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What:

The 31st Annual San-Cap Lions
Arts & Crafts Fair

When:

March 21 and 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where:

Sanibel Community House
2173 Periwinkle Way

Admission:

\$5 donation

(all proceeds go directly to local charities)

Local Lion Debi Almeida expertly directs traffic
to the Arts and Crafts Fair. PHOTO PROVIDED



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Go FISH Gala an overwhelming success

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The 1st annual Go FISH (Friends in Service Here of Sanibel-Captiva) fundraising event held at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sunday, March 2, proved to be an overwhelming success!

FISH Executive Director Maggi Feiner stated, "We here at FISH are so humbled from the generosity of this community for our first ever fundraiser. We really had no idea what to expect. I cannot even find the words to reflect the deep appreciation I feel toward each and every person, business and organization that contributed, from the volunteers who worked so hard, to the master sponsor donation level. Every dollar raised goes directly back to this community."

The evening included a raffle, live auction and a paddle raiser for direct donation for 'the greatest need' of FISH, of which there are many. Auctioneer Eric Pfeifer, accompanied by FISH Board Member Nicole McHale, kept the guests entertained while helping to raise both funds and, just as importantly, awareness of FISH's mission.

Live auction winners left with a vacation home in Orlando, FL package which includes 4 complimentary night stay in an executive home, six Disney World® tickets, six SeaWorld® tickets and a convertible car rental; an original Charles Krypell 18KY Emerald, Blue Sapphire and Diamond ring; a Napa Valley Backroads & Railways vacation experience which

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"The caliber of our auction items was at such a high level that we had many bidders for each item," states John Pryor, FISH Vice President. "The very special surprise of the evening was when Dan Schuyler, Lily & Co., added two more \$5,000 shopping spree experiences, for a total of three, so that all bidders could

win. We cannot thank Dan and Karen Bell enough for their bigheartedness that evening."

Following the live auction, a powerful video presentation featuring stories of the clients of FISH preceded the paddle raiser. Once the paddle raiser began, attendees were able to give to the greatest need of FISH by raising their paddle to pledge to the organization. FISH surpassed their fundraising goal to further their mission to lend a helping hand to those in need on Sanibel or Captiva who live, work or visit here. The powerful video presented at the event featuring stories of the clients of fish may be viewed on their website, fishofsanibel.com.

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Film Society presents 'Before Midnight'

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Three-time Academy Award nominee Ethan Hawke (Before Midnight, Before Sunset and Training Day) and two-time Academy Award nominee Julie Delpy (Before Midnight and Before Sunset) star in BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series presentation, Before Midnight to be screened on Monday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

Before Midnight is the third installment in a romantic series that began with Before Sunrise. An American father, Jesse, (Ethan Hawke) is seeing off his son Hank (Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick) at the Kalamata Airport in Greece. Hank's returning to his mother and life in the U.S. after spending the "best summer ever" with Jesse and his family. The middle-schooler is more composed than his forty-ish father, who hovers anxiously as their separation draws near. Geography weighs heavily on Jesse. Outside the airport, he rejoins his family: Celine (Julie Delpy) and their young twin daughters Ella and Nina (Jennifer and Charlotte Prior). As they drive through the austere beautiful rocky hillsides of

Messinia, Jesse and Celine talk — about living so far from Hank, about her career as an environmentalist and hopes for a new job, about the swirl of ancient and modern Greece around them. Jesse hints at wanting to move back to America from their home in Paris, but Celine has done her U.S. time — they lived in New York for a spell — and has no wish to return. Their long history together bubbles between them.

Jesse's a successful novelist, and they're in Greece at a writer's retreat, staying in the

bucolic country villa of an older expat writer, Patrick (Walter Lassally). Jesse's given to flights of creative fancy which charm the assembled company, warmly hospitable Greek couples, but Celine — whose own past has played a starring role in Jesse's semi-autobiographical novels — is perhaps a bit weary of serving as alluring French muse to Jesse's fiction career. As a treat, their Greek friends have gifted Jesse and Celine with a night at a luxurious seaside hotel while they babysit the twins. Feeling the undercurrent of friction between them, Celine wants to beg off, but their friends insist. They set off on foot through the spectacular countryside, meandering through meadows and villages, enjoying each other's company, talking, teasing, debating, flirting. What does a long-term couple do in a sleek hotel room besides throw off their worries, responsibilities, and clothes and make love? But for Jesse and Celine, realities intrude: the weight of children, work, ambitions, disappointments; the ebb and flow of romantic love; the strains of an evolving, deepening relationship. Their idyllic night tests them in unexpected ways. Jesse and Celine first met in their twenties in Before Sunrise (1995), reunited in their thirties in Before Sunset (2004), and now, in Before Midnight, they face the past, present and future: family, romance.

The 2013 film has a runtime of 108 minutes and is rated R. Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$8 and all screenings throughout the season begin at 7 p.m. More than just a movie, each Monday Night film screening is followed by a complementary reception and discussion led by knowledgeable film aficionados in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery.

Audiences will enjoy the BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series in the comfort of Schein Performance Hall, which features surround-sound, a high-definition projection system and large screen to provide a superior cinematic experience. Complimentary assistive listening devices are available for use during the screenings.

Discover more about BIG ARTS, including upcoming film screenings, volunteer opportunities and membership options as well as learn more about our full season lineup of exhibits, performances, classes and events by visiting BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, online at BIGARTS.org, by phone 395-0900 or via e-mail info@BIGARTS.org.

National Napping Day

Yes, Virginia, not only is there a Santa Claus but there's also a National Napping Day. This year National Napping Day fell on March 10 and was created to help make up for the hour lost in turning our clocks ahead.

National Napping Day isn't a figment of my imagination. In fact, every time I hear its name I begin to yawn and find my eyes drooping. It is a real day and was invented by Professor William Anthony, a professor at Boston University.

Professor Anthony was quoted as saying, "We chose this particular Monday because Americans are more 'nap-ready' than usual after losing an hour of sleep to daylight savings time." Personally, I'm nap ready each and every day.

A recent article authored by Professor Anthony and his wife Camille, who is considered the duchess of napping, backed scientific evidence that napping enhances mood and performance. National Napping Day was created in 1999 and has been celebrated every year on the Monday following the switch to daylight savings time.

The Anthonys claim that every year on National Napping Day, businesses, organizations and communities have celebrated the day with company-wide lunches followed by a post-lunch nap break. I wish I had worked for a company that encouraged napping on the job.

I have personally volunteered to bring National Napping Day to Sanibel and persuade residents and businesses alike to celebrate it every day rather than just once a year. I've introduced legislation to the Sanibel City Council which would designate the daily hours of 2 to 3 p.m. as nappy time.

The new law would require all residents and visitors to Sanibel to stop what they're doing every day at 2 p.m. and take a one-hour nap. Local businesses would supply floor mats, blankets, bedtime stories, sleep masks and crib toys so that naps can be implemented regardless of where you might be.

The Sanibel Causeway would be closed daily from 2 to 3 p.m. so that toll collectors can grab their hour's worth of zzzzz's. All wildlife in "Ding" Darling will now cease flying and crawling at 2 p.m. daily.

All Sanibel restaurants would allow diners to slump over their tables to comply with the law.

As part of the new regulations a series of siren blasts would go off daily at 2 p.m. This will sound the alarm that every single person in Sanibel regardless of where you are and what you're doing is required by law to take a nap. Nap squads will be on the prowl to enforce this law. The Sanibel City Council has embraced napping to foster a healthier and more vibrant community.

The other part of the new law that may prove to be disconcerting to some is the requirement that no naps extend beyond 3 p.m. Anyone caught extending a nap beyond 3 p.m. will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The Sanibel City Council issued this statement, "Sanibel has always been in the forefront of advocating healthy life styles and



Art Stevens
Shell Shocked

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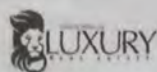


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Lions Arts & Crafts Fair returns for 31st edition, to raise funds for local charities

By ROBBIE SPENCER

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Retired physician Rick Siders believes you can't be too careful.

Siders, now President of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club, has helped advocate the Lions' mission of helping those with vision and hearing disabilities since he joined the club six years ago. This is just one of the many causes the Club has come to support over the years.

The 31st Annual Lions Arts & Crafts Fair returns to the Community House on March 21 and 22 to help raise money for these causes.

"We do comprehensive screening in Sanibel, open to all," Siders said. "We provide screening for vision, hearing, blood pressure, glaucoma."

One day, Siders decided to get screened.

"I went in for my hearing and it turned out I had glaucoma!" he exclaimed. "I didn't want to get my eyes tested but I got it done anyway."

Siders is just one of hundreds of local residents and visitors who have benefited from the work of the Lions Club. The club's reach is international, with over 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members making it the world's largest service club organization. The Sanibel-Captiva Lions have around 76 members. Most will be on hand for this weekend's Fair.

The weekend will feature roughly 120 exhibitors who were hand-picked



One of over 100 exhibitors from last year's fair at the Community House.

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after extensive research and evaluation, according to Siders. He also said Islanders will be pleased by the number of affordable, original art pieces available for purchase.

"We keep our selection available to the majority of people that come to purchase art," he said. "Our major concern is we deal exclusively with artists who create the arts and crafts themselves."

The show will be juried with a \$350

best-in-show cash prize awarded, as well as other prizes.

The main goal, however, will be to raise money for local charities. Every penny that's collected at the fair will go to local charities, including the Conklin Center for the Blind, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Visually Impaired Persons, Florida Guide Dogs for the Deaf, Florida Foundation for the Blind, and many more.



To go:

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When: March 21 and 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way

Admission: \$5 donation (all proceeds go directly to local charities)

"We cover all of our admin expenses through our dues," Sider said. "We're very careful about that."

For more information about the fair or to learn more about the Lions Club, visit sanibelcaptivalions.org.

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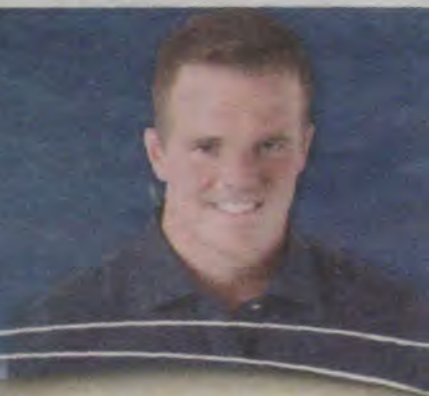
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San-Cap Trust Co. sponsors first annual 'updates on dementia' conference

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The Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida and the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter partnered together to bring our area its first Updates on Dementia Conference, which was held on Friday, Feb. 28 at Hodges University in Naples.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company was a Gold Sponsor for the event, which offered lectures by nationally recognized speakers in the field providing guidance to enhance clinical practice and caregiving for professionals and families.

"In order for all of us to successfully deal with the significant rise in Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias, education related to care, treatment, research and caregiving is essential," said Sanibel Captiva Trust Executive Vice President Robin Cook. "Our efforts here today will also enable us to better serve our clients when they are faced with difficult and life-changing decisions caused by



Robin Cook and Steve Greenstein welcome guests to the Updates on Dementia conference. PHOTO PROVIDED

cognitive issues affecting family members."

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Art Show at the Sanibel Library

Throughout the month of March the Sanibel Captiva Art League's annual Member Juried Show is on display at the Sanibel Library. The show was open to all members of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League and features paintings with a wide variety of subject matter and media.

Sanibel Captiva Art League invites anyone who is interested to join the artists at weekly paint outs on Thursday mornings, as well as to attend the next general meeting on April 10, 1 p.m., at the Sanibel Community

House. Following light refreshments and a short business meeting, Carl Schwartz will be giving a demonstration. Carl is an award-winning artist with many works in permanent collections in the United States and abroad. On his web site he describes himself as a "realist whose work shows an influence of both abstract expressionism and cubism." He is interested in light and composition. Information about the Art League as well as location of weekly paint outs may be found on the web: sancapart.com.

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The good ol' Captiva boys

By ROBBIE SPENCER

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The Jensen boys were faced with a dilemma back in the '70s.

Their dad, Red Jensen, bought a parcel of land on North Captiva back in the '50s, and in 1973 they came from Detroit, MI to visit his purchase for the first time.

Red with his wife Betty and children (Brothers John, Dave, Jim and Sister Pat) in tow, took the leisurely drive through Sanibel and Captiva to catch a boat to North Cap.

He fell in love with the island. Brother Dave recalls his dad spying a "for sale" sign hidden in a slew of palm trees. He bought the land and built their first apartment building on Captiva. Within 3 years Red bought what's now known as Jensen's Twin Palms Resort and Marina. Originally he hoped to hold onto it for a couple years and then sell, according to Brother Dave.

"When we went back to Michigan, [Red] got a couple buddies together, got a deal together and bought it," he said. "They were all in Michigan, my dad would come down and hire some managers to run it."

Eventually it just didn't work out running things from afar, so the Jensen boys were faced with a predicament.

"My brother Dave and I were up in Michigan, we were in our early 20s trying to find ourselves," John recalled with a jovial laugh. "Red asked us if we wanted to run the resort!"

It wasn't much of a dilemma after all. He and Dave sprinted down from Detroit



faster than a knife fight in a phone booth.

"It's so much better," Brother John laughed.

"When we first came here I was a junior in high school, like 16 years old, Dave was 17," he said. "I just thought, 'this is where I'm gonna live.' The first place we stayed was in the Honeymoon Cottages near Blind Pass. I remember riding bikes from Timmy's Nook where the Green Flash is now, we didn't pass a single car. Cheeseburgers, fish sandwiches, it was a dive. It was the hang-out!"

The Jensen brothers' business has grown to 10 cottages at Twin Palms Marina and 14 separate units at On The



Above: Jim (of the band The Troublestarters), Dave (sometimes a little camera-shy), and John (always happy-go-lucky!) showing off their Jensen Gear. Left: John, Dave and Jim Jensen know how to let loose and enjoy life, something their father, Red, instilled in them long ago.

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and keeping up with the books.

"She brings the woman's touch," John said.

Brother Dave was the mastermind behind the Marching Mullet Parade, where an eclectic group of Islanders and visitors walk down Andy Rosse Lane to march in the name of mullets everywhere. They always name a grand marshal to honor a veteran of the Armed Forces.

"We get people calling asking when the next parade is all the time. Some people have instruments, dress up, others just walk up and see what's going on."

Right next to the marina office there's an open room where the Jensens have enshrined a number of their famous guests and other island happenings. Sometimes Islanders can see a manatee hanging out nearby, poking its nose around.

"Ted Turner fished out of here a couple days," John said. "Kevin Costner, Danny DeVito. We had John F. Kennedy Junior here. He was a laid-back guy, really good guy. He saw the Knicks and Lakers playing on the TV in our office and hung out and watched it with us."

No matter what's happening on Captiva, it always seems the Jensens have a hand in the fun.

"We just feel lucky to be here, hopefully it's for a lot longer! We plan on being here as long as we can."

John said the biggest changes he's seen to the islands since 1973 are some bigger homes, a little more tourism and a lot more vacation rentals.

"To me, the same feeling's here though," said John, who lives a bike ride away from their Marina. "It's all good, great for business. I come in to our place here and it's our own little world."



The magical dock at Jensen's Marina.

PhD-turned-birder attempting his 'Big Year' via bicycle

By **ROBBIE SPENCER**

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Dorian Anderson grew weary of his life in science, so he decided to jump on his bicycle.

He's still riding.

Anderson departed from Boston on Jan. 1 to start his "Big Year," in which a birdwatcher attempts to see or hear as many bird species as they can in North America in one calendar year. According to his blog, bikingforbirds.blogspot.com, the endeavor begins on Jan. 1 and, over the subsequent 364 days, requires the birder to visit all corners of the continent in an effort to record 700-750 species of birds while logging hundreds of thousands of miles via plane, car and boat travel. Anderson believes by the end of the year, he'll have traveled around 12,000 miles on his bike and hopes to see 600 bird species.

"Nobody has tried to do anything of this magnitude," said Anderson, who's already seen over 240 bird species this year. "Biking for Birds" is my completely crazy and hopefully fantastic twist on the traditional North American Big Year."

Anderson is roughly 3,000 miles into his trip, in which he's traveled the entire east coast from Boston all the way down to Miami. He arrived in Sanibel on Sunday, March 9 after he rode 111 miles across Alligator Alley up to Marco Island the day before, and another 63 miles on Sunday up to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, where he stayed for three nights in their student housing courtesy of the Refuge,



Dorian Anderson at the "Ding" Darling Visitor and Education Center on Monday, March 10.

according to Wildlife Society Executive Director Birgitte Miller. Anderson was impressed with the island's conservation efforts, especially at the Refuge.

"There's an effort being made here, you don't see that much. The paved Wildlife Drive was really nice."

Anderson hopes to utilize this year's adventure and his outgoing personality and internal drive to help make a difference, whether it be in conservation efforts across the country or helping future organizations create more sus-

tainable infrastructure, encouraging bike riding or other sustainable, eco-friendly forms of transportation.

"Life's a big poker game, you're not betting with money, you're betting with time. I pushed a lot of time into the center of the table with my education," he said.

Anderson, 35, had let his education take him across the country and dictate his life's work, from prep school in the northeast, to Stanford for biochemistry, to Harvard for molecular embryology,

and eventually for his PhD in developmental genetics and molecular cell biology.

"My whole life has been dictated by my education. The problem with what I was doing, it was so formulaic...so linear, any diversion...nobody takes time off. It's so singular-focused."

He wasn't happy with his lifestyle. He needed a change, something to differentiate himself from the norm.

"I think science attracts a certain type of personality," he said. "I don't really fit that stereotype. I have a lot of other talents, my opportunity costs were a lot higher than others by staying in science."

Anderson's confident demeanor and easygoing personality have helped him acquire many friends during his travels, including Best Western hotels, which gave him money to stay at their establishments.

"I've met so many cool people. People recognize that I'm putting my life on the line every day, people have bent over backwards to assist me."

He also reflected as to what put him over the edge to give up his career in science to begin his "Big Year."

"I've always thought of this [Big Year] thing, and using my personality to make things happen. Someone once told me 'jump, and the net will appear. You only get one crack at this.'"

Anderson's blog recently reached 100,000 page hits since he began on the first of the year. He hopes to utilize the blog, which he's written in every night of the year thus far, to help raise

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Citizen birding next up on 'Ding' lecture series

Special to the Islander

Rick Bonney, director of program development and evaluation at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in New York State, will make a special guest appearance to speak about citizen science on Friday, March 21, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

Florida's Gulf Coast is home to many species of birds and is a favored birding location for many birdwatchers. Much of what we know about the distribution of birds in the Gulf and throughout the rest

of Florida comes from information contributed by birders participating in a variety of citizen science projects.

What can citizen science tell us about the status of Florida's birds past, present, and future? And how can birdwatchers help us learn more?

Bonney, co-founder of the Lab's Citizen Science Program and co-editor of the Cornell Handbook of Bird Biology, will explain how ordinary citizens can become involved in research projects such as backyard bird counts, NestWatch, FeederWatch, and eBird

(<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>). The latter is an online, nationwide bird checklist where birders can enter their sightings.

In addition to offering home computer listing opportunities, Cornell places eBird reporting kiosks in prime birding locations, including J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

Admission is free to Bonney's lecture, which is sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), as part of their 12-

week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis.

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

For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or visit dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures.

'Ding' lecture series explores refuge's designated wilderness

Special to the Islander

The federal Wilderness Act of 1964 forever preserved 54 areas (9.1 million acres) in 13 states designated as wilderness. On Thursday, March 20, at 1 p.m. Steve Archibald from Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center in Missoula, Montana, will help the refuge begin celebrating the 50th anniversary of wilderness with a Wilderness 101 lecture in the free "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

The Wilderness Act established the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS). Since 1964, the NWPS has grown almost every year and now encompasses 757 areas (109,511,966 acres) in 44 states and Puerto Rico, including 2,619 of "Ding" Darling Refuge's 6,400 acres - designated in 1976. Accessible only by water, it comprises a mass of

mangrove islands off Tarpon Bay and Wildlife Drive.

The NWPS is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service. In a spirit of cooperation the four agencies established the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center and the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute for training, education, and research.

Archibald is the education and outreach specialist at the Carhart Center. He has been a classroom teacher, place-based outdoor educator, and workshop facilitator for more than 20 years.

His presentation about the history and diversity of the NWPS will end with a focus on "Ding" Darling's wilderness area, which the refuge will celebrate in September and October 2014 with special

tours and presentations. Supervisory Refuge Range Toni Westland him will join him for that portion of his lecture.

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Birder

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\$100,000 for bird conservation. According to Anderson, he's already raised over \$7,000.

When asked what his message would be to others with lofty goals, it was simple.

"Just do the things that you want to do and do them really well. If you do that, everything else will fall in line."

Islanders can track Dorian Anderson's progress, follow his blog, and make donations for bird conservation at bikingforbirds.blogspot.com.



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Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

The dream of building a Shell Museum on Sanibel Island, an island considered one of the premiere shelling locations in the entire world, dates back to 1927, when the first Sanibel Shell Fair was held. The idea became closer to reality in 1990 with the donation of the eight-acre site to the newly formed Shell Museum and Research Foundation by the Bailey family. The three Bailey brothers, John, Frances and Sam were sons of Earnest Bailey, an early settler who arrived on the island in 1894. The Matthews family, also early settlers, were the original owners of the Island Inn.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum officially opened its doors on November 18, 1995 and has been growing in quality, distinction and popularity ever since. In March of 2010 it achieved accreditation from the American Association of Museums. Of the nation's 17,500 museums only 775 have earned this accreditation. The Shell Museum is one of only 48 such museums accredited in Florida.

Any visit to the Museum should begin with a viewing of one or both of their thirty-minute films on mollusks, shown nonstop in their theater on the main floor. Eight years in the making,

the first of these short films is titled "Mollusks in Action - The Secret Life of Seashells," while the second feature is called "Trails and Tales of Living Seashells." After learning about these fascinating creatures, whose total number of distinct species tops 200,000 worldwide, its time to head into the large octagonally-designed display area and wander through the more than two dozen exhibits.

For people interested in shelling on Sanibel one of the most popular displays can be found immediately left of the entrance. Called Gifts from the Seas of Sanibel & Captiva it clearly displays the most common species of seashells likely to be found on the beaches and the back bays of the two islands. The museum also offers the visitor a free handout with many of these same seashells on it, making it easy to start your own private shell collection. The exhibits continue with a large display of Florida fossil shells as well as a life-sized model of the original shell people of Southwest Florida - the Calusa Indians.

There is a dazzling and colorful display on the scallop shell that includes an array of color variations and shows like a master painter's palette. The museum showcases the largest horse conch in the world, a massive 23.8 inch



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univalve that was discovered by Ed Hanley of Sanibel while diving in 130 feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico. Additional exhibits include Shells in Geography, Cephalopods, and Shells as Money. The most recent exhibit, which went on display in April of 2010, is called MMM...Mollusks! It focuses not on collecting shells, but on recipes to cook the soft, fleshy animal inside. An interactive touch screen computer allows you to e-mail shellfish recipes back home, including delicious dishes of oysters, mussels and scallops, all of which are mollusks.

One of the most popular and unusual displays is called Sailors' Valentines. These are magnificently crafted octagonal boxes that were developed in the early 1800s by the woman of Barbados and the Caribbean for sailors to take

back home to their sweethearts. Made of thousands of tiny, multi-colored shells that are arranged in a form of shell pointillism, these are truly masterpieces of shell folk art. The adjacent display of shell cameos, shell inlay, buttons and shell bows is equally compelling.

As in many museums, there are any number of displays and programs designed specifically for the younger visitor. These include a live shell display and a school shell collection kit that includes sample shells from around the world, a teacher's guide, a student shell i.d. guide and more. The Museum sends these kits across the U.S., Mexico and Canada to give schoolchildren an opportunity to learn more about the different species of mollusks and the

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Spring Concert to feature music from 'Guys and Dolls'

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Guys with fedoras and sharp lapels and dames with attitudes will be belting out songs from the celebrated Broadway hit, "Guys and Dolls," at the annual BIG ARTS Community Chorus spring concerts during two March evening performances. The local chorus, with 85 enthusiastic members, has a reputation on the Island for producing entertainment that audiences love. Each year Steve Cramer, the director and producer of the BIG ARTS Community Chorus's semi-annual concerts, brings together a program of serious and just-plain-fun music that highlights the talents of his singers.

The spring concerts, performed at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27 at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, will feature a lively "Guys and Dolls" medley. The music was written by Frank Loesser, which includes some of the best-known show tunes of all time. Based on the short stories by Damon Runyon, a chronicler of gangster life in NYC, it premiered on Broadway in 1950 and ran for 1,200 performances. It won the Tony Award for best Musical.

For classical enthusiasts, the highlight of the concerts will be Brahms, Neues Liebeslieder waltzes, which were written in 1868. They were an instant success,



BIG ARTS Community Chorus singers Bill O'Brien (Nicely), Dick Brown (Nathan), and Ed Mosel (Rusty).

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popular with both professional musicians and the home market for which they were composed. The melodies and harmonies show Brahms's elegant style and ability to evoke emotion.

Sponsored by Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, BIG ARTS Community Chorus' eclectic spring program will also include a Patriot Salute, featuring the songs of George M. Cohan, a medley from the '50s, a folk dance and some barbershop harmonies. BIG ARTS

Community Chorus Spring Concert tickets are on sale now and are \$10 for adults and are free for students with valid student ID as well as for children 17 and under with the purchase of an adult ticket. To purchase tickets, please stop by BIG ARTS Marks Box office, located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel or call 395-0900. The concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27. Be sure to get your tickets early from BIG ARTS as these concerts sell out fast!



Singers Heidi Weidner (Adelaide) and Jack Kennedy (Nathan).

The Community House presents Amelia Earhart — Daring to Dream

Special to the Islander

Daring to Dream is about the life and last flight of the famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart. The first woman to attempt an around-the-world flight on a course approximating the equator, Amelia was idolized during her life.

Her disappearance evoked tears - and sparked numerous theories as to her ultimate fate. Those theories continue to be debated even today. At the start of the play, Amelia arrives as if she has just stepped off one of her planes and proceeds to tell the story of how she came to be a pilot and, more importantly, what that meant to her. In the course of the recollection, her spirit, drive and strong commitment to equal rights for women become clear.

More than a simple biography, the piece is designed as an encouragement for all to reach for the stars. Janina, the actress and writer, was commissioned to write Daring to Dream by the Zonta International chapter in Naples, Florida, to help that group celebrate both its founding and the role that Amelia, a Zonta member, played in the national organization. Zonta has established a fellowship in Amelia's name that has helped more than 1000 young women pursue careers related to flight.

Join the Community House on Wednesday, March 26, for this entertaining one-woman luncheon show. Tickets for members are \$30 for members, guests \$35. Prepaid reservations only, call the Community House to reserve space at 472-2155 or visit sanibel-communityhouse.net A special thanks to Sanibel Holiday for sponsoring this enlightening event. Seating at Noon, luncheon includes honey grilled chicken salad with mixed field greens and raspberry balsamic vinaigrette dressing. Wine available by donation.

Sanibel Music Festival continues

Opera Theater of Connecticut Returns

Celebrating their 29th Season of presenting exciting opera in intimate settings, the Opera Theater of Connecticut returns to the Sanibel Music Festival to present a concert titled "The Bad Boys and Wicked Women of Opera." They will perform Saturday, March 22, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The Concert is sponsored by the Estate of Christine Johnson, Tween Waters Inn, and Friends of Opera.

OTC plans an exciting evening of arias, duets and ensembles sung by an ensemble of talented young artists including Adelmo Guidarelli, bass-baritone; Kelly Hill, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Kohl, tenor; Matt Morgan, tenor; Megan Pachecano, soprano; and Sarah Asmar, soprano.

Artistic Director Alan Mann will pepper the concert with witty and informative commentary with digital scenery and supertitles. OTC introduces audiences to young professional singers who are on the cusp of major careers. Several of the company's gifted young singers, who have performed at the Festival through the years, have gone on to the Met, the New York City Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago. OTC also brings the performing arts into communities at affordable prices. Its educational outreach program, Overtures, has made presentations to more than 8,500 people, from children to seniors. Kate Ford, co-founder of the company, serves as General Director and Michael Fennelly, Music Director.

Tickets may be purchased at \$45 each at the Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2475 Library Way. Cash or check only. Tickets also are available on line at sanibelmusicfestival.org. For more information call the Festival hot line at 344-7025.

The Sanibel Music Festival, celebrating its 28th 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.

Plant Walk next Saturday

Special to the Islander

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering a guided native vegetation and landscaping tour of City Hall grounds, which have been planted solely with native plants. The tour of City Hall grounds is on Saturday, March 22. The guided tour begins promptly at 10 a.m.

Come walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer. Come see how you can plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation Committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance. NO fertilizer, and NO supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. For additional information regarding the guided native vegetation tour, please contact the City's Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.

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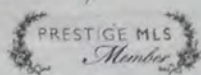


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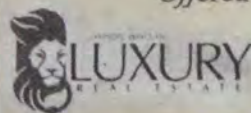
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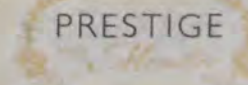
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Captiva property up for auction this month

By MCKENZIE CASSIDY

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A Captiva Island gulf-to-bay property previously valued at \$11.9 million will go up for a closed bid auction on March 27.

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate announced in February that the 2.5-acre lot on Captiva Drive would be auctioned off to the highest bidder. With waterfronts totaling 106-feet on the Gulf and 110-feet on Bay Beach, it's zoned for



**David
Schuldenfrei**

up to 10 residential units, and features a new seawall, a grand-fathered concrete boat ramp, and observation deck.

The property's major draw is that it's one of the last gulf-to-bay undeveloped lots on Captiva, which may

drive bids through the roof.

"This lot is a very rare find and is the last gulf-to-bay property of this size available for development on Captiva Island," said Alex Nicodemi, the sales associate assigned to facilitate the auction. "Therefore, this property, due to its size and desirable location will draw significant attention from prospective buyers from across the country."

David Schuldenfrei, president of the

Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors, said it will be interesting to see how high the bids go, but personally doesn't expect it to be near \$12 million.

According to public records, the property was sold in 1999 for \$2.9 million. The listed price also dropped slightly between 2013 and 2014.

Potential buyers have the option of developing the property or living in the 4-

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

Connectivity ordinance forwarded to council
Cross access agreements removed from draft

By MCKENZIE CASSIDY

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Before forwarding a new ordinance on connectivity to city council, the Sanibel Planning Commission voted to exclude a requirement for adjacent property owners to enter into a cross access agreement.

The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the development of new intra-and-inter-connections between properties on the island. These would include pedestrian and bicycle networks between the shared use path system and island properties.

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**Bicyclists
and pedestrians
enjoy the island's
shared use
path system.**
MCKENZIE
CASSIDY

State no longer looking to sell conservation land on Cayo Costa, North Captiva

By TIFFANY REPECKI

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Dozens of parcels of state-owned conservation lands, including nine on the Cayo Costa and North Captiva islands, are no longer facing the prospect of being sold — all thanks to a shift in focus.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection announced last week that it will cease its comprehensive land sale effort tied to the State Conservation Land Assessment and will instead focus on the potential sales of non-conservation lands to fund Florida Forever purchases in the future.

"We're done with the list and the large-scale process," DEP spokesman Patrick Gillespie said Tuesday. "Instead of looking at this large-scale effort, we're shifting to look at the non-conservation land."

Last year, the Florida Legislature

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LCSO serves warrant for cocaine dealer on Sanibel Island

Special to the Reporter

Deputies from the Lee County Sheriff's Office served a warrant against Fort Myers resident Richard Cyle Wiemer, 28, on Sanibel Island last week.

Wiemer was arrested on March 7 at 3:28 p.m. on Rabbit Road for selling and possessing cocaine.

According to the warrant released by LCSO, Wiemer allegedly sold 1.8 grams of cocaine to a confidential informant on March 19, 2013 in Fort Myers. With assistance from LCSO, the

informant paid \$100 to a street level cocaine dealer known as "Kyle" in return for crack cocaine at the Marbella Apartments on 7961 Bradenburg Lane.

Following the transaction, the detective conducted a field test of the substance and found it was positive for cocaine, and after a records search found that the apartment belonged to Wiemer.

Wiemer was later identified in a police line up by the informant, but according to the LCSO, efforts to take Wiemer into custody were exhausted requiring the issuance of a countywide warrant.

He was released on the same day of his arrest with a bond of \$7,500 and is scheduled for trial on April 7.

Wiemer could not be reached for comment on March 10.



Richard Wiemer

Bling Bash to Smash Slavery returns

The 2nd Annual Bling Bash to Smash Slavery returns to the Forever Green Shops, 2025 Periwinkle Way in Sanibel, on April 5 from 3-6 p.m.



Yaro Garcia, head clinician at the ACT Shelter and president of the SW Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition.

Garcia, head clinician at the ACT Shelter, and president of the SW Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition. The coalition is the direct outgrowth of the Lee County Sheriff's Human Trafficking Task Force which the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva spearheaded in 2005.

Garcia has treated dozens of victims of human trafficking in Lee County and has led awareness events like the recent "Slave Free Southwest Florida" event held in January of this year which drew over 1,000 participants. She and representatives of ACT will be present for the award.

Lindy Holt of Silvery Lane Studios will be the featured jewelry designer this year and has contributed a number of pieces for the live auction.

Jean Baer, professional auctioneer, will be conducting the Live Auction which includes original jewelry by many Florida jewelry designers and stores, including Sealife Congress, Cedar Chest and resort stays at places like

As last year, there will be designer jewelry exhibited for sale, our "Downton Abbey to Abbey Road" previously loved jewelry to purchase, live and silent auctions at this fun event meant to raise money for Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships Youth Prevention Programs and outreach activities.

The first "Human Trafficking Awareness Partner Award" will be awarded to Yaro



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Lindy Holt of Silvery Lane Studios will be the featured jewelry designer this year.

Gulfbreeze Cottages and Estero Point Resort. Cips Place will provide canapés.

All proceeds of the event will be used to support HTAP's outreach and prevention programs for youth. You will receive six raffle tickets with your \$20 admission contribution this year. We are still collecting previously loved jewelry to augment the 700 pieces we already have and are seeking additional donations for the live and silent auction.

For further information or to make a donation, please call 415-2635 or 292-3834 or email: nola@humantraffickingawareness.org or mail to HTAP, PO Box 1113, Sanibel, Fla., 33957.

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What is your favorite part of St. Patrick's Day?



Caroline Seward
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"I guess I would have to say the drinks."



Graham Campbell
Finance
Ontario

"Green beer."



Wayne Keenen
Retired
Illinois

"Green beer."



Peter Hamilton
Retired
Ontario

"My wife thinks she is Irish."



Ian Hamilton
Telecommunications
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"Green beer."

We want your opinion

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Letters to the Editor

Coy a good commission choice

To the editor,

I guess one could say that I'm a turn-coat; a traitor to the cause of bleeding heart liberalism and the Democratic way. Gladly, I plead guilty as charged. I saw the light and was converted in 1994 when during a chance meeting with Andy Coy and listening, really listening to him describe his forward looking vision for our great county, that I took a step back and said, whoa! This guy is the real deal, a man-not a politician-that I could confidently put my trust in. So, without a backward glance, I changed my party affiliation in order that I might vote for him, mainly because I had become unhinged by the likes of Vicky, Ernie and now Tammy, along with the rest of that selfish and self-serving bunch that has sullied our local government over the years.

And boy, did he ever produce. During the three terms he served as my commissioner, Andy never failed to live up to my expectations, attending every meeting and listening to his constituents. In short, he

got things done. The sidewalk that he spearheaded here in my neighborhood of Waterway Estates, so that my children could walk to the bus stop in safety is just one small example. And if you are one of the thousands of Cape commuters that daily take the shortcut from Cape to Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers using Del Prado Extension each morning, you can thank Andy for that convenience. Further, many of you probably don't remember, but he patiently and persistently advocated the construction of the mid-point bridge against intense opposition by the river front fat cats whose property would be 'adversely' affected.

Finally, let's not forget his involvement in pushing thru the construction of Veteran's Parkway and the establishment of the North Fort Myers Community Park.

Bottom line, there is no one better qualified to hold this office. His credentials are impeccable and his character is beyond reproach. Check him out, and you will have to agree, that he's not a politician who tries to dazzle you with foot work and

one whose credo is, 'always be sincere whether you mean it or not.'

Yeah, I'm a displaced bleeding heart liberal, but Andy Coy has more than earned my confidence, demonstrating that we can co-exist and get things done without a hard core agenda of partisanship standing in the way.

David C. Brown
North Fort Myers

Haffenreffer Challenge matches gifts to Center

To the editor,

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education recently hosted its 2014 Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture and 10th Anniversary Celebration. For the first time in the Center's history, the signature event was a theatrical performance. The Center invited Actress Kaiulani Lee to perform her one-woman show "A Sense of Wonder" which is based on the life and works of Rachel

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Agree? Disagree?

Your views on the editorials, letters and the guest opinions that appear on The Reporter opinion pages can be shared on-line. Tell us what you think at Share.your.opinion.at/captivasanibel.com. Also visit our opinion page poll on the main news pages. Vote or leave a comment.

Web Poll

Web Poll Results

What is your favorite thing to eat on St. Patrick's Day?

- Corned Beef and Cabbage — 67%
- Irish Stew — 0%
- Shepherd's Pie — 17%
- Colcannon — 0%
- Irish Soda Bread — 17%
- Other — 0%

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Faces on Faith: 'Good' is natural

When something wonderful happens, do we often think "that's too good to be true?" Because our news is so saturated with negative images, it can easily seem as if by chance, accident, illness, evil itself is the norm; as if life is one big lottery, and we rarely pick the winning ticket.

But, wait a minute. As people of faith, shouldn't we expect "good" to predominate in our lives? Don't we embrace a God who is totally good?

In the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy informs us:

"In the Saxon and twenty other tongues, Good is the term for God. The Scriptures declare all that He made to be good like Himself. God is natural good and is represented only by the idea of goodness; while evil should be regarded as unnatural because it is opposed to the nature of God."

Eddy continues: "If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science for the supremacy of God, good, ought we not contrariwise to be astounded at the vigorous claims of evil, and doubt them, and no longer imagine evil to be ever-present and good absent? Truth should not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error should not seem so real



June Sieber

Faces on Faith

as Truth. Sickness should not seem so real as health."

Christian Science doctrine is predicated on the fact that "good" is all powerful, more real, more substantial than any claim of evil, inharmony, disease. Eddy uses strong words to guide us in resisting evil of every kind.

"Dismiss it with an abiding conviction that it is illegitimate because you know God is no more the author of sickness than He is of sin. Mentally contradict every negative condition and rise to the true consciousness of Life as all that is pure, bearing

the fruits of Spirit."

In the King James Version of the Bible, Jeremiah reminds us: "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Aligning ourselves with God's goodness causes wonderful things to take place. Framing our days with a God-ordained expectancy of good, brings comfort, joy, wonderful freedom, and health-giving peace.

June Sieber, Christian Science Church, sancapnews@breezenewspapers.com

Letters to the Editor

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Carson. Lee mesmerized and moved the audience with her convincing portrayal of Carson. Guests felt as though they were watching Rachel Carson herself on the stage.

Immediately following the performance, the Center hosted its Tenth Anniversary Celebration. Guests joined the Center in celebrating a decade worth of scholarship, education and action in pursuit of a more peaceful and sustainable world. During the celebration Sanibel residents Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer, announced that they will graciously renew their Haffenreffer Challenge, which will match gifts to the Center up to a total of \$10,000.

We are still working to meet our fundraising goal for this year. Contributions to the Center help support Center activities that include Earth Charter Mini-grants, SAGE Mini-grants (Student Associates for a Greener Environment), scholarly publications in environmental education, student employment, environmental education research, and signature educational events.

The Center would like to extend a Special thanks to BIG ARTS, the Host Committee, the FGCU Book Store, the West Wind Inn and Robbie Spencer at the Sanibel-Captiva



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Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer.

Islander.

The Center truly appreciates every contribution and hopes to continue to receive such great support from friends, colleagues, and the local community. Such support is vital to the Center's efforts and allows it to continue its work towards a more sustainable local and global community.

For more information on the Center's activities or to make a contribution toward the Haffenreffer challenge, contact the Center at cese@fgcu.edu or at 590-7166.

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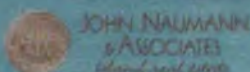
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RE/MAX announces top sellers in February

Special to the Reporter

Chuck Andrews was the Most Productive Sales Associate at RE/MAX of the Islands in February. Originally from Ashtabula, Ohio, Andrews graduated from Ohio State University in 1975. He relocated to Sanibel in that same year and became a Realtor in 1986. Since then he has risen to the top of his profession specializing in real estate brokerage on Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

He is a the recipient of the RE/MAX International Platinum Club Award. He has been inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame and received the RE/MAX International Lifetime Achievement Award. Andrews' wife, Kimberley, joined him in the business in 2000 and they are both consistently ranked among the top RE/MAX International Realtors.

RE/MAX of the Islands is also very proud to announce that Chuck Bergstrom was their Top Marketing Sales Associate in February.



Chuck Bergstrom

"Chuck Bergstrom and I are not only business associates, but also friends for over 30 years. I first met Chuck when he started investing on Sanibel. Since then he has become one of the most consistently productive Realtors on the islands. Chuck was one of the top Florida RE/MAX Sales Associates in 2013 and he deserves all of the recognition he receives," said Art Corace, broker/owner of RE/MAX of the Islands.

Originally from Chicago, Chuck Bergstrom's previous career included a background in accounting and finance where he was self-employed in Chicago's Financial District. He has been an island visitor since the late 70's and over the years was continually drawn to the Island's special magic. Sanibel became home in 2000 and he became a full time Realtor. Either buying or selling, Bergstrom's energy, knowledge, and expertise continue to provide a positive experience for clients.

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New center to serve as island gateway for Realtors and buyers

Special to the Reporter

Several local businesses combined professional talents to renovate the first building on Sanibel when coming off the causeway. The property, located next to the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, was vacant for years and is now a new realty center named Sanibel-Captiva Gateway.

"Reviving the old property at the gateway to the islands and bringing together strong real estate and property management professionals from the islands supports the welcome message given to visitors," said Butch 'Maurice' Long, one of the founding partners of the new center. "The message we hope to give is that these islands are a great place to visit but also a great place to invest or live."

The vision for Sanibel-Captiva Gateway started when Butch and Cindy Long purchased the property at 1177 Causeway Blvd. last year, and a partnership team began planning and creating the new gateway center concept.

To complete their vision, the Longs combined efforts with Robert Coscia, a long-time real estate broker and resident of Sanibel, and Sherry Snyder who has been involved in many aspects of the accommodation industry in southwest Florida and



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The Sanibel-Captiva Gateway.

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The new gateway center includes a range of real estate services provided by SanCap Gateway Realty (formerly SanCap One Source Realty) owned and managed by Coscia, and the newly-formed property management firm SanCap Management operated by Snyder.

"We're excited to move into the new building and expand our company and our services to the community," said Coscia. "In addition to sup-

porting buyers and sellers, we provide private tours of island living, and we open our office to visitors and the community through our free business center, Wi-Fi and community conference room."

The Longs are long-time visitors to Sanibel and have lived on the island since 2009.

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting event for the new center will be held next month on Wednesday, April 2.

New aquatic center opens at Shell Point

Special to the Reporter

Shell Point Retirement Community celebrated a ribbon cutting for the LifeQuest Aquatic Center with key executives, project supporters, and residents.

After the ribbon cutting, Shell Point residents enjoyed tours of the new \$2 million Aquatic Center, which features a 99,000-gallon main recreation pool with two lap lanes, a zero-entry access, and shallow and deep water areas. The Aquatic Center also has a 23,000-gallon therapy pool with an easy-access ramp and an adaptable water chair for those needing assistance entering the pool. There is also a seven-person hot tub, an old-Florida style pool house, a Chickee Hut shade structure, shade sails over the pool, and lounge areas.

The 8-month project was completed by Wright Construction Group, Jackson Pools, Johnson Engineering, RDG Planning & Design, and Winter Interiors. The LifeQuest Aquatic Center replaces the original island pool, which was constructed in 1968.

Residents attended a special afternoon presentation about preventing, reversing, or controlling chronic disease through aquatic exercise. Dr.



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The Shell Point resort services and management team includes Craig Norling, Leslie Brand, Mary Franklin, Bob Southern, President Peter Dys, Scott Moore, Cheryl Cooper, Melanie Brod, and Michelle Smith.

Bruce Becker, an internationally-recognized expert in the field of aquatic exercise, explained how it can be a remarkably effective tool for battling high blood pressure, obesity, insulin resistance, and other chronic illnesses.

"The LifeQuest Aquatic Center represents the power of our joint efforts to make this project a reality," said Shell Point President Peter Dys. "This project would not be possible without Shell Point residents' generous endorsement and support for growth and change. Today, we celebrate our success."

LifeQuest is Shell Point's balanced approach to wellness that emphasizes Six Dimensions of Wellness: Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, Community/Social, Educational, and Natural Environment.

Shell Point Retirement Community is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel causeway. To learn more about Shell Point, please visit shell-point.org or call 1-800-780-1131.

White House Black Market sponsors Grande Dames Tea event

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County has announced that women's specialty retailer White House Black Market has signed on for its sixth year as the title sponsor of the Grande Dames Tea for 2014, which will honor three more of our community's most revered women.

Other major sponsors include the Broadway Palm, Edison National Bank and The News-Press Media Group.

The honorees for 2014 are Barbara Brown of Fort Myers, Sarah Sciple of Matlacha and Margaret Sirianni of Fort Myers.

The Grande Dames Tea will take place Friday, April 4, at the Broadway Palm on Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers from 1-3 p.m.

Seats may be reserved online at pacecenter.org/lee or by calling 470-7648.

The Grande Dames Tea was originated by PACE Center for Girls of Lee County to honor women who have played major roles in Southwest Florida history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others. The theme is The Wisdom of Age - Honoring the Female Spirit.

Leader of Dress for Success SW Florida honored for promoting women's economic independence

Barbara Dell, executive director of Dress for Success SW Florida, is pleased to announce that Business Development Director Mary McDonough has been awarded the 2014 Harold Russell Excellence in Diversity Award. Presented at the Hodges University's 7th Annual Diversity Festival on March 1, the award recognizes an individual who personifies the highest standards of service, leadership and character.

McDonough was honored for her work in fulfillment

of the mission of Dress for Success SW Florida: To promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. The 2013 recipient, Les Williams, training captain for Collier County Government, presented the award to McDonough.

In a letter announcing the award, Hodges University's Chief Diversity Officer Gail B. Williams cited McDonough's commitment, compassion, generosity and love for the community. "The difference that you are making by embracing diversity and inclusion is changing lives," Williams said.

Hairstylists host 'cut-a-thon' to help cut hunger

Nearly 200 hairstylists throughout Fort Myers will participate in this year's Stylists Unite to Help Cut Hunger, a cut-a-thon on Sunday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Salon Professional Academy's new location in Royal Palm Square located at 1388 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Benefitting the Harry Chapin Food Bank, the event will include the volunteer efforts of local hairstylists as well as Redken's national and international artists Brayden Pelletier, Ryan Morgan, Leah Hanson and Matrix's artist Tara Koenig. Each haircut is a minimum of a \$15 donation.

The community is also invited to donate nonperishable food items to participating salons.

Stylists Unite to Help Cut Hunger's goal this year is to raise \$45,000. The Harry Chapin Food Bank can turn \$45,000 into \$270,000 worth of food, which can feed 30,000 people for nine months.

For more information, contact Kristi Hyde at 462-2620 or kristihyde@msn.com, or visit the event's Facebook page at facebook.com/stylistunitetohelpcutthunger.

General contractor's workshop set for March 26

The Lee County Housing Services Program is looking for licensed and insured general, building and residential contractors to participate in Lee County's current housing rehab programs. Section 3, minority and women-based contractors are encouraged to attend.

Contractors will be placed on the Approved General Contractors list upon attendance by one or their owner, officer or project manager. The workshop will be held March 26 at the Lee County Department of Human Services, 2440 Thompson St., Fort Myers, 33901. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Workshop will run 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Respond to Jeannie Sutton at 533-7926 or jsutton@lee.gov. More information: dhs.lee.gov.com/programs/housingservices.

Take the Lee County MPO survey

Nearly 400,000 new residents are expected to reside in Lee County by the year 2040. To address the transportation needs of our growing communities, the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently exploring ways to reduce the number of vehicle trips and increase travel options. This involves looking at where future residents and jobs may locate in Lee County over the next 25 years.

To do this, conceptual growth scenarios are being presented in an online survey. The MPO is asking the public to share their ideas about new ways to grow relating to future transportation investments. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and is available at www.Lee2040.metroquest.com now through March 2014.

Public input will be used by the MPO Board members to help select a preferred approach to future growth and the corresponding transportation system needed to support that growth. This is a first step in developing the Lee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

To learn more about the Lee County MPO, please visit LeeMPO.com.

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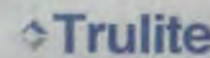
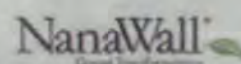
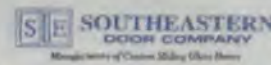
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Director of Lee Homeless Coalition to address island Democrats

Special to the Reporter

Janet Bartos, executive director of the Lee County Homeless Coalition, will address the Democratic Club of the Islands on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The Lee County Homeless Coalition exists to advocate, educate and monitor awareness of issues and obstacles facing the homeless in Lee County.

As a non-profit agency, the coalition collaborates with local businesses and faith-based groups to provide and implement services and solutions. On any given night in Lee County, 3,000 people have no place to call home. On Aug. 12, 2013, the Lee County School District also recorded 1,450 children as homeless.

Bartos will discuss the variety of programs available under the umbrella of the Lee County Homeless Coalition.

State Senator Jack Latvala's wants to use some of this year's budget surplus to help expand programs for the homeless in Florida.

"Florida is home to the third largest number of homeless in the nation. That's reason enough for my bill to pass," he said.

Statewide there were 45,364 people living on the street or in emergency shelters in January. Everyone concerned with this ethical and public health issue is urged to attend.

The Democratic Club of the Islands is an authorized organization of the Lee County Executive Committee, which exists to stimulate interest in political and governmental affairs, to educate the electorate about issues, and to further the ideals of the Democratic Party. For more information call 395-9078 or contact demclubislands@gmail.com.

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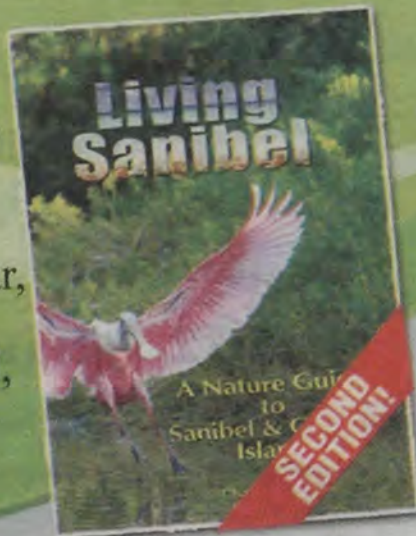
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'Ding' Darling welcomes South Seas as accommodations partner

Special to the Reporter

South Seas Island Resort recently joined "Ding" Darling Refuge's Guest Contribution Partners (GCP) program as the eighth island business to combine forces in support of the refuge, one of the islands' main economic drivers.

"By partnering with the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Refuge, we are able to support an integral resource to Sanibel and Captiva, while simultaneously informing our guests of the amazing experience awaiting at the refuge," said Daniel Smock, who handles marketing and communications for South Seas.

GCP partners agree to give their guests and customers the option to donate \$1 to the refuge per night or transaction. Thus far, the program has contributed more than \$100,000 total, 100 percent of which goes directly to benefit conservation and education programs at the refuge.

"We are so grateful to our accommodation and business partners for being a part of this program, which gives their guests and customers an opportunity to show appreciation for their experiences at the refuge," said Birgie Miller, executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), which manages the program. "These gifts will strengthen the refuge even further in the areas of conservation, research and education."

"We welcome South Seas with open arms," Miller added. "With 330 acres and more than 100 thousand guests each year,

the partnership is certain to pay off for the wildlife."

"Birgie and [DDWS] president John McCabe made the process incredibly easy," said Smock. "They provided educational materials to promote the refuge and explain how the donations will be used to continue to offer memorable experiences to its visitors. All we had to do is add a posting code in our property management system to route the donations, and we'll be able to periodically write a check for the donations collected."

Guests are eager to donate, Smock added. "It's only \$1 per night, and it goes toward a great cause. It only takes one trip to the J.N. 'Ding' Darling Refuge to understand how special a place it is."

GCP partners include Jensen's on the Gulf and Marina & Cottages, Kona Kai Motel & Cottages, Mitchell's Sand Castles and Forty/Fifteen Resort, Parrot Nest, Sanibel Moorings, South Seas Island Resort, Tarpon Tale Inn, and Tarpon Bay Explorers.

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Go inside Everglades-captured pythons at next 'Ding' Darling film

Special to the Reporter

Monster Python: Inside Nature's Giants comes to the screen at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. The free showing is part of the refuge's second annual Bi-Weekly Film Series in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

Most wildlife documentaries focus on animal behavior, but the PBS Inside Nature's Giants (ING) series goes inside the largest animals on the planet to explore their anatomy, reveal their intricate inner workings, and uncover their evolutionary secrets.

For Monster Python, the ING team ventures into the swamps of the Florida Everglades in search of the giant Burmese python. No one knows for sure how snakes native to Southeast Asia ended up in the Everglades, but now these giant reptiles are thriving in southern Florida's swamps and driving some native species into extinction.

The team joins local "python hunters" on the front line of the battle against the snakes. At a swamp camp in the heart of the Everglades, they meet up with reptile expert Jeanette Wyneken to dissect two captured pythons — a 9-foot male and 14-foot female.

Together, they explore the anatomy that allows pythons to sense, strike, squeeze, and swallow their prey. While investigating the remains of the snake's last meal, they make an amazing discov-

ery — ovaries bulging with 40 egg follicles ready to be fertilized. Richard Dawkins describes how snakes evolved from four legged lizard-like ancestors, and biologist Simon Watt gets first-hand experience of what it feels like to be constricted by a python.

Admission is free to the film, which is sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Future film events are listed below. All films begin at 2:30 p.m.

For full descriptions of the films, please visit dingdarlingsociety.org/films.

- March 19: Monster Python: Inside Nature's Giants
- April 2: The Lost Bird Project
- April 9: A Life Among Whales

About DDWS

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The interesting history of Sanibel's Shore Haven

By EMILIE ALFINO

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Sears, Roebuck and Co. sold over 100,000 prefabricated homes between 1908 and 1937, and the Sanibel Historical Village is proud to have two of them. With 450 Honor Bilt designs, from mansions to summer cottages, Sears hoped to sell the furniture to fill them. Brothers Ross and Martin Mayer of Erie, Penn., had visited Sanibel in the 1920s and bought bay-front acreage. The family business was construction and eventually both brothers would build their individual Honor Bilt homes.

In 1924 Ross and Daisy Mayer ordered the Verona, a Dutch Colonial design home. Elinore Mayer Dormer related that her parents paid about \$4,000 for the seven-room, one bath pre-cut home. As the home arrived in phases, Ross Mayer completed the house with the



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The Verona model in the 1923 Sears Catalog. The Mayer family built one and named it Shore Haven.

help of several workers. The home had a garage, servants' quarters, rain water cistern, and an outdoor laundry. Eventually both homes, Shore Haven and Morning Glories, would share a generator, an artisan well, a long dock and a bathhouse. And of course most of the furniture was



Shore Haven at the Historical Village last week.

from Sears.

Ellie Dormer remembered that the house came with a leather bound instruction manual. On the stormy day that the barge arrived, some of the bundles of wood slid off the barge and the Mayer children walked up and down the shore looking for the pieces. Every piece of wood was cut and numbered as to its place in the house. The barge unloaded at the Bailey dock and Model T's brought the bundles to the site. After the house was framed, the next shipment arrived with windows, then shingles, trim, wiring, plaster, plumbing fixtures, and enough paint and varnish for three coats. Ellie remembers having extra paint and nails for years. She also remembered that the plaster walls and ceilings did not hold up well in the Florida heat and humidity. It simply fell off in chunks and eventually the Mayers replaced the plaster with Masonite and lattice strips.

The second house was soon built (Morning Glories, a Springwood model, cost a modest \$2,211) and the Mayer families used them as winter residences, enrolling the younger children in the Sanibel School. These were years of troubles as well as adventures. The hurricane of 1926 left their new home unscathed, and Bailey's General Store and Miss Charlotta's Tea Room were their new neighbors. Then, in the early 1930s, the Mayer's Pennsylvania construction business failed as the country went into the Depression.

Ross Mayer passed away, leaving his widow with debts and two young children. The older children pitched in and made sure everyone got a chance to go to college and two of the five graduated. Daisy Mayer refused to declare bankruptcy and sold their Erie properties to pay their debts. Daisy Mayer returned to

Sanibel when she could and by World War II she moved back permanently. Isaiah and Hannah Gavin were caretakers for the Mayers and for a while stayed in the two-room guest house. After Daisy Mayer passed away in 1969 the home was often empty.

In 1977 the home sold to Doris and Robert Potts who were careful to preserve the original details of the house. They did change the main entrance of the home to be on the south side, as the bay road, now Bird Lane, ran south of the property. Harrison and Mary Hummel bought the property in 1983 and enlarged the sun room.

Larry Thompson bought the property in 2004 and lived there with his family. His intention was to build a bigger home. They eventually moved to a larger home in Fort Myers. Terrance and Brenda Cassaday bought the home in 2008. After being seasonal residents, they decided they needed a larger home and in 2012 they donated Shore Haven to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

As the Historical Village celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year, much work is under way to make the village better than ever. A 30th Anniversary Campaign is in progress with a \$200,000 goal. A dollar-to-dollar challenge match has begun for all gifts made from Feb. 1 up to \$45,000. All are invited to participate.

The campaign will culminate in a party on March 20 beginning at 6 p.m. on the village grounds. In addition to cocktails, dinner, and a live auction, music will be provided by Island Jazz. Victor Mayeron will serve as master of ceremonies. Reservations are required by March 17, and tickets are \$150 per person. To make a reservation, call museum manager Emilie Alfino at 472-4648. Seating is limited, so don't delay.

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Special to the Reporter

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections announced last week that poll workers are needed for upcoming elections and they are looking to hire island residents.

A special primary and general election is scheduled for April 22 and June 24, respectively, to fill the seat vacated by former Congressman Trey Radel.

Another round of elections are scheduled this fall -- an Aug. 26 primary and

Nov. 4 general election -- and workers are needed for both.

According to the elections office, there are more than 150 paid positions available, including precinct deputy (\$150 per day), inspector (\$165 per day), and a Spanish-English bilingual voter assistance inspector (\$225 per day).

More information about serving as a poll worker and applications are available at leeelections.com or by calling 533-6900.

Lee animal shelter in need of towels and blankets

Special to the Reporter

Lee County Animal Services is in need of large towels and blankets for the shelter animals. Towels and blankets are used for the animals' care and comfort in their kennels and for post surgery care. Animal Services takes in approximately 800 animals each month so maintaining a large supply of linens is crucial. Items do not need to be new.

Anyone interested in donating towels, blankets, or other items such as cat lit-

ter, bleach, paper towels, or pet food for Animal Services' Community Pet Pantry, may bring them to the shelter Monday through Saturday during business hours or drop them off at the front door after hours. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

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Center4Life Pot Luck Dinner

The Center4Life March Pot Luck Dinner was on Wednesday, March 12. It featured a St. Patrick's Day theme and was so popular it had to be moved to the Sanibel Recreation Center. City dignitaries including Council Member Mick Denham and Jim Jennings, Mayor Kevin Ruane, and City Manager Judie Zimomra attended the dinner. The BIG ARTS Community Chorus Ensemble performed a 1950s medley, a selection of songs from Guys and Dolls, and other excerpts from their upcoming concerts on March 25 and 27 at BIG ARTS.



1. Art was on display at the March Pot Luck Dinner.

2. The BIG ARTS Community Chorus performed.

3. Sanibel City Councilmembers Mick Denham and Jim Jennings.

4. Guests enjoyed the pot luck dinner at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

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6. Guests enjoyed the pot luck dinner at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

7. Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane with his mother and mother-in-law.

8. A performance during the potluck dinner.

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PRESERVING PARADISE

Lee County Urban Farm Tour Part 2: The science behind urban farming at Selovita

By MCKENZIE CASSIDY

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The road to Selovita on Metro Parkway in Fort Myers was filled with different types of industrial businesses -- millworkers, electrical suppliers, granite distributors, and pavers -- making it the last place anyone would expect to find an urban farm.

But, for Selovita's unique operation, it doesn't matter whether it's in downtown Fort Myers or the rural fields of central Florida. The interior was warm and mahogany, like stepping into a law office or corporate board room, and a friendly receptionist directed guests to a large presentation room in the back to learn about the company. Selovita is not only an urban farm but also a research and development organization, finding new paths to forge a sustainable future by combining elements of science and technology.

"We have been able to blend science and technology with agriculture, and then microbiology," said Gary Winrow, managing director at Selovita. "We're always looking outside the box to find a way to



Valerie Vivian-Rogers is the director of the Microbiology Lab.

MCKENZIE CASSIDY

expand the world of agriculture."

The facility is entirely "biosecure," meaning it uses strict protocols to protect its supplies from pests or disease, and the staff took its defense against unwanted pathogens seriously. Employees wore sterile, white lab coats or smocks, and every doorway was coated with a chemical that eliminated bacteria on the soles of a person's shoes. If the tour had arrived during the harvest, explained Winrow, than the agrotourists would've had to wear a mask, scrubs, and booties to avoid contamination.

Valerie Vivian-Rogers, the director of the Microbiology Lab, said that all of Selovita's produce is rigorously screened for contamination from humans, animals, insects, and even Selovita's own irrigation system.

"We test every batch of lettuce greens and microgreens that come through," said Vivian-Rogers.

Lab personnel are constantly testing for traces of Salmonella or E. Coli 0157, the specific strain that gets people sick,

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Seed Bank Manager Kimberly Chaps explains how the bank works.

Farm Tour

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and they would throw out entire harvests if any traces of the bacteria are detected. They produce over 30,000 pounds of lettuce on location each year.

The microbiologists manipulate aspects of seeds to produce higher quality plants and the company manages its own Seed Bank, overseen by manager Kimberly Chaps. She said that 40-50 varieties of microgreens and 20 varieties of lettuce are housed in the bank and available for use by local growers.

Like other urban farms, the crop was in stacked planters which uses 85 percent less water than traditional farming methods, said Winrow, and without stacking the planters they would need

12 times more land to grow the same amount of crop.

Selovita recently underwent a series of evaluations to be certified organic by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and to receive approval for the European Global G.A.P. Certification, seen as one of the most difficult to obtain in the world.

Besides growing lettuce and microgreens, Selovita also raises tilapias to be sold to local restaurants and markets. And the plant and fishery programs co-exist. Waste water from the multiple tilapia tanks -- hundreds of tilapia in 5,000 gallon tanks -- are pumped to the growing area and used to water the

crop, which is effective because the nutrients left by the fish benefit the plants.

"One of the things we are trying to do is get away from the use of fertilizer, and we found there are a lot of nutrients in this water," said Winrow.

Selovita's distribution is local but they are looking to find new ways to expand their market, especially with microgreens that tend to be used by chefs in major cities like Miami or New York. Winrow said one of their goals is to decrease the amount of time it takes for produce to travel from the facility to the dinner plate.

The company also started a non-prof-

it called iSeedUSA, educating people from poor or marginalized communities on how to develop their own sustainable agricultural systems. They even offer "Aquaponics in a Box," complete with all of the equipment needed to start a viable project. More information can be found at iseedusa.org.

For more information on Selovita, also visit floridaurbanorganics.com.

This article is the second in a four-part series about farms visited during the 2014 Lee County Urban Farm Tour. Next week's topic will be Rosy Tomorrows, a farm that focuses on raising heritage breeds.



Gary Winrow, managing director at Selovita, explains the stacked planter system.

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Come walk the grounds for ideas on planting native vegetation that requires no fertilizer. Come see how you can plant a garden that reseeds itself with very little maintenance, is good for the environment, and will attract birds and butterflies.

Vegetation Committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and the care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegetation that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer, and no supplemental irrigation.

Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. For additional information regarding the guided native vegetation tour, please contact the City's Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.

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Yleana Way with her mother Hilda and brother Richie.

Meet your CHR neighbor

By CLAUDIA BURNS

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Kelly Collini, executive director of Community Housing & Resources (CHR), appreciates residents who help out with the multitude of tasks that keep the affordable housing program running smoothly.

Such is the case of Yleana Way and her brother, Richie Rosado.

Both emigrated to Sanibel from the Yucatan and both take time from Way's thriving cleaning business to ready CHR units for new tenants.

She first came here about 40 years ago, but returned home after a brief stay. About three years later, she returned with her mother, Hilda, and both found work in the hospitality field. Way married a charter boat captain, Jerry Way, but when he died in 2010 she was faced with the prospect of having to move to the mainland because she could no longer afford to live on Sanibel.

Instead, she applied for CHR housing and was eventually accepted into the program. She shares an apartment with Rosado, who moved to Sanibel a few years after she did. Their now elderly mother lives nearby, also in CHR housing.

CHR's Collini is grateful to have them in the program.

"Yleana and Richie are model residents, who insist on volunteering to clean units before new tenants move in. And Richie often sur-



Yleana Way and Kelly Collini confer on preparing a CHR unit for a new tenant.

prises us with a plate of his awesome home baked pastries. It's their way of giving back to CHR, and thanking us for providing an affordable way to live on Sanibel. We really appreciate their hard work on behalf of CHR," said Collini.

About CHR

CHR is a non-profit organization that has partnered for more than 30 years with the City of Sanibel to provide affordable housing for people who live and/or work on the island, plus senior and disabled Sanibel citizens. With 150 island residents in eleven rental

complexes and fourteen limited-equity ownership homes throughout the island, CHR is an essential resource for those who provide the services all islanders want to enjoy. CHR residents also contribute in numerous ways to island life and often volunteer for and lead island organizations.

CHR depends on donations to help cover the ongoing maintenance, refurbishment and repair of CHR buildings and grounds. For more information, visit sanibelchr.org, stop by their office at 2401 Library Way, or phone 472-1189.

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UXUBGYAKXE: ITYF-SBZY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

HUGE BRUN POPULATION: BEAR-MUDA.
THE ATLANTIC OCEAN THAT'S HOME TO A
ANSWER: ISLAND GROUP IN

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RULBT
CHERP
VONCIE
THOLCB

Answer here: " " " " " "

Jumbles: BLURT PERCH NOVICE BLOTCH
Answer: The St. Patrick's Day scam artist was attempting a — "LEPRE-CON"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Sudoku

1		6	9					8
			6	7	8		9	
	8		1			5	7	
	5			1	8			
9		8	4		3	6		7
		7		5			1	
	6	3			1		8	
	2		3	8	4			
8					7	2		3

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 through 9. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and 3 by 3 block.

Bridge

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH TANNAH HIRSCH LET SLEEPING DOGS
LIE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 73
♥ Q9
♦ A543
♣ Q8532

WEST
♠ KQ98
♥ 2
♦ KJ10
♣ J10764

EAST
♠ J6542
♥ J76
♦ Q9872
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ A10
♥ AK108543
♦ 6
♣ AK9

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass
4♥ Pass 5♦ Pass
6♥ Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♣
South's retreat to four hearts after his club bid was raised and carried a time-worn message: "Partner, I was too strong to bid four hearts at my last turn. I had to make a forcing bid so don't count on me for a legitimate club suit." North got the message loud-and-clear, but he realized that he had a great hand for partner, even if South only had a club "fragment" — the ace of diamonds plus two golden queens! The control showing five-diamond bid was all South needed to hear.

West had an unusually good hand for defense against a slam. The auction suggested that his partner was short in clubs, so he chose a club lead hoping for the best. Bingo! This was the only lead to defeat the slam, but the defensive work was not yet done. Looking at the dummy, it was very tempting for East to shift to a spade after ruffing the lead, allowing the contract to romp home. East saw that should the defense have a spade trick coming, it would still be there later. The immediate concern was to attack the board's ace of diamonds to prevent a late entry to the clubs. East found the diamond shift and the slam was defeated.

East might have made a "Lightner Double" at his last turn to bid. This would ask for an unusual lead, often in dummy's first-bid suit. He wisely passed instead. Should the opponents run to six no trump after the double, he would have no defense against that contract. Better to leave them where they were. Six no trump would have been easy!

(Tannah Hirsch and Bob Jones welcome readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC, 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001. E-mail responses may be sent to tcaeditors@tribune.com.)

Sudoku Solution

3	4	2	7	9	5	1	6	8
6	9	1	4	8	3	5	2	7
5	8	7	1	6	2	3	9	4
4	1	6	9	5	8	7	3	2
7	5	9	3	2	4	8	1	6
2	3	8	6	1	7	4	5	9
9	7	5	2	4	1	6	8	3
1	6	3	8	7	9	2	4	5
8	2	4	5	3	6	9	7	1

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Pos-sesses
4 Synthetic fabric
9 Hot tub
12 Sort
13 Bush
14 Cribbage scorer
15 Large triangular sail
17 Anger
18 Worms holder?
19 — Mae (government lender)
21 Still in stock
24 Slightly
25 Soak (up)
26 Pooch
28 —
31 Eastern potentate
33 Pal of Wynken and Blynken
35 Location
36 Jeans material

DOWN
38 Lousy
40 Transmit electronically
41 Celebrity
43 In a huge way
45 1962 John Wayne movie
47 Squid squirt
48 Chopper
49 Washer feature
54 Way (Abbr.)
55 There-fore
56 "Wham!"
57 Donkey
58 Oppositionists
59 Nay canceler
16 Sgt., for one
20 Siestas
21 Second-hand
22 Alaskan city
23 Bache-lorettes?
27 Sailor
29 List-ening abbr.
30 Alluring
32 Beatles' meter maid
34 "Mona Lisa" painter
37 Actress Mason
39 Takes steps?
42 Mature
44 Firma-ment
45 "Mary — little lamb ..."

Solution time: 24 mins.

A	V	E	S	I	N	V	S	S	V
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Obituaries

Frank Glodowski

Frank Glodowski died at his home in Reno, Nev., on March 8, 2014, at the age of 89 and surrounded by family members Gregory, Amy, Lance, Ruth, Elise, Masela, and Luisa, as he took his last peaceful breath.

Frank was born to Franciszek Glodowski and Stefania Rokicka in Jersey City, N.J. He wed Rosemarie Miltner and produced five wonderful children. He attended and graduated from New York University where he majored in accounting, but also had a love of geology. He served in World War II where he received the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and Asiatic Pacific Medal. Frank was on one of the battleships which transported watercrafts and soldiers from the ship to the beachfront in Normandy, France on D-Day.

He later worked as a salesman for Rath Packing Company and later as vice-president for Zemsky & Sons. He loved sports, especially tennis, and played into his 80s. He played football both in high school and college and was also involved in coaching baseball, basketball and football. He was an avid Mets fan where his company had season tickets when Shea stadium first opened and absolutely loved the New York Giants. His bedroom in Reno was painted in the Giants' colors of blue and red and was decorated throughout with Giant memorabilia.

Frank enjoyed world travel and his visits included Monte Carlo, Costa Rica, and Great Britain. He lived in Sanibel, Fla., in the winter and Ontario,



Frank Glodowski

Wis., in the summer to get away from the "snowbirds." He also traveled back to New Jersey, California, and Nevada to visit his children.

Frank was born and lived more than half of his life in New Jersey before moving to Sanibel, Fla., where he resided for more than 25 years and spent almost 20 years of them with watercolor artist Carol Hagerman, who helped Frank acquire a love of painting as well as bird watching. He will be remembered as a "Social Butterfly" and as a "Ladies Man" by all who knew him. He loved the sun and was always seen by the ocean or taking a dip in the local pool.

Frank spent the last 14 months residing in Reno, Nev., with his son Lance and his wife Ruth, and her two nieces, Masela and Luisa.

Frank is survived by his five children: Gregory (Amy), Justin (Laurie), Blaise, Lance (Ruth), and Elise (Davio); and his three grandchildren, Cherise, Lisette, and Jillienne (Justin).

A Day of Remembrance for Frank will be held on March 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Church in Reno, Nev.

Bobette Ann Pfeifer

Bobette Ann Pfeifer, 75, of Sanibel Island, Fla., a 15 year resident and a 40 year vacationer, formerly of Murrsville, Penn., passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014 in Sanibel. She was born Aug. 19, 1938 to Robert and Lucille Buchanan, now deceased.

Bobette attended the Congregational Church of Sanibel and the First Presbyterian Church in



Bobette Ann Pfeifer

Murrsville, Penn.

Since 1983, she has been an award winning photographer. For her excellence in unique creativity and processing styles in both digital and film format and specializing in nature photography, she has been recognized and awarded at all levels of competition at local, state-wide, and international levels, even earning Photographic Society Association's 4 Star Level in both monochrome and color print categories.

Her unique eye for creative composition, color combinations and abstraction gave all of her photography a fresh distinctive style - she made the "ordinary, extraordinary." She often served as judge for juried photography shows. While she enjoyed the challenge of photography contests and winning, her true passion in life was being out there in the field pushing her camera to the limit! One could often see her photographing birds and animals along the Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge trail on Sanibel or at many other locations including the less exotic but much loved Disney Savannah view at Animal Kingdom Lodge. She was also a long time and active member of the Fort Myers Camera Club and kept learning new digital photography techniques in the "Digi-Clicks" camera study group.

Prior to moving to Sanibel, Bobette lived in Murrsville, Penn., for 35 years. She was accepted in the Pittsburgh Society of Artists for her photography and was also an active member of the Penn Art Association and East Suburban Art League (EASL). She participated in arts and crafts shows exhibiting and selling her creations in many different types of media ranging from bread dough, fused glass beads and stained glass. Much of this creativity was fostered by her college education at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Ill. where she earned a degree in Parks and Recreation with a minor in Art.

Bobette was also a long time member and officer of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Fort Myers and Murrsville, Penn. An avid reader of mysteries and photography, Bobette was member of many book

clubs across multiple states. In Murrsville she was also a member of Symphony East, Women's Club and of the Welcome Wagon Club delivering meals and creating crafts.

Bobette Pfeifer, while the accomplished artist and committed to the many social and professional organizations, will best be remembered for her love of family and people. A wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend to all; always guiding, supporting and nurturing. She took humble pride in participating both as Girl's and Boy's Scout leaders for many years while her children were growing up. Despite her many personal pursuits and interests, her kids remember she always was 'back home' after school or present for the many after-school related events. She is fondly remembered by many for her warm and sincere smile, sunny good humor and pitching in to help in any way no matter where she was at. Besides her love of family, friends, and the arts, she also had a soft spot in her heart for many family dogs, gardening, and growing beautiful flowers.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Norman Ray Pfeifer of Sanibel Island, Fla.; two children, Dr. Cynthia Ann Pfeifer-Hill of Alva, Okla., and Craig Norman Pfeifer; daughter-in-law Jaiprabha "JP" of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Joseanna C. and Joseph C. Pfeifer; five Ridgway great grandchildren; sister-in-law Jenny Buchanan; and her niece and nephew, Danielle and Rob Buchanan.

Bobette was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Richard Buchanan, and her son-in-law, Dr. Loyd V. Hill.

Formal Services will be held at a later date to be announced.

Memorial contributions in memory of Bobette Ann Pfeifer are suggested to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas, 75231, or to "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, Fla., 33957.

Friends are invited to send condolences via the on-line guest book which can be found at MullinsMemorial.com.

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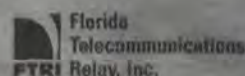
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Sanctuary's Bradley wins silver at FL senior games

Special to the Reporter

Christie Bradley, director of Tennis and Fitness at The Sanctuary Golf Club, competed in the Florida International Senior Games and State Championships winning a Silver Medal in volleyball. Playing at Estero Community Park, Christie was part of six-person team from Florida, Maryland, and New York.

"I took up volleyball in the early 90's when I stopped professional tennis tournaments. I was living in Maryland and competed for the Chesapeake Division of the USA Volleyball Association. When I am not playing indoors as part of a team, I like two-man volleyball on sand and grass. I passed the love of volleyball to my daughter, Hayley, who is playing club volleyball for USA South. I am so proud of her," said Christie. "Volleyball and tennis are very similar in moves and defense, I love to play both sports. I also feel very fortunate to be able to coach both sports at The Sanibel School to future generations."

If you would like more information about The Sanctuary Golf Club, please



PHOTO PROVIDED
Christie Bradley, director of Tennis and Fitness at The Sanctuary Golf Club, and her daughter Hayley.

contact Sheryl Tatum, statum@sanctuarygc.net or about the Florida International Senior Games and State Championship, go to their website at nsga.com.

Second edition of popular 'Living Sanibel' guidebook released

Special to the Reporter

Indigo Press has announced the publication of the second, "revised" edition of Living Sanibel - A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands.

Originally released in January of 2010,



Charles Sobczak

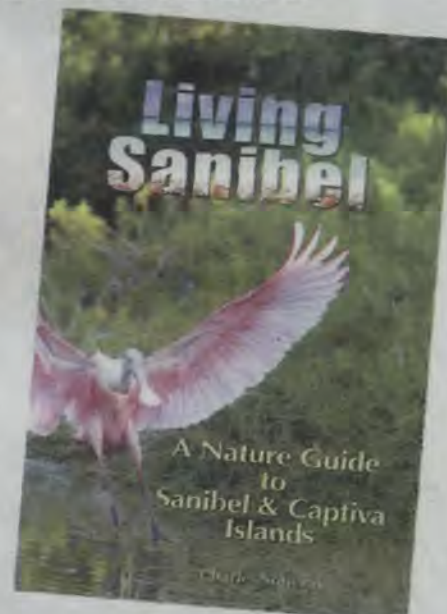
this 512 page nature guide has become an island mainstay. The full-color guide, printed in the U.S.A. by United Graphics of Mattoon, Ill., had an initial print run of 10,000 copies and contains

more than 650 photographs of Sanibel and Captiva's varied wildlife.

According to author Charles Sobczak, the average self-published book in the United States sells 200 copies and the average "published" book sells 5,000 copies, while Living Sanibel surpassed its first printing of 10,000. He said the book has helped residents and visitors to the island have a better appreciation and understanding of the local flora and fauna.

The second edition, which arrived on March 7, has several important changes. In the four years that have passed since the first edition, Sanibel and Captiva have gained two large predators: the Florida black bear (since removed) and the coyote. The reptile section has also gained a problematic invasive amphibian, the cane toad. Additionally, several miles of shared use paths have been included to the extensive trail systems of Sanibel. These changes have been noted in the very useful map section located near the end of the book.

The City of Sanibel and the residents of the Gulf Pines Subdivision on Sanibel have adopted Living Sanibel as their "official" handbook to guide new city employ-



ees and residents in understanding the island's unique environment. Excerpts from the book have appeared regularly in The Florida Weekly, The Islander and The Mullet Rapper.

Last year, in 2013, Living Sanibel was selected by the Boston-based Road Scholars (formerly Elderhostel) as the authorized guide to all Sanibel and Captiva. The companion book, The Living Gulf Coast - A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida, was likewise selected by Road Scholars for their Everglades program, which is held in Naples. There is only one other author in the United States whose books are purchased and used by Road Scholars.

The book continues to be a best-seller at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. It is also a frequent addition to "Top 10" best-selling books on Sanibel as reported by The Sanibel Bookshop. In 2011 the book achieved an astonishing #34 nationally for nature guide sales on Amazon.com. For additional information go to indigopress.net or contact Indigo Press at 472-0491.

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Magician Brian Boyd takes center stage at the Rotary Club

What you see is not exactly what you get, that pretty much sums up our recent Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club guest speaker, magician Brian Boyd.

As he took center stage Boyd presented a rather commanding figure; tall, physically fit with an imposing stance, and dressed all in black; he was quite daunting. No surprise, his background includes a dual career in federal law enforcement and the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets).

Boyd told us that, "His influences growing up were scouting, Quincy, and James Bond. All you need to know, you can learn in scouting, particularly how to tie someone up."

And of course, the knight on the white horse mentality of intrigue and crime

solving cloaked in glamour is pretty much what led him to a career in law enforcement and then into the Green Berets.

As an employee of a federal law enforcement agency, Boyd trained troops from all over the world in military law enforcement techniques and regulations. One of the teaching techniques that he found invaluable was using magic. Because not all of the trainees spoke the same language, magic illustrated that nothing is what it seems. Observation is important, nothing is black and white, and sometimes it's just an illusion. Magic broke the language barrier and relaxed everyone so that they could learn to work together and perform their tasks.

Boyd was then recruited into the Green

Berets and counter intelligence. At some point while still in the Green Berets he wanted to become an FBI agent, but would have to leave the armed forces. That wasn't going to happen. The DEA didn't have the same restriction, so the opportunity arose to be interviewed by President Nixon along with fellow candidate G. Gordon Liddy for the DEA. Whatever happened to that guy?

He went from the DEA to the AFT where he became an arson specialist handling federal arsonist crimes. ATF has offices in all 50 states.

"AFT special agents in the field handle investigations involving criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, acts of terrorism, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. ATF agents often work closely with local law enforcement officials," he said.

After retiring from government serv-

ice, Boyd became a restaurateur and as a promotional tactic to increase business performed his magic. After a successful entrepreneurial career, he has decided to make Sanibel his permanent home and, once again, is picking up that magic wand performing magic and comedy shows for events and business meetings.

At our meeting, out came the razzle-dazzle top hat and a deck of cards, it was "magic time." What a treat, everyone was amazed and left wondering how does he do? Especially Rotarians Joel Ospa, Don Russell, and Holli Martin, who assisted with the magic tricks. What a blast. Boyd had something up his sleeve all along; he turned from a Special Forces Green Beret into Johnny Carson's Cardiac the Magnificent right before our eyes. Now how did he do that?

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m., every Friday morning at the Dunes Golf and Tennis Club in Sanibel for breakfast. Guests are always welcomed.



Calusa Day coming soon to Historical Village

Special to the Reporter

Any discussion of Sanibel's history must include its first inhabitants, the Calusa. To honor the Calusa and their culture, the Sanibel Historical Village will hold Calusa Day on March 26 during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A number of activities are planned, including fun for the children. Museum volunteers and Calusa experts Susan Schmidt (in the morning) and Bonnie Frankel (in the afternoon) will talk with visitors in the museum's Calusa Room in the Rutland House. This room contains artifacts, shell tools, and a diorama showing how the Calusa lived. They created small villages and worked with natural resources (shells and native wood) to build their homes and, later, shell mounds. They most likely numbered in the many thousands from what is now Charlotte Harbor, to the Keys, and the east and west coasts of Southern Florida.

Karen Nelson, Calusa enthusiast and communications coordinator for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, will speak at approximately 2:45 p.m. Her topic is the "Calusa/Spanish Interaction in the mid-1500s." Most of the known information about the Calusa comes from Spanish records of that time.

The Calusa eventually died first at the hands of Spanish explorers, and later of European illnesses, leaving behind shell mounds, skeletons, bones, wood carvings and pottery shards.

For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit sanibelmuseum.org.



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Museum volunteers and Calusa experts Bonnie Frankel and Susan Schmidt.

Starr D. Thomas Memorial Boardwalk ribbon cutting



ROBBIE SPENCER

The City of Sanibel and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) hosted a joint ribbon cutting ceremony for the Starr D. Thomas Memorial Boardwalk that connects the city's Pond Apple Trail with SCCF's Shipley's Trail and the Bailey Homestead Preserve. The Pond Apple Park trailhead is located in the southwest corner of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce parking lot. A 1.6 mile loop trail takes visitors through various habitats including tropical hardwood forest, pine flatwoods, wetland forest and open water habitats where they can observe wildlife in their native habitats. The family of Starr D. Thomas attended the ribbon cutting.

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allocated \$20 million for Florida Forever, which is the state's conservation and recreation lands acquisition program. It approved spending up to an additional \$50 million — funded by the sale of state-owned lands no longer needed for conservation purposes.

In response, the DEP organized the State Conservation Land Assessment. Months of evaluation resulted in three million acres of conservation land being pared down to roughly 5,200 acres. The list was further reduced based on legal and title issues, endangered species habitat and additional factors.

By October, approximately 3,400 acres remained on the chopping block, including the islands' parcels. Seven were on the south end of Cayo Costa, with the last two on the south end of Captiva. The DEP has since been trying to determine what could be deemed no longer needed for conservation purposes.

Then, a look at the state's non-con-

servation lands showed potential, according to Gillespie.

"It made more sense to focus on the non-conservation land that we could sell to purchase more conservation land," he said. "It just really felt like that was a more productive approach."

Non-conservation lands can include property or buildings, such as closed hospitals or prisons.

"Any kind of buildings that are leased to state agencies that are no longer needed," Gillespie said, adding that any unused or surplus lands can cost the state money to lease, manage and secure.

"It's getting those off of the taxpayer dime and being able to sell them," he said.

As of Tuesday, the DEP was already considering the sale of some non-operational prisons and hospitals, like the A.G. Holley State Hospital in Lantana, located in Palm Beach County.

"We already have some that are in

the works," Gillespie said.

As per the shift in focus, state agencies have been asked to assess their resources and determine what they need to operate. For example, a relocation of staff or sharing of space may free up a building.

"A lot of times, it's also land — land that's zoned for different things," he said.

"The agencies let us know what they do or don't need," Gillespie said, noting that the DEP is the mechanism for buying and selling land for the state.

While no land sales resulted from the State Conservation Land Assessment, the method provided officials with insight into the land owned by the state and the present land management issues.

The government owns approximately one-third of all the land in Florida.

"This process really helped our staff," he said. "I think we learned a lot about the different characteristics of the

land that we have across the state."

While no costs for the assessment were available Tuesday, Gillespie said it was "mostly staff time."

"This is something that had never been done in Florida's history," he said.

With the shift in focus to non-conservation lands, the DEP will also return to its original process of selling conservation lands — on a smaller scale with the involvement of the local community. Gillespie explained that a parks service or state agency will commonly notify the DEP of any available lands.

"That's been the typical process that we've used," he said.

Since 2000, Florida has sold roughly 3,000 acres, generating \$14.5 million in revenue.

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bed, 3-bath, 1,648-square-foot cottage already sitting on the lot. Either way, the estimated monthly mortgage, with a down payment and 30-year loan, is in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

Another variable for bidders to consider is Captiva Island's growing popularity. It has repeatedly been featured on the Travel Channel, which named it as one of the Top Ten Beaches in Florida. The Wall Street Journal included the island on a list

of the 10 Best Places for Second Homes in 2010 and listed the median home price as \$3.5 million.

The closed bid will be on Thursday, March 27 and registered bidders need to submit sealed bids on or before March 26 by 5 p.m.

For more information about the property or to register for the auction, visit premierstates.com or call 310-698-3625 ext. 212.



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- \$349,000 (2140387)

Judy Reddington 472-5187 x 331

Gorgeous Canal Home

NEW LISTING



- Spacious 4BR/3BA, 2-car garage
- Large heated pool & spa
- Seawall, fresh water canal
- Lots of upgrades & extras
- \$249,000 (2140340)

Fred & Cathy Gerasin 472-5187 x 232/236

Near Beach Canal Home

PRICE REDUCED



- Wonderful 3BR/2Ba beach cottage
- Heated pool/spa, furnished w/exceptions
- Canal with gulf & bay access
- Close to deeded beach access
- \$545,000 (2131232)

Karen Bell 472-5187 x 270

Sanibel Bayous Home Site

PRICE REDUCED



- South facing lot with Bayou views
- Almost half an acre parcel
- Deeded beach access at Bowman's Beach
- Near Captiva, Sanibel Rec Center & school
- \$188,000 (2131368)

Jim Hall 472-5187 x 215

Gorgeous Lakefront Home On Sanibel

PRICE REDUCED



- Spacious 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath floor plan
- Located on an oversized lot
- Beautiful pool area
- Enjoy the private serene tropical setting
- \$649,000 (2100610)

Rose Dakos 472-5187 x 233

Near Beach Home Site

PRICE REDUCED



- Sanctuary view
- Large, single family estate size lot
- Privacy
- Community pool and tennis
- \$499,000 (2140058)

John Nicholson 472-5187 x 279

Colonial Shores

PRICE REDUCED



- Mint condition 3/2 + den home
- A short drive to Bunche Beach
- Room for a pool, storm shutters
- Near main pool & neighborhood pool
- \$289,900 (2121428)

Glen Simmons 472-5187 x 332

Looking to See The Gulf?

PRICE REDUCED



- Second story home should see the Gulf
- Colorious sunsets from your lanai
- Limited access boating and fishing
- Ample room for your home with pool
- \$399,555 (2121353)

Charlie Sobczak 472-5187 x 255

Top Floor Bay Front Condo



- Spectacular views of San Carlos Bay & Causeway
- 3 full bedrooms, over 1800 A/C area
- Two bay front balconies
- Fresh paint & carpet, glass-enclosed porch
- \$679,900 (2140057)

Dan Cohn 472-5187 x 294

Enjoy Boat Dockage



- 2BR/2.5BA townhome at Seawind
- Remodeled, upscale, open plan kitchen
- Dock along navigable seawalled canal
- Deeded beach access, gulf front pool
- \$449,000 (2131318)

Marlene Donaldson 472-5187 x 242

Family Complex on Sanibel



- Four rental units, month to month rentals
- 2-BR main house & 3-1 bedroom
- Approximately \$2,700 income per month
- Landlord pays water and sewer
- \$449,000 (2130777)

Linda Gornick 472-5187 x 261

Elegant Beachview Home



- 3BR/3.5BA pool home
- Overlooks 5th fairway & lake
- Impact windows, wine cellar
- Fireplace, laundry room & more!
- \$1,099,000 (2131068)

Janie Howland 472-5187 x 268

Windows on the Water



- Remodeled Direct Gulf Access w/60 ft. dock
- 3 bed/2 bath w/ loft (bay views) + lower level
- Vaulted ceilings, granite kitchen/baths, tile floors
- Stainless appliances, glass enclosed lanai, workshop
- \$896,500 (2131205)

Jason Lomano 472-5187 x 286

Gated Enclave of Palmetto Cove



- Gated community, clubhouse, exercise room
- 2BR/2BA condo, community pool & spa
- Close to beaches, shopping, restaurants
- 1 car detached garage, many upgrades
- \$151,900 (2131222)

Jayne Lumley 472-5187 x 237

Popular Weekly Rental Complex



- 2BR/2BA + loft, fully furnished condo
- Private corner location, tennis court view
- Granite baths & kitchen, soaring wood ceilings
- Gulf front complex, beach access, pool, BBQ
- \$429,900 (2130688)

Jackie Natzke 472-5187 x 223

Gumbo Limbo



- Single Family Home
- 3 bedrooms + den, two baths
- Lake views, 2-car garage
- Easy mid-island location
- \$488,000 (2131182)

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Marya Repko, island history author, to appear at Island Book Nook

Special to the Reporter

What do you know about Sanibel? When was it settled? What was it like before the causeway? Why didn't it develop into another super-resort with tall buildings?

Marya Repko's little local history books can answer your questions. They are small enough to pack into a beach bag but full of knowledge and old photos. There's a handy time-line to keep the chronology in order and numerous references in the recommended reading for those who want to dig deeper.

Her Brief History of Sanibel Island was praised as being "as perfect as can be" and "It will be a welcome addition to my library," by respected Sanibel historians.

The children's version The Story of

Sanibel Island is a great gift for grannies (and parents) to explain how environmentalists were important in shaping our paradise. It's also an easy read for adults!

You can meet Marya on Wednesday, March 26, at 11 a.m. at The Island Book Nook on Palm Ridge Road in Sanibel where she will be signing her books and chatting with customers.

For more information about The Island Book Nook's "It's a Celebration!" festival featuring a plethora of authors during the winter months, call 472-6777 or see the-islandbooknook.com.

For information about Marya's other local history books, which focus on the Everglades area, see her website ecity-publishing.com.



Marya Repko, pictured, will be signing copies of her books at the Island Book Nook on March 26 at 11 a.m.

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Connectivity

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Sanibel Planning Director Jim Jordan asked the commission to debate whether or not property owners should have to enter into a cross access agreement — essentially an easement — that would include provisions for both parties and be filed with the Lee County Clerk of Courts.

"After some discussion by staff we were wondering if we really wanted to enforce or require the cross access agreement. It may actually impede or prevent or give folks a second thought about even doing it," said Sanibel Planning Director Jim Jordan. "I wanted to at least have that discussion with the planning commission before we moved this on to city council."

The commission questioned what

would happen if a property switched hands and the new owner no longer wanted to continue with an agreement. Sanibel City Attorney Ken Cuyler said it depended on whether the agreement was voluntary or imposed by the city.

"If it's a voluntary action on the part of the property owners and we aren't imposing a regulation on them, then it's always going to be at their discretion. If they want to back out of it they will be able to back out of it," said Cuyler.

On the other hand, he explained, if property owners entered into the cross access agreement they would need to deal with issues of title, attorney fees, and an indemnity. He said it's a good idea, but may detract property owners from entering into the kind of the agree-

ments the city is looking for.

"It's a good idea but if the objective is to promote people volunteering for this, that may not work out," said Cuyler.

Commission Member Chris Heidrick supported the removal of the cross access agreement from the ordinance. He said any business or property owner would have their own attorney review and edit this type of agreement anyway, leading to multiple versions of the same document.

"The bottom line is that if it doesn't serve a purpose or accomplish an objective, we shouldn't have it there," said Heidrick.

Commission Member Chuck Kettelman said it doesn't make any

sense to include the agreement in the draft ordinance and also supported its removal.

"The logic of a voluntary, best practices set of ideas together with what looks like an imposed agreement doesn't make any sense," said Kettelman. "To the extent that land owners want to have an agreement, they will do it, but I don't think we should put something in there that implies they should have it."

Jordan said that changes would be made to the draft ordinance, but the copy sent to council would resemble the one presented on March 11.

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at the Annual Meeting of the
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As Keynote Speaker, Mr. Judah will address the topic of "Everglades and Coastal Estuaries
Restoration – By the Numbers." Mr. Judah is a former environmental land planner with the Lee
County Department of Community Development and Lee County Commissioner (1988-2012). He
is a widely known and long-time advocate for providing a balance between management of
growth and responsible stewardship of our precious natural resources...exactly the kind of
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USGA president Thomas O'Toole visits the Sanctuary

Special to the Reporter

The Sanctuary Golf Club Speaker's Forum hosted Tom O'Toole, newly elected president of the USGA to discuss the health and welfare of the current golf industry.

"Securing the game's health is indeed a critical role that the USGA plays within the golf community. The golf industry is vast and multifaceted, and it comprises countless dedicated individuals, who possess the skills, experience and drive to grow the number of golfers participating in the game. Growing the game is not our primary responsibility; rather, it is to ensure that

the game they are marketing and selling to consumers is consistent with the very spirit and principles of equity upon which the game was founded. If we fulfill our mission to provide a strong nucleus for the game, by being concerned with the game's health, we optimize the chance for the golf industry that surrounds it to grow," said O'Toole.

O'Toole is the 63rd president of the USGA and was elected on Feb. 8, at the USGA's annual meeting in Pinehurst, N.C. He will serve two consecutive one-year terms.

He has dedicated more than a quarter

century in service to the USGA and the game. He has been associated with the USGA since 1988, serving as a rules official at more than 150 USGA championships, including every U.S. Open since 1990. Since 2004, he has been a member of the Rules of Golf Committee.

"I'd love to say the USGA ruined my golf game," he said, "but I knew the commitment going in. I assure you, I used to play better."

Brett Kist, director of Golf at The Sanctuary Golf Club said, "It was a great honor to have Mr. O'Toole here at The Sanctuary. With his experience

and position, he brings a perspective about the game of golf, that many people don't have the opportunity to hear first-hand. It also gave the members the opportunity to ask questions about the game that affect them directly, including questions about handicapping and the recent ban on anchoring strokes."

If you would like more information about the USGA, check out their website at usga.org and more information about membership at The Sanctuary Golf Club, contact Sheryl Tatum at statum@sanctuarygc.net or 322-5182.

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Special to the Reporter

If you're old enough you remember the fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk" with Jack being the giant killer. Now you don't have to go back to fairy tales to identify another Jack the giant killer. His name is Jack Dalton and he's the top percentage shooter for Sandycappers plus he's the guy that handed Bunt's Ball Buster Rich Ennis four losses Monday night. Ennis was the top percentage shooter in the League and had never lost four in a row in his League pool shooting history. What's even neater is that it was Dalton's birthday and his son, Chris, was visiting from Boston. Dalton's big night, however, awakened the rest of Bunt's players and Terry Ricotta, Dave Doane, and Bob Buntrock ran off 12 straight wins to capture the match 12-4.

Jack Cunningham and Carmen Senese paced Island Lifers to a 9-7 victory over Odd Balls with three wins each over Kelly Greten and Doc Lubinski. Island Lifer Captain Connie Lee played like a champion and captured two games from Odd Ball Captain Kip Buntrock.

Fresh Legion Crew brought in two players, John Gonzalez and Dennis Bender, from last year's championship Bathroom Magic team and they produced six wins in the Crew's 9-7 pounding of Sanibel Café. Richard McCurry racked up three of his Café team's seven victories.

Standings through March 10:

1. Bunt's Ball Busters (W: 241, L: 111)
2. Odd Balls (W: 202, L: 150)
3. Sanibel Café (W: 185, L: 167)
4. Sandycappers (W: 182, L: 170)
5. Island Lifers (W: 135, L: 217)
6. Fresh Legion Crew (W: 111, L: 241)

March 10 Results:

Bunt's Ball Busters 12
Sandycappers 4
Island Lifers 9
Odd Balls 7
Fresh Legion Crew 9
Sanibel Café 7



Sanibel Island Golf Club Men play two best net balls

Special to the Reporter

On Saturday, March 15 the Men's League at Sanibel Island Golf Club played a two best net ball format. Each foursome plays regular golf and the best two net balls, with 80 percent of handicaps applied were used to determine net scores for each hole.

The winners were the foursome of Jim Mulka, Rene Lohser, Dick 'Professor' Arnould, and Jack Tukey with a score of 115. Mulka made some good chips and putts (in spite of a sore ankle). Lohser did not use his wedges when he got anywhere near the green. He used his putter and some of his putts were as much as 30 feet off the green and got close enough to the hole to sink the next putt. He even used his putter once out of a bunker for a par. Professor Arnould had some very long drives to put him in position to be on the green in regulation. Tukey contributed a few pars which went on the score card as net birdies.

In second place was the team of Buddy Long, Fred Zimmer, Bob Ritchlin and Dick Waterhouse with a score of 117. They all played very close to their handicaps and had several "up and downs" which helped their net scores. Ritchlin was his usual "steady eddy" right down the middle and Zimmer with his long drives, and Long and Waterhouse chipped

and putted for a good team effort. In third place was the threesome of Tom Rathbone, Roger Cogswell and Guy Tober. They could not know their final score until they finished, and a blind draw was placed on their score card to determine which the two best net balls were. Their final score was 118.



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Pictured above, left to right, Jack Tukey, Rene Lohser, Jim Mulka, and Dick Arnould.

Dunes Golf & Tennis Club

Nifty Niners

Event Results Thursday, March 6

2 Best Net of 4

1st - 48 - Joan Kelly, Trudy Burkholder, Aud Kunz, Jeanne Mallon

2nd - 50 - Maureen Saage, Sue Tray, Sue Norpell

*This event scored thru 8 holes due to weather

Sunday Mixed Golf

Sunday, March 9

Format: 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls of 4

1st - 112 - Bob Rohl, Roberta Rohl, Doug Mallon, Jeanne Mallon

2nd - 113 - John Hellmuth, Diane Hellmuth, Jack Chestnut, Fay Chestnut

3rd - 114 - Norbert Kunz, Aud Kunz, Ken Grosse, Ginny Grosse

4th - 115 - Ray Vazquez, Doris Dewitt, Ray Galligan, Jana Stone

Closest to the Pin

Hole 2 - Lesley Simmons

Hole 9 - Bob Kent

Men's Golf Association Event Results

Wednesday, March 12

Format: 2 Net Better of 4

1st - 108 - Tom Browning, Tom Shriner, Tom Winkler, Dan Alton

2nd - 109 - Bill Swain, Howard Dwyer, Pat McNeilus

3rd - 110 - Noel Davis, Terry Finzen, Wilf Mannion, Dennis Riemer

SportsCalendar

HOCKEY



■ Home
□ Away

March 26 vs. Evansville 7:30 p.m.	March 28 vs. Cincinnati 7:30 p.m.	March 29 vs. Cincinnati 7 p.m.	April 2 vs. South Carolina 7:30 p.m.
April 5 vs. South Carolina 7 p.m.	April 6 vs. South Carolina 5 p.m.	April 9 vs. Reading 7:30 p.m.	April 11 vs. Reading 7:30 p.m.

Pick-up softball game

Meet and play softball with your friendly Sanibel neighbors.

Pick-up softball games are now in full swing at the Sanibel ball fields every Monday night at 6 p.m., weather permitting. This recreational opportunity is available to anyone ages 18 and over of all ability levels. There is no fee to participate. Just bring your glove. Players must wear closed toe shoes. No metal cleats of any type may be worn. No sandals or bare feet.

If you have any questions or for more information, contact Kayla Schuneman, recreation center program coordinator at kayla.schuneman@mysanibel.com or call the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. For more information call the Sanibel Recreation Center at 472-0345 or visit our web site at mysanibel.com.



Sanibel Rec Center Calendar

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. Zumba
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Basic Yoga
- 5:00 p.m. BOSU Pilates
- 6:00 p.m. Kickboxing

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

- 8:00 a.m. Slow 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 Basic
- 12:00 p.m. Aquaritas Class
- 5:30 p.m. Cycle Zone

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

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

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

- 7:00 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 8:00 a.m. Slow Flow Yoga
- 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/Zumba Basic
- 5:30 p.m. BOSU, Ball & Strength

Friday Hours

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

- 7:00 a.m. Low-Interval Training
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. High Energy Low Impact Aerobics
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 p.m. Basic Yoga
- 5:00 p.m. Aqua Zumba

Saturday Hours

8:00 a.m.-5 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9:00 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 11:00 a.m. Power Yoga

Sunday Hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Duplicate Bridge Results

On Tuesday, March 11 there were 11 tables in play at the Sanibel Community Association. The winners were:

North/South

1. Barbara Burian and Justine Hawley
2. Caroline Oldenburg and Susan Riley
3. Helen and Jim McCartney
4. Yvonne Dressel and Barbara Johnstone

East/West

1. Dorothy and Irwin Levy
2. Mary and Dick Butler
3. Marlyn and James Stewart
4. Vida Zubkus and Rick Smart

There are two A.C.B.L.-sanctioned games at the Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel Island. The games are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. from the beginning of January through the end of April. For further information, please contact Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.



Scholarships

San-Cap Kiwanis Club accepting scholarship applications

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club is accepting scholarship applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Scholarships of \$3,000 per year, over a period of four years, will be awarded. Additionally, several one-year scholarships in varying amounts are available.

Eligible applicants must be Sanibel-Captiva residents, employed full time on the islands, or a family member of such (of any age) attending a college or vocational school.

The club collects the applications and an independent committee makes

the selection.

Applications must be submitted by March 28. They can be obtained by contacting: Holli Martin at 579-0660 or holli@sanibelinsurance.com; Bill Traum at 561-2900 or billtraum@me.com; or Chris Heidrick at 579-0660 or chris@sanibelinsurance.com.

BIG ARTS scholarship applications due March 28

BIG ARTS is currently accepting applications for two programs: The Robert Rauschenberg Scholarship and The Patricia Thurber Scholarship Trust.

Students who have professional goals to pursue visual arts, music, dance, theater, literary arts, or film are invited to apply. The purpose of this award program is to encourage artistic development in students. A committee will consider funding for, but not limited to, tuition associated with any arts related degree.

Applicants must be a high school senior planning to study the arts or a student currently enrolled in accredited undergraduate program. In addition, applicants must also meet one of the follow criteria; be a current resident of Sanibel or Captiva for at least two years; be currently employed (or have a parent employed) on Sanibel or Captiva for at least two years or be a current resident of Lee County.

To be considered, all applicants must submit a completed application form, a one-page essay, three letters of recommendation, official school transcripts and a representative portfolio by Friday, March 28 to BIG ARTS, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Fla., 33957 or fax to 395-0330.

If materials cannot be loaned to BIG ARTS, please provide an alternative method for the committee to review your work. All of the applicants' work will be returned. The application form is available by calling BIG ARTS office at 395-0900 or may be downloaded from BIGARTS.org/scholar.

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview with the Scholarship Committee and the interviews take place during April and will be scheduled in advance based on availability. Additional details about The Robert Rauschenberg and Patricia Thurber BIG ARTS Scholarships as well as the application form are available online at BIGARTS.org. Applicants may also pick up a copy of the scholarship application Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Fla., 33957.

BIG ARTS Scholarship programs are supported by generous donors to BIG ARTS. To learn more about establishing a scholarship fund to support your artistic or cultural passion and to make a difference in the lives of young artists, contact Howard Wheeldon, BIG ARTS development director at 472-9700.

A non-profit organization, programming at BIG ARTS is made possible through the generous support of more than 300 dedicated volunteers and donors as well as individual and corporate sponsors. Discover more about BIG ARTS, including scholarship applications, membership options, volunteer opportunities, purchase tickets or learn more about our full season lineup of exhibits, performances, classes and events by visiting BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, online at BIGARTS.org, by phone 395-0900 or via e-mail info@BIGARTS.org.



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Southwest Florida Symphony performs Mendelssohn Marathon, completes concert series

BIG ARTS welcomes Southwest Florida Symphony on Wednesday, March 26 for their third and final appearance in their concert series performed in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall this season.

Conducted by Leif Bjaland, the Mendelssohn Marathon concert is a mini musical marathon dedicated to Felix Mendelssohn. Featuring an array of romantic compositions, including works inspired by the symphonic poem, Fingal's Cave and the Scotch Symphony as well as The Fair Melusina Overture and Midsummer Night's Dream Overture.

The final concert in the series,

Mendelssohn Marathon, will be performed at 8 p.m. on March 26. The concert will explore many of the composer's most brilliant creations, including two of his Scottish inspired works; the symphonic poem Fingal's Cave and the evergreen Scotch Symphony. Then, mysterious water sprites and ancient curses abound in the Fair Melusina Overture and twilight becomes magical with Mendelssohn's most famous of works in the Overture to Midsummer Night's Dream.

Individual tickets for each concert are \$36 for adults but only \$5 each for students with valid student ID and for children 17 and younger with the purchase of an adult ticket. Please reserve all student and child tickets in advance to guarantee seating by calling BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

BIG ARTS Concert Band to perform Spring Concert

Led by conductor Mike Lamade, BIG ARTS Concert Band will perform a selection of iconic Broadway and silver screen show tunes at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 28 in Schein Performance Hall. It will be a fun-filled concert that is sure to appeal to all, young and old.

The spring concert program will feature John Philip Sousa marches, selections from Oklahoma, light concert pieces, and a trumpet solo during the performance of the classic Hoagy Carmichael hit, Stardust. Adding to the fun, soprano Kathleen Lamade will be accompanied by the band as she performs the iconic Les Miserables showstopper, I Dreamed A Dream and the Wizard of Oz classic, Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

Assuming the conductor duties for BIG ARTS Concert Band as of the 2013-2014

season, Mike Lamade is a graduate of Syracuse University School of Music and a former high school band director. His band performed at the Miss America Pageant, several Philadelphia Eagles football games as well as at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

The BIG ARTS Concert Band is comprised of 40 musicians representing 15 states as well as Canada and would welcome new members: If you play an instrument and would like to learn more about BIG ARTS Concert Band, please contact Mike Lamade at 482-4131 or via email, mblamade@enbarqmail.com.

'Your Table Is Waiting' - A Tasty Raffle

The Community House is conducting a fundraising raffle to cover its annual operat-

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You can purchase your tickets at The Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House (during the Maureen McGovern Concert). You need not be present to win. Dinner must be scheduled May to October 2014.

For more information visit sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155 or visit us at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Our mission is to enrich community spirit through educational, cultural and social gatherings in our historic Community House. Sanibel Community Association is a 501c 3 Organization.

FISH to host women's seminar

F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc., in partnership with City of Sanibel, and the Zonta

Club of Sanibel/Captiva Islands, will be offering a complimentary Women's Health Seminar Series #2 on Wednesday, Mar. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Recreation Center Pelican Room. This seminar is the second of four offered through April 9.

■ Seminar #2: Women's Nutrition for Optimum Brain and Physical Health

Dr. Loureen Downes, Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University, will discuss nutrition education, the incorporation of positive nutritional practices in our everyday lives, and how nutrition effects brain health. This interactive format consists of a one hour seminar followed by a question and answer period. Sessions on women's health are presented by multidisciplinary speakers with expertise in a variety of women's health issues including, e.g., mental health, nutrition, physical health and women's medical health and well-being. This health series is open to persons of all genders.

Please contact Jessi or Christine at F.I.S.H. 472-4775 for more information.

Next Women's Guild general meeting coming up

The next St. Isabel Catholic Church Women's Guild General meeting will take place on Thursday, March 20 in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a presentation by Deputy Gerry McNulty from the Lee County Sheriff's Department. The topic of his presentation will be "Identify Theft." This meeting is open to all members of the Sanibel community. Refreshments will be served.

Lily & Co. Jewelers celebrates March with Aquamarine

The official birthstone reminiscent of spring Sanibel skies

Contributed by Lily & Co.

Aquamarine, the official March birthstone, is reminiscent of the pale blue sky that spring brings to Sanibel Island. It shimmers and shines with the magic of the ocean. Lily & Co. Jewelers invites you to celebrate March with a piece of fine jewelry crafted with an elegant aquamarine gem.

"Aquamarine's color range is very narrow," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. "It can be blue, very slightly greenish blue, greenish blue, very strongly greenish blue. However, most aquamarine is a light greenish blue, and can be cut into almost any shape."

From rings to earrings, Lily & Co.'s March birthstone collection is beautiful and fashionable. Its name stems from two Latin words meaning water and sea, which is a fitting title for the aquamarine's ocean-like color. This gorgeous gem has a long history surrounded by a few legends.

History and Legend

The Ancient Romans believed this gem had fallen out of the sirens' jewel boxes and washed ashore where Neptune, god of the sea, discovered it and revered it as a sacred gemstone. Medieval Europeans believed the aquamarine could reignite marital passion and protect soldiers in times of war.

Gemstone Qualities

The aquamarine is a relatively hard stone, quite durable and scratch-resistant making them well-suited for rings and bracelets. It has few imperfections and many are flawless, which makes aquamarine very popular. Some have highly artistic inclusions that inspire jewelry designers.

Wearing Aquamarine

Rings, necklaces and earrings will bring a touch of romance to any outfit. You can wear aquamarine jewelry day or night.

Alternative Gemstone

If you are searching for a unique March birthstone, consider the bloodstone or hellotrope. It is dark green in color with red spots, which gives its name "bloodstone." Perhaps it's surprising this gem is the original March birthstone since it is usually green with red flecks and far from spring-colored.

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Bloodstone Healing Properties

Indians have long believed in the medical properties of bloodstone and they used finely powdered bloodstone to make many traditional medicines. India consumes large quantities of high quality bloodstone to make medicines even today - a reason many pieces of gem quality bloodstone do not reach the markets.

Visit Lily & Co. Jewelers on Sanibel Island for a special piece of aquamarine jewelry that is sure to bring a sense of youth and hope, like the new spring that comes each March. While at Lily & Co., be sure to check out pieces of handcrafted jewelry created by talented designers such as Gurhan, who will be making a personal appearance at the jewelry gallery March 28.

The Lily team looks forward to assisting you with that perfect piece of fine jewelry, whether it is a gift for someone special or for yourself," said Schuyler. "Stop by and help us celebrate March."

About Lily & Co.

The four-legged friends at Lily & Co. Jewelers, Lily, Gracie and Angel (plus their owners: Sanibel-Captiva Realtor Karen Bell and jeweler, G.I.A. Gemologist Dan Schuyler) offer the latest jewelry trends and tips every week. Lily & Co. is Sanibel's only jewelry gallery, combining couture jewelry, fine art and giftware all in one location.

The Lily & Co. gallery features a large selection of fine couture jewelry, loose G.I.A. and A.G.S. certified diamonds, colored stones and is a full-service jeweler. Services include jewelry repair and restoration, certified Rolex watch and clock repair, glass and metal hand engraving services, bead and pearl re-stringing, pewter repair and restoration, and appraisal services. Through the Positively Precious Program, Lily & Co. purchases previously worn jewelry, stones, diamonds, Rolex watches and stemware from customers for liquidation purposes.

Lily & Co. has garnered several national awards: Voted "Coolest Jewelry Store" in the nation by INSTORE magazine. They won the "5 Designer Retailer" award by Jewelers Circular Keystone (JCK) in their first year of business and also won from 2006-2011; JCK awarded them a "5 Star Store" in 2009 and was given the "Top Dog Award" from Smart Show in 2011 in Chicago. Locally, they have received "Best of the Islands" seven consecutive years.

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'Stepping Out' by Richard Harris at Cypress Lake High's Center for the Arts

When Cypress Lake High's Center for the Arts Director Jason Loete chose Richard Harris' "Stepping Out" for his theater students to perform, he chose a vehicle perfectly suited for these young, spunky theater majors to hop on board and take us all on a zippy, bumpy, fun journey to somewhere. The ride is amusingly bouncy under Loete's deft direction and staging along with John Ramsey's delightful, tippy-tap choreography.

"Stepping Out's" plot concerns eight gals and one lone guy all attending a Thursday evening aunt tap class in Buffalo, New York. The year is 1988, the action takes place in the basement of the Buffalo Burger Baptist Church. The class is taught by the former Broadway chorus "gypsy," Mavis Turner (delightful Halie Goling); all in the class are trying their darndest to measure up to Broadway standards.

Story-wise, one might say that Harris' play is a tad inspired by "A Chorus Line" in that the characters all have their individual hangups and issues, and all finally come together for the grand finale: a kind of slice of life Theater that was all the rage during that period of time in the 80's. The early scenes plunk us down in the middle of Mavis' class, with everyone chattering at once as we the audience get to pick up bits and pieces of information about the characters we are trying to follow. Bit by bit the little dramas begin to develop, then are pushed up front and center when Mavis announces that the class has been invited to dance in a benefit performance in order to raise money for a local charity. Just as they come together for the "big event," they begin to tear apart as the little dramas get their moment to play out, which is probably one of the many reasons that "Stepping Out" was such a big hit. It was winner of London's Evening Standard Award for Best Comedy in 1984, consequently playing in London's West End for 3 years after which it was turned into a movie of the same name starring



Marsha Wagner
Center Stage

ring Liza Minnelli, and finally "Stepping Out" was made into a musical, renamed "One Night" in 2010.

"Stepping Out" stars Winsome as well as gifted senior Halie Boling as Mavis, the ex-professional dancer and teacher of the tap class. As the slightly wacky, uptight class accompanist Mrs. Fraiser, Courtney Camarillo got every giggle embedded in this script. Quietly effective was the nuanced performance of Cat Marks in the rather difficult role of Andy, a tragically shy and

uncoordinated, troubled person. Cat Marks' unspoken troubles touch the heart and make us want to root for her to "strut her stuff." On the opposite end of the spectrum we have Vera (well-played by sophomore Gillian Marino) whose politics and sophisticated taste, fussy, frilly, self-centeredness also make an outcast from the group with her fussy, frilly self-centeredness.

Another winning performance was given by junior Zach Holmer playing the lone, painfully shy guy in the class. Other standout performances were given by Melissa Menard as Sylvia, the brassy, flashy comedy cut up in the class. Callie Atkinson was spot on, hitting every zinger with her tart portrayal of Maxine. Pert and perky Madeleine Arana twinkled in all the tap routines as well as delivering her lines with confidence. Last but in no way least was the cool and feisty Aria Hartwell in the diva-like role of Rose.

All in all every character had their moment in the spotlight, and these actors were more than up to the task, making this the delightful "feel-good evening" of watching our talented young people strut their stuff for our pleasure and enjoyment, which I imagine Director Jason Loete was going for. Bravo one and all, chalk up another hit for the Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. I'll try and alert you all for the next production which is a school benefit titled "Beans and Scenes."

Shell Museum

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importance they play in the environment.

Upstairs the Museum hosts one of the largest libraries in the world on shells and shellfish. Access to this extensive collection of books, scientific journals and newsletters can be arranged through the Sanibel Library or by contacting the Museum staff directly. The director of the Museum, Dr. José Leal, is the current editor of The Nautilus, which is a renowned scientific journal on malacology (the study of shellfish) which was first published in 1886.

From the giant squid hanging from the ceiling to the well-stocked gift shop, featuring a wide assortment of books on shells, shell related gifts and artwork, the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum affords the visitor a firsthand look into the complex and intriguing role shellfish have played over the millennium. Although it is predominately an indoor experience, a short drive from the muse-

um will take you to the shell-covered beaches of Sanibel, where you can quickly put the knowledge you've gathered at the Museum to work. The two closest public beach access points are Bowmans Beach County Park, located four miles to the west, or at the southern end of Tarpon Bay Road, one mile to the east then right. Good luck shelling!

This article is an excerpt from *The Living Gulf Coast-A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida* by Charles Sobczak. The book is available at all the Island bookstores, Baileys, Jerry's and your favorite online sites.



Southwest Florida premier worth seeing

I had a wonderful time at opening night of ROMANCE/ROMANCE, now on the boards at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel. It runs until April 5. Get your tickets fast.

It's truly an evening worth your attention. It was Tony Nominated, and I can see why.

First of all, it's not just one play. ROMANCE/ROMANCE is two new musicals. They are completely different, except book, lyrics and music by the same two people, acted by the same four marvelous performers, and directed by the same gifted director. Different and certainly unique. Yet, they are both linked by that delicious word, "Romance."

So, what do we get here? We have the first play, a spoof on Arthur Schnitzler's "The Little Comedy." It's set in Vienna in the 1890's. You are asked to suspend your disbelief, and get into the shoes of each character, as each pretends to be what and who they are not, bred from a restlessness of too much money and privileges. Their song, "Oh, What a Performance" is a playful show stopper, and happily, not the only one.

Anne Chamberlain, long one of my favorites from way back, when she starred in that "Putnam County Spelling Bee" caper, and as recently as her most precious Cinderella in "Into the Woods."

will charm all of you as she sings and dances her heart out pretending she is not a frequently kept woman to some not so infrequent very rich men.

Suspending your disbelief, you race through the charade, treated by lovely melodies by Keith Hermann (the composer) and sprightly, witty lyrics by Barry Harman who also wrote the book. They are so delightful you suspect Stephen Sondheim might have ghost-written half of them.

That first musical is as bright as a visit to Vienna itself at the turn of the 20th century. The play is much enhanced by lively choreography and dancing by John Ramsey, who also plays the character "Him" as he waltzes and polkas his lovely partner, Jennifer Andres as "Her," to dazzling heights of joy. The curtain comes down on that silly yet enchanting conceit, and the audience and I applauded wildly.

In the lobby I had a chance to validate the director, Trey Compton. He's a wonderful actor besides being a fine director. He played "Jack" so sweetly



Sidney B. Simon

Theater Notes

in the recent "Into the Woods." Trey told me what fun it has been to direct ROMANCE/ROMANCE. Clearly he has tremendous respect for the show itself, and considers himself so lucky to have four performers of this quality to work with. He said to me, with a twinkle, "The first play is tuna. The second one is steak." He was right, of course.

That second new musical is called "Summer Share." It's set in a Summer place in the fashionable Hamptons; the time is this very Summer. I would like to give some credit to set designer Clifton Chadick for the perfect backgrounds for each of the musicals. They helped the stories immeasurably. This summer share set was absolutely perfect for what happens there.

So, as Director Compton said, it's not tuna. Steak it is, served rare, almost raw, torrid, steamy, raunchy and real. We meet two couples, good friends, and married long enough to get some of the rash of the seven-year itch. No farce here.

I sense it's a role Anne Chamberlain was born for. She fits as each of her songs takes us deeper and deeper into the longing, the possibilities and the impending guilt. One song, "It's Not Too Late," I sensed, stirred some real conflicts to the couples in the audience hearing it. Another called, "Small Craft Warnings," takes it deeper. It's not all grim. The dancing by Ramsey and Andres, and more of the lively lyrics, keep it playful, and this side of deadly.

You know I won't tell you more. Go see ROMANCE/ROMANCE for yourself. I will say, I left the theater a bit unsettled. The conflicts were so genuine. No soupy, predictable ending was given us. Maybe I wanted yet a third musical. I came to like these people a lot. I wasn't done with them when the curtain ending the evening came down. But I sure do celebrate what they gave us. It was well worth my time and I don't say that lightly.

Tickets for ROMANCE/ROMANCE are \$42 for adults and \$5 for students with valid ID. College students will not be bored. Bring them. Groups of 10 or more may be eligible for additional discounts. The box office number is 472-6862 or online go to BIGARTS.org. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m. and there are two Wednesday Matinees, March 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. It's theater worth your attention. Go, and keep live theater alive on this Island.

Napping

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protecting our environment. Daily napping offers us the means to do so. Contrary to popular myth, napping is not just for the lazy and ambition-less. Napping is for everyone regardless of race, creed, color or sleep apnea. It is the elixir of life and by God everyone's gonna do it if we have anything to say about it."

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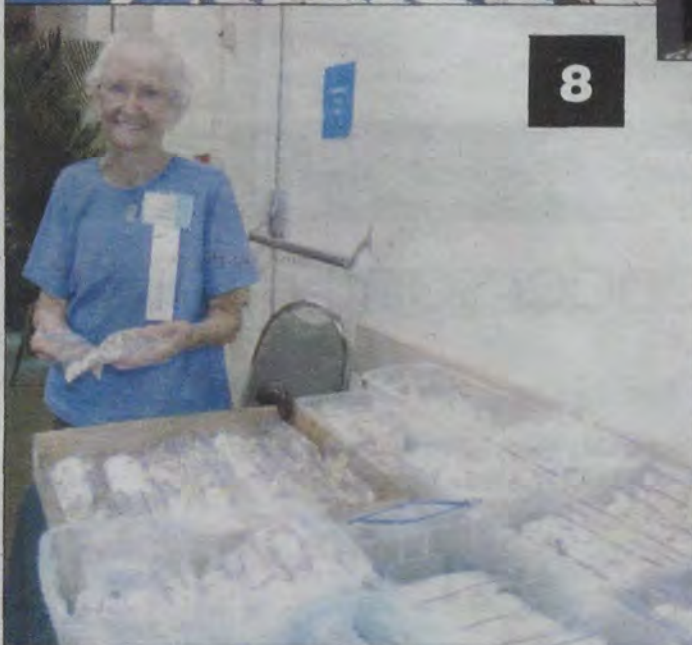
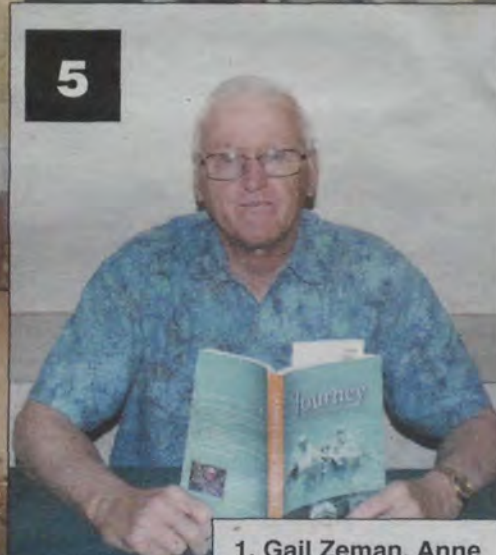
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ISLAND FACES

77th Annual Shell Festival

Shelling enthusiasts from around the world came to Sanibel, internationally known for its bountiful shelling opportunities, for the 77th Annual Sanibel Shell Festival. Thousands of enthusiasts came to the Community House on Periwinkle Way where the Shellcrafters sold their wares outside, and the artistic and scientific exhibits inside displayed the beauty nature can create.

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1. Gail Zeman, Anne Bayer and Kathy Angle.
2. Tom Risher and Ann Moeder.
3. Jane and Frank Reaves enjoying the festival.
4. Islanders admiring the beautiful creations of the shell exhibits.
5. Dr. Harry Lee, Shell Festival Judge, enjoying his friend's new book, Journey to the Edge of Eden.
6. Marybeth Harper at her shell station.
7. The lovely work of Walter Sheerin.
8. Dotty Devasure shows off her elaborate shell collection.
9. Fellow North Dakotans Joyce Matthys and Heather O'Keefe.



Captiva Current

Captiva Historical Society adds new directors, prepares for history museum

Special to the Current

The Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) welcomes three new board members to its existing ten members.

Don Adams, Molly Downing, and Marilyn Klaskin join Chairman Jim Pigott, Kristie Anders, Molly Barbee, Denise Beggs, Dave Jensen, Meri Kulina, Paul McCarthy, Cindy Sargent, and Shirley Stanton. All three bring experience and new perspective to CIHS and its commitment to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Captiva Island, while providing education about the remarkable people and events that have shaped its past.

Don Adams has held senior positions in several museums around the country, handling many responsibilities such as marketing, development, strategic planning, exhibits, and public relations. In addition to being involved in museum management, he has served on faculties at the University of California, Historical Williamsburg, Smithsonian Institute, University of Colorado, and the University of Kansas.

Molly Downing has been on Captiva for 18 years and a resident for twelve years. She has a degree in the History of Art from Smith College, and her volunteer involvement includes research at Ding Darling, being a guide at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, and acting at BIG ARTS. Downing, for the past 20 years, has worked as a project manager, career counselor, and an outplacement trainer for a major talent company.

Marilyn Klaskin has lived all over the United States and with each move has had an interest and



PHOTO PROVIDED
A snapshot from 1960 with Belton Johnson, an early pioneer and captain of the "Santiva."

involvement in the history and preservation of each area. She worked in marketing for eight years followed by several years of doing design work for an interior design firm and then on her own. Klaskin and her family have been coming to Captiva for thirty years and have been permanent residents for ten years.

Since its inception in 2011, The Captiva Island Historical Society has worked on archiving over 2,500 documents and photos; has released three "captivating" DVDs of charming oral histories; and presented special programs during Captiva Holiday Village and for civic organizations on both Captiva and Sanibel.

At the end of March the new

Captiva History Gallery will open. The new exhibit room will illustrate Captiva's unique, diverse history. It is located in the Captiva Community Center on Chapin Lane and will be accessed through the Captiva Memorial Library. Its other neighbors include Chapel-By-the-Sea, and the Captiva Cemetery. The History Gallery takes on the wooden look of the interior of the old mail boat, the "Santiva", which serviced the islands prior to the construction of the Sanibel Causeway in 1963. The boat windows will feature interpretive panels and touch screen access to historic photos sure to pique one's historical interest. In addition the space will have a "launch pad" area where visitors can learn more about other historic sites and museums in the area such as Useppa Museum, Boca Grande, Randall Research Center at Pineland, and the Sanibel Historical Village.

The three new board members, Don Adams, Molly Downing, and Marilyn Klaskin, with their interests in history and preservation along with their experiences in museum work and valuable time spent on Captiva is very relevant and valuable to the mission of CIHS and the development of the new Captiva History Gallery.

New interpretive and touch screen panels inside the Captiva History Gallery.

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The Captiva Memorial Library offers books of social and economic interest

Stop by the Captiva Memorial Library to enjoy a wide variety of reading materials for adults, teens and kids. Until construction is complete, library hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details of this donor funded Captiva Island community project are at: cccaptiva.org.



Ann Bradley

At the Library

The Captiva Memorial Library offers fascinating books of social and economic interest:

The Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else

"There has always been some gap between rich and poor in this country, but in the last few decades what it means to be rich has changed dramatically. Alarming, the greatest income gap is not between the 1 percent and the 99 percent, but within the wealthiest 1 percent of our nation--as the merely wealthy are left behind by the rapidly expanding fortunes of the new global super-rich. Forget the 1 percent; Plutocrats proves that it is the wealthiest 0.1 percent who are outpacing the rest of us at break-neck speed. What's changed is more than numbers. Today, most colossal fortunes are new, not inherited--amassed by perceptive businessmen who see themselves as deserving victors in a cut-throat international competition. As a transglobal class of successful professionals, today's self-made oligarchs often feel they have more in common with one another than with their countrymen back home. Bringing together the economics and psychology of these new super-rich, Plutocrats puts us inside a league very much of its own, with its own rules. The closest mirror to our own time is the late nineteenth century Gilded Age--the era of powerful robber barons like Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller. Then as now, emerging markets and innovative technologies collided to produce unprecedented wealth for more people than ever in human history. Yet those at the very top benefited far more than others--and from this pinnacle they exercised immense and unchecked power in their countries. Today's closest analogue to these robber barons can be found in the turbulent economies of India, Brazil, and China, all home to ferocious market competition and political turmoil. But wealth, corruption, and populism are no longer constrained by national borders, so this new Gilded Age is already transforming the economics of the West as well. Plutocrats demonstrates how social upheavals generated by the first Gilded Age may pale in comparison to what is in store for us, as the wealth of the entire globalized world is concentrated in fewer and fewer hands. Cracking open the tight-knit world of the new global super-rich is Chrystia Freeland, an acclaimed business journalist who has spent nearly two decades reporting on the new transglobal elite. She parses an internal Citigroup memo that urges clients to design portfolios around the international Plutonomy and not the national rest; follows Russian, Mexican, and Indian oligarchs during the privatization boom as they manipulate the levers of power to commandeer their local economies;

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breaks down the gender divide between the vast female-managed middle class and the world's one thousand billionaires; shows how, by controlling both the economic and political institutions of their nation, the richest members of China's National People's Congress have amassed more wealth than every branch of American government combined—the president, his cabinet, the justices of the Supreme Court, and both houses of Congress. Though the results can be shocking, Freeland dissects the lives of the world's wealthiest individuals with empathy, intelligence, and deep insight. Brightly written, powerfully researched, and propelled by fascinating original interviews with the plutocrats themselves, *Plutocrats* is a tour-de-force of social and economic history, and the definitive examination of inequality in our time.” *

One Summer: America 1927 by Bill Bryson

“The summer of 1927 began with one of the signature events of the twentieth century: on May 21, 1927, Charles Lindbergh became the first man to cross the Atlantic by plane nonstop, and when he landed in Le Bourget airfield near Paris, he ignited an explosion of worldwide rapture and instantly became the most famous person on the planet. Meanwhile, the titanically talented Babe Ruth was beginning his assault on the home run record, which would culminate on September 30 with his sixtieth blast, one of the

most resonant and durable records in sports history. In between those dates a Queens housewife named Ruth Snyder and her corset-salesman lover garroted her husband, leading to a murder trial that became a huge tabloid sensation. Alvin “Shipwreck” Kelly sat atop a flagpole in Newark, New Jersey, for twelve days — a new record. The American South was clobbered by unprecedented rain and by flooding of the Mississippi basin, a great human disaster, the relief efforts for which were guided by the uncannily able and insufferably pompous Herbert Hoover. Calvin Coolidge interrupted an already leisurely presidency for an even more relaxing three-month vacation in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The gangster Al Capone tightened his grip on the illegal booze business through a gaudy and murderous reign of terror and municipal corruption. The first true “talking picture,” Al Jolson’s *The Jazz Singer*, was filmed and forever changed the motion picture industry. The four most powerful central bankers on earth met in secret session on a Long Island estate and made a fateful decision that virtually guaranteed a future crash and depression. All this and much, much more transpired in that epochal summer of 1927, and Bill Bryson captures its outsized personalities, exciting events, and occasional just plain weirdness with his trademark vividness, eye for telling detail, and delicious humor. In that year America stepped out onto the world stage as the main event, and *One Summer* transforms it all into narrative nonfiction of the highest order.” *

The Men Who United the States: America's Explorers, Inventors, Eccentrics, and Mavericks, and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible

“Simon Winchester, the acclaimed New York Times bestselling author of *Atlantic* and *The Professor and the Madman*, delivers his first book about America: a fascinating popular history that illuminates the men who toiled fearlessly to discover, connect, and bond the citizenry and geography of the U.S.A. from its beginnings. How did America become “one nation, indivisible”? What unified a growing number of disparