecosystems, habitat destruction through rapid development, and the major threat posed by global climate disruption. Corcoran discussed the anthropogenic causes of the increasingly unstable state of the environment. He attributed our current reality to a lack of foresight, denial, and evasion. He believes that hope for a better future lies in education for sustainability. He discussed the Center's two new books as a contribution

to the fields of environmental and sustainability education.

Corcoran opened his lecture with a poem by renowned poet Mary Oliver, who delivered the Center's Ninth Annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church on Feb. 8.

Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer have renewed their tradition of the Haffenreffer Challenge; gifts are being matched by the Haffenreffers up to a total of \$12,000. All contributions to the Center go toward the advancement of environmental and sustainability education through the development of publications, scholarly activity for students and faculty, and the Center's annual signature events.

For more information about matching contributions to the Center, feel free to contact Director Peter Blaze Corcoran by phone at 239-590-7166, via email at cese@fgcu.edu, or by visiting the Center's website at www.fgcu.edu/cese.

Captiva Cottage

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Estate's broker and his wife were in attendance along with Darryl Pottorf, Jonas Sterner and other artists from the Rauschenberg Estate on Captiva. Kat Epple serenaded the crowd as only she can and Stephanie Davis was on hand to record the evening for posterity. Paul McCarthy, Marvin Gralnick, Mary Ann Tobias, Rene Miville and many Captiva notables came out to mix and mingle and rekindle friendships.

Patrons came from as far away as Manhattan, N.Y. and Naples, Fla. The show will continue at the cottage for the next two months. Jane Reader Weaver and Cathy Rosario of Royal Shell Real Estate have the property listed and interested persons should call 239-850-9555 for details.



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String Duo to be at the Captiva library

Espen Lilleslåtten and Renata Arado will be at the Captiva Memorial Library at 4 p.m. March 13 as part of the library's Cultural Fest. This entrancing string duo's return to Captiva Memorial Library's Cultural Fest is their first public performance on Captiva since their debut at Carnegie Hall in November 2012. As always, you will be touched and exhilarated by their spirited and touching renditions of music selected specially for this event.

Espen is currently professor of violin at Louisiana State University, a post to which he was appointed in 2009; prior to that he was concertmaster of the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra in Norway for sixteen years. Lilleslåtten began studying the violin at age five with his father, then violist with the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra.

He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Norwegian State Academy of Music; his Master of Music degree from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music, where he studied with Camilla Wicks; and an Artist Diploma in chamber music from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music as a student of Ian Swensen. Lilleslåtten has participated in music festivals worldwide, among them Finland's Kuhmo Festival, the Lapland Festival in Sweden, the Banff Festival for the Arts in Canada and the Aspen Music Festival, where he has been an artist-faculty member since 1998. Among the artists with whom he has performed chamber music are the late Isaac Stern, Menahem Pressler, Sylvia Rosenberg, Bonnie Hampton, Natalia Gutman, Lynn Harrell, Joshua Bell, and Joel Krosnick. Lilleslåtten has had many appearances as soloist with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra and performs regularly in recitals both in Europe and in the United States.

Renata was born in Chicago, where she began violin instruction in a Suzuki program at the age of two. As an elementary and high school student she was under the tutelage of Dr. Roland Vamos, and continued her violin studies at the University of Michigan and Rice University as a student of violinist Camilla Wicks. She holds a master's degree in violin performance and chamber music from the San Francisco Conservatory, as a student of Ian Swensen and as a participant in the intensive chamber music program.



Ann Bradley

At the Library

Arado was principal second violin of Norway's Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra for 12 years, a position she left in 2008 to pursue new musical opportunities and devote more time to her three children.

She has appeared in chamber groups around the globe, collaborating with musicians such as Isaac Stern, Robert Mann, Yefim Bronfman, Joshua Bell, Gil Shaham, Adele Anthony, Sylvia Rosenberg, Anton Kuerti,

Julia Fisher, Camilla Wicks and Harry Connick Jr., to name a few. Arado performs in recitals and chamber series in the U.S. and Norway as a duo with her husband violinist/violist Espen Lilleslåtten. In a performance at The Barge Music Series, the New York Times wrote, "they offered a beautifully nuanced interpretation of Martinu's Madrigals for violin and viola...vividly illuminating the counterpoint and homophonic textures of the rhythmically driven first movement and playing the elegiac trills in the second movement with finesse."

In June 2011, Renata and Espen appeared as soloists in Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall performing the premiere of Dinos Constantinides Concerto for Two Violins and Orchestra. Arado spends her summers teaching and performing at the Aspen Music Festival and School, where she has been on the faculty since 1996. An active recitalist, she had presented several solo and chamber concerts at Trolsdalen, the recital hall at the historic home of Edvard Grieg, and at Lysliden, home of legendary violinist Ole Bull. Arado has performed as soloist with the Bergen Philharmonic of Norway, The Louisiana Sinfonietta, The University of Bergen Symphony, and the orchestras of the San Francisco Conservatory and Rice University's Shepherd School of Music.

Support for Captiva Memorial Library Cultural Fest programs is provided by the Lee County Library System, the Captiva Memorial Library Board and the Captiva Civic Association.

There is always plenty of fun at the library for kids! Join Miss Naomi at 3 p.m. March 24 to talk like a pirate and hear stories about the high seas. After the stories kids will make their very own pirate masks to wear home.

Captiva Cruises offers sunset cruise with authors LeBuff & Gleason

Contributed to the CURRENT

Captiva Cruises will offer a spectacular way to enjoy a Gulf of Mexico sunset while listening to island stories from Charles LeBuff and Deb Gleason aboard the Lady Chadwick, Captiva Cruises' flagship vessel.

This cruise will depart at 6:15 p.m. March 24 from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva. It will travel on Roosevelt Channel, passing by the historic "Ding" Darling fish house on the way to Redfish Pass for sunset.

Learn about the fascinating history of Sanibel and Captiva from these colorful islanders. LeBuff and Gleason are co-authors of a new book entitled "Sanibel and Captiva Islands: A Postcard History." There will be an opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the authors.

In 1958 Charles LeBuff accepted a position with The Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge which was renamed The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in 1967. He worked at the refuge for 32 years and had the opportunity to talk with "Ding" Darling about conservation on the islands.

LeBuff pioneered Sea Turtle Research in Southwest Florida and formed Caretta Research in 1968 to study the Loggerhead Sea Turtle. He became a charter member of the Sanibel City Council and played an instrumental role in the City's incorporation and its conservation legacy.

Deb Gleason grew up on Sanibel, helping with family rental cottages and later helping visitors become islanders in the world of real estate. She now serves as chairperson of the Sanibel Historical Preservation Committee.

This will be a premiere Captiva Cruises experience and will surely be one of this season's island events not to be missed. Space is limited for this cruise

so reservations are required. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. The Lady Chadwick is equipped with a full-service cash bar, enclosed lower cabin and open-air deck.

The cost for this sunset and history cruise is \$40 per adult and \$25 per child. Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.



Alien Invasion at SCCF



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Visit the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation at 10 a.m. March 14 at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 San-Cap Rd., to learn about the species that make up Sanibel and Captiva during the "Alien Invasion" program. More than 500 fish and wildlife, 1,180 plant species and countless insects have become native to Florida, yet introduced by humans. Cost is \$5 with SCCF members and children can attend free of charge.

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Center 4 Life

The Center 4 Life is located at 2410 Library Way.
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- 8 a.m. — Happy Hour Fitness on Monday Wednesday, Friday
- 8 a.m. — Power Hour Fitness on Tuesday, Thursday
- 9 a.m. — Happy to be Fit for Life: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

This class is a combination of the Happy Hour & Essential Total Fitness held during season. It will help keep your heart, lungs and muscles strong and your brain fit with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises.

The above classes are free for Rec Center members, or \$3.50 per class for Island Seniors, Inc. members and \$6 per class without any membership. Please bring your Rec Center membership card to the class to participate. Island Seniors, Inc. annual membership is \$20.

- 9:30 a.m. — Essential Total Fitness on Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- 9:30 a.m. — Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown on Tuesday, Thursday
- 11 a.m. — Chair Yoga on Tuesdays beginning Nov. 27
- 1 p.m. — Bridge For Fun: Monday and Wednesday
- 1 p.m. — Hand & Foot: Tuesday
- 1 p.m. — Mah Jongg: Thursday

Special Raffle

Enter a special raffle for the chance to win a painting by Bea Pappas, who has been painting for 47 years and teaching for 32 years. She continues to study with artists she respects and admires. Pappas is an exhibiting artist at the North Shore Art Association in Gloucester, Mass., and a signature member of International Society of Experimental Artists. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and can be purchased at Center 4 Life's front desk. The drawing will be held March 6 at the Island Seniors Inc. annual meeting.

Page Turners with Ann Rodman

Zeitoun by David Eggers, 2:30 p.m. March 13
True story about what happened to a Syrian-American man and his family during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. A horrific series of events for a very fine man.

Coin Logic with Millennium Cognitive staff

Limited to 25 participants, the coin logic program will help you develop and increase understanding of patterns and variables. These games will strengthen logic and reasoning skills. Armed with a pile of coins, your mental powers will be put to the test in a series of challenging games. This will be at 2 p.m. March 15.

Tuesday Kayaking

There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks or unlimited space for kayak owners, who would like to join Tuesday Kayaking. Paddles and life jackets are provided. Bring water, a small snack, a change of clothing, sun block, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Stop by Center 4 Life to sign up.

Sanibel Island Marina

634 Yachtsman Drive, Phone: 239-472-2723

Sanibel Marina is located at 634 Yachtsman Drive on Sanibel Island between the Causeway and Lighthouse off Periwinkle Drive. Owned and operated by Myton Ireland since 1985, it is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Call 239-472-2723 for times and reservations on any of the following scheduled cruises:

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Tarpon Bay Explorers

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■ **Standup Paddle Board Tour of Tarpon Bay:** Join a Paddlefit Certified Naturalist to learn the basics of standup paddleboarding while you tour the Tarpon Bay estuary. Get a birds eye view as you stand aboard these stable boards. You'll learn all about the inhabitants of the seagrass flats including fish, oysters, manatees, dolphins and birds of prey. The tour lasts 90 minutes. Tour times are either 9 am or 1:30 pm. All skill levels welcome but participants must be at least 13 years of age and weigh at least 90 pounds.

■ **Aquarium and Touch Tank:** Get to know our local marine life during an interactive touch tank presentation with a marine biologist. Discover first-hand the creatures beneath the surface, including conchs, sea urchins, seastars, horseshoe crabs and more. Presentations are daily at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

■ **Kayak Trail Tour:** A great introduction to Tarpon Bay and the coastal environment. Kayak with a naturalist through the mangrove forest along the Commodore Creek water trail. Learn about the rich back-bay ecosystem and the wildlife that lives there. You'll be surrounded by red mangroves, wading birds, and unsurpassed peace and quiet. All ages and skill levels welcome. Tour times are 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

■ **Sunset Rookery Paddle:** As the sun goes down, paddle to the Rookery Islands and see hundreds of birds return to roost for the night. The paddle lasts 2 and a half hours.

■ **Nature and Sealife Cruise:** See wildlife up close while cruising the tranquil waters of Tarpon Bay during Nature and Sea Life Cruises. With a naturalist by your side, discover manatees and dolphins and observe amazing bird life on the rookery islands. And don't forget the popular breakfast and evening cruises, too!

■ **Refuge Tour:** Join a naturalist aboard an open-air tram for a tour of Wildlife Drive at J. D. "Ding" Darling through the heart of the refuge. The tram departs from 1 Wildlife Drive, the main entrance to the Refuge on Sanibel-Captiva Road. The tram tour lasts 90 minutes and embarks daily except on Fridays.

Tarpon Bay Explorers is located at 900 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel.
For days, times and to make a reservation, call 472-8900.

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- **Shelling & Lunch Excursion:** Shell the barrier islands and stop for lunch at Barnacle Phil's. Complimentary chairs, umbrellas and floats. Departs at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.
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- **Sealife Encounter Cruise:** See puffer fish, seahorse and starfish! Florida Gulf Coast University marine biologist on board for netting, observing, and hands on fun education! Departs at 12:30 p.m. daily.
- **Afternoon Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise:** Cruise the waters surrounding Sanibel watching for dolphins! Departs at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.
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The Week Ahead and Beyond

Monday Night Movie

The Queen of Versailles (2012) U.S.: Rated PG, will be shown at 7 p.m. as part of BIG Arts Film Society's every-popular Monday Night Film Series. A group of enthusiastic film buffs will lead informed post-movie discussions, complemented by refreshments. All films are \$8 and in Schein Performance Hall. Viewers will enjoy the quality of a Blu-ray Disc player, high-definition projection equipment, and surround sound. Assistive listening devices are available.

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For Word Lovers

Ed Sessa will be at the Sanibel Public Library to give a presentation at 2 p.m. on "Across the Ages and Down the Years: A history of crossword construction." Learn about the history of crossword puzzles from Sessa, who has published many of his own puzzles. Return to the library at 2 p.m. March 13 for Gary McLouth's program on "The Importance of Readers to Writers." He will discuss and sign copies of his book, "Do No Harm."

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Fly Fishing

Local author and fly fisherman Norm Zeigler will return to the Sanibel Public Library for another presentation on a favorite Sanibel hobby — fly fishing. Zeigler will give his presentation at 2 p.m., which is titled "Fly Fishing Far and Wide." His fly fishing group meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the library.

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Art Reception

Marcus Jansen's artist reception will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at BIG Arts Phillips Gallery. There will be an ARTSalon lecture, "Expressionism Today: Urban, Socio-Political Paintings," by Jansen at 4 p.m. His work will be on display through March 30 with FineMark National Bank & Trust as the gallery's patron sponsor.

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Sundays at YOLO Watersports

Class begins at 10 a.m. sharp each Sunday for a one-hour session with yoga instructor Micaela Solomon. Arrive at 9:45 a.m. and cost is \$30 per student, which includes a SUP (stand-up paddleboard). Reservations are requested. YOLO is located at 11534 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island. For more information or to make reservations, call 239-472-9656 or 472-9656.

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Entertainment on the Islands

| | Friday March 8 | Saturday, March 9 | Sunday, March 10 | Monday, March 11 | Tuesday, March 12 | Wednesday, March 13 | Thursday, March 14 |
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| Jacaranda 1223 Periwinkle Way 472-1771 | The Riverside Band | The Riverside Band | The Riverside Band | The Riverside Band | David Christian, 7-11 p.m. | Buckeye Ken, 7-11 p.m. | 2 Hot, 7:30-11:30 p.m. |
| RC Otter's 11596 Andy Rosse Lane 395-1142 | Steve McDugal, Noon-5pm Frank Thomson, 6-10pm | Royce Allgood, Noon-5pm Pat McCune, 6-10pm | Sam Felker, Noon-5pm Geo, 6-10pm | Royce Allgood, Noon-5pm and 6-10pm | Steve McDugal, Noon-5pm Pat McCune, 6-10pm | Royce Allgood, Noon-5pm Pat McCune, 6-10pm | Sam Felker, Noon-5pm Pat McCune, 6-10pm |
| Keylime Bistro 11509 Andy Rosse Lane 395-4000 | Chris Workman, Noon-5pm Pat McCune, 6-10pm | Sam Felker, Noon-5 pm Mitch Mitchem, 6-10pm | Marc Vee 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Paul Rosmus, Noon-5pm Frank Thomson, 6-10pm | Marc Vee, noon to 5 p.m. | Mitch Mitchem, noon to 5 p.m. | Frank Thomson, Noon-5pm and 6-10pm |
| The Island Cow 2163 Periwinkle Way Nightly 6-9:30pm | Perry English | Diana Lynn | Dan Confrey | | | | |
| The Mucky Duck Andy Rosse Lane 5-9pm/472-3434 | Buckeye Ken | Gene Federico | | Mark Dupuy | Perry English | Gene Fedenco | Dan Confrey |
| Traders 1551 Periwinkle Way Tues. & Thurs. 8-11pm | | | | | Danny Morgan & Friends | Chris Workman | Danny Morgan & Friends |
| Blue Giraffe 2075 Periwinkle Way 472-2525 | | | | | | | Gessie Reed |
| Casa Ybel Resort 2255 W. Gulf Drive 472-9200 | John McLane, Thistle Lodge Dining Room | Danny Morgan Coconuts Poolside Dan Tudor Thistle Lodge | Danny Morgan Coconuts Poolside | | | | |
| Sweet Melissa's 1625 Periwinkle Way 472-1956 | Michael David, Light acoustic jazz guitar | Michael David, Light acoustic jazz guitar | | | | Michael David, Light acoustic jazz guitar | Michael David, Light acoustic jazz guitar |
| George & Wendy's Seafood Grille 2499 Periwinkle Way 395-1263 | Marty Stokes & The Captiva Blues Band | Ladies Night, 1/2 price drinks, 9-12 | Jazz Brunch, 9-1, music 10:30-1 | | Chris Coile, 6-7:30 | Karaoke | Anthony Wayne, guitar & vocals |
| Traditions On The Beach 3111 W. Gulf Drive 472-4559 | Joe McCormick & Barbara Smith | Joe McCormick & Marvilla Marzan | Dusk Duo | "The Jersey Kid" | Joe McCormick | Jazz w/ Mr. Swing | Joe McCormick |
| Sharky's Restaurant & Billiards 1451 M. Gulf Drive 395-6014 | | Jay Heavilin & Friends, jazz, 7-10pm | | | | | |
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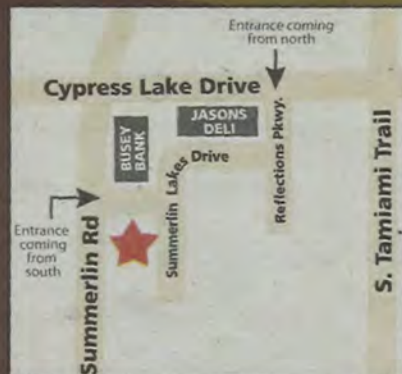
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Florida Horse Conch

Officially declared the Florida state shell in 1969, the horse conch is an impressive shell. Known to be the largest gastropod living in the Atlantic Ocean, this predatory marine snail can grow to almost two feet in length and weigh more than 10 pounds. The world-record horse conch, at 23.8 inches, was taken by Sanibel resident Ed Hanley while scuba diving in 130 feet of water off of the island. This specimen is on display at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. Only a handful of shells in the world grow to be larger than the Florida horse conch. The single largest shellfish is the giant clam, which inhabits the South Pacific and can weigh more than 500 pounds.

Although it is called a conch, the horse conch is not related to the queen conch and is not in the genus Strombus. Unlike the queen conch, which is popular food in the Caribbean, the horse conch is not considered good table fare today, though it was probably eaten by the Calusa and other Florida tribes. Its meat is reported to have a peppery flavor.

The Calusa Indians made extensive use of the horse conch. The sharp central axis of the shell, or columella, was attached to a wooden handle and used as a hammer or woodworking tool. The outer whorl was used as a drinking cup, and various parts of the conch's heavy



Charlie Sobczak
Living Sanibel

shell were used as sinkers for fishing lines and trap nets.

When young, the shell is a bright orange but over time it fades to a salmon or grayish color. The soft, fleshy part of this shellfish is a bright orange. It can be found in waters from a foot to more than 100 feet in depth. It feeds upon a variety of bivalves, as well as other gastropods such as tulips, lightning and paper figs, and other horse conchs.

The horse conch is too large to be taken by wading birds and seldom by fish, but is preyed upon by octopus and cannibalized by other conchs. Large specimens have been known to damage boat props in shallow water.

(Author's note: This article appears in conjunction with the 76th annual Sanibel Shell Fair and Show, taking place on March 7-9, 2013 at the Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Copies of Living Sanibel - A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands, where this article originated, will be available at the event.)



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In the Know

Florida Horse Conch (*Triplofusus giganteus*)

Nicknames: giant band shell
Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE
Life span: n/a
Length: 14-18 in. (35-46 cm)
Weight: n/a
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Sanibel Sea School's Octifest will once again surprise, delight

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Invitations have been sent, menus checked, and décor finalized for Sanibel Sea School's seventh annual fundraiser, Octifest, to be held March 23 on the causeway island closest to Fort Myers. Octifest is unique as a fundraiser in that it celebrates the ocean environments along the shores of San Carlos Bay while attendees enjoy the environment that the community has worked to protect and conserve.

The scholarship funds generated will benefit the island non-profit in its quest for a world where all people value, understand and care for the ocean. The party for a cause will take place under a large tent to house raffles, auctions, dinner, drinks and more.

The event runs from 6:30-10 p.m. During the early hours, guests will enjoy cocktails, conversation, a silent auction and an opportunity to support the programming needs of the sea school. The dining portion of the evening will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. Executive Director and co-founder, Dr. Bruce Neill will also give a brief presentation on many of the great things Sanibel Sea School is doing.

The excitement culminates with the live auction. This year, there is a great list of auction items that will thrill guests. Among these is a 5-day sailing expedition for three couples in the British Virgin Islands, hosted by Doc Bruce and Miss Evelyn, President of the Board of Trustees and Co-founder of Sanibel Sea School. The winners of this item will spend five days aboard a 48-foot catamaran exploring the islands and coral reefs of the BVI.

"A sailing expedition is a fantastic way to see and learn about the coral reefs of the BVI," said Doc Bruce. "The weather is fantastic; the geography distinct and historically rich; with a guided tour of the marine environments, this trip becomes a relaxing intellectually-rich adventure. Combined with the community of close friends, an expedition like this makes for memories of a lifetime."

Other items to be auctioned live are four tickets for a New York Mets home game. The winning bidder will arrive early at Citi Field Ballpark during batting practice. An autographed ball, baseball cards from Cy Young and award-winning pitcher Johan Santana, as well as a "First Mets No-Hitter" t-

shirt, are also included in the package.

Other unique items will also be up for live auction, with all proceeds of the night benefitting the programs of Sanibel Sea School. These funds will go toward scholarships for students, ocean discovery gear, snorkeling equipment, and other teaching tools used each and every day at the Sea School.

There are still a few surprises in store for attendees of Octifest, though the Sea School is tight-lipped about what they might be. Guests will have to wait and see what other items they might be able to bring home when the night is through.

If you would like to attend, contact the Sanibel Sea School at 239-472-8585.

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| | | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
|--------------------------|----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Sunrise | | 6:45 AM | 6:44 AM | 7:43 AM | 7:42 AM | 7:41 AM | 7:40 AM | 7:39 AM |
| Sunset | | 6:34 PM | 6:34 PM | 7:35 PM | 7:36 PM | 6:36 PM | 6:37 PM | 6:37 PM |
| Redfish Pass | Lo | 4:49 AM | 5:30 AM | 7:03 AM | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Hi | 12:09 PM | 12:27 PM | 1:44 PM | 1:26 AM | 2:11 AM | 2:53 AM | 3:35 AM |
| | Lo | 4:08 PM | 5:07 PM | 6:56 PM | 7:31 AM | 7:56 AM | 8:18 AM | 8:39 AM |
| | Hi | 10:38 PM | 11:36 PM | -- | 2:01 PM | 2:19 PM | 2:38 PM | 3:01 PM |
| Punta Rassa | Lo | -- | -- | -- | 7:40 PM | 8:22 PM | 9:03 PM | 9:45 PM |
| | Hi | 4:44 AM | 5:25 AM | 6:58 AM | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Lo | 12:03 PM | 12:21 PM | 1:38 PM | 1:20 PM | 2:05 AM | 2:47 AM | 3:29 AM |
| | Hi | 4:03 PM | 5:02 PM | 6:51 PM | 7:26 PM | 7:51 AM | 8:13 AM | 8:34 AM |
| Sanibel Light | Lo | 10:32 PM | 11:30 PM | -- | 1:55 PM | 2:13 PM | 2:32 PM | 2:55 PM |
| | Hi | -- | -- | -- | 7:35 PM | 8:17 PM | 8:58 PM | 9:40 PM |
| | Lo | 4:51 AM | 5:32 AM | 7:05 AM | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Hi | 11:14 AM | 11:32 AM | 12:49 PM | 12:31 AM | 1:16 AM | 1:58 AM | 2:40 AM |
| Captiva (Outside) | Lo | 4:10 PM | 5:09 PM | 6:58 PM | 7:33 AM | 7:58 AM | 8:20 AM | 8:41 AM |
| | Hi | 9:43 PM | 10:41 PM | -- | 1:06 PM | 1:24 PM | 1:43 PM | 2:06 PM |
| | Lo | -- | -- | -- | 7:42 PM | 8:24 PM | 9:05 PM | 9:47 PM |
| | Hi | 3:35 AM | 4:16 AM | 5:49 AM | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Lo | 10:44 AM | 11:02 AM | 12:19 PM | 12:01 AM | 12:46 AM | 1:28 AM | 2:10 AM |
| | Hi | 2:54 PM | 3:53 PM | 5:42 PM | 6:17 AM | 6:42 AM | 7:04 AM | 7:25 AM |
| | Lo | 9:13 PM | 10:11 PM | -- | 12:36 PM | 12:54 PM | 1:13 PM | 1:36 PM |
| | Hi | -- | -- | -- | 6:26 PM | 7:08 PM | 7:49 PM | 8:31 PM |

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR MARCH 9TH - MARCH 11TH

| | | |
|-----------------|------|--|
| Saturday | | Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s. |
| A.M. | P.M. | |
| Sunday | | Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s. |
| A.M. | P.M. | |
| Monday | | Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s. |
| A.M. | P.M. | |

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|----------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Saturday | | | | | | | | |
| Low | 12:38 AM | -- | 1:22 AM | 12:05 AM | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Hi | 8:47 AM | 5:31 AM | 9:13 AM | 8:13 AM | 7:11 AM | 5:28 AM | 5:26 AM | 6:01 AM |
| Low | 2:40 PM | 12:30 PM | 3:03 PM | 2:08 PM | 1:06 PM | 12:22 PM | 12:24 PM | 12:55 PM |
| Hi | 8:19 PM | 5:03 PM | 8:27 PM | 7:45 PM | 6:43 PM | 5:14 PM | 4:58 PM | 5:33 PM |
| Sunday | | | | | | | | |
| Low | 1:36 AM | -- | 3:19 AM | 1:04 AM | 12:02 AM | -- | -- | -- |
| Hi | 10:20 AM | 7:04 AM | 10:41 AM | 9:46 AM | 8:44 AM | 7:04 AM | 6:58 AM | 7:34 AM |
| Low | 3:58 PM | 1:48 PM | 4:30 PM | 3:28 PM | 2:24 PM | 1:22 PM | 1:42 PM | 2:13 PM |
| Hi | 10:10 PM | 6:54 PM | 10:25 PM | 9:36 PM | 8:34 PM | 7:01 AM | 6:49 PM | 7:24 PM |
| Monday | | | | | | | | |
| Low | 3:35 AM | 1:15 AM | 4:08 AM | 2:53 AM | 1:51 AM | 12:38 AM | 1:09 AM | 1:40 AM |
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| Hi | 10:55 PM | 7:39 PM | 11:15 PM | 10:21 PM | 9:19 PM | 7:44 PM | 7:34 PM | 8:09 PM |

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EXTENDED FORECAST

TUESDAY: PARTLY CLOUDY, CHANCE OF A THUNDERSTORM. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 70S AND LOWS IN THE MID 50S.
WEDNESDAY: MOSTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE LOW 80S AND LOWS IN THE MID 50S.
THURSDAY: SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOW 80S AND LOWS IN THE UPPER 50S.

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STATE FORECAST-SATURDAY

| CITY | HIGH/LOW |
|-----------------|----------|
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| FT. LAUDERDALE | 74/63 |
| FT. MYERS BEACH | 78/53 |
| GAINESVILLE | 73/48 |
| JACKSONVILLE | 65/53 |
| KEY WEST | 74/68 |
| KISSIMEE | 76/54 |
| MIAMI | 74/63 |
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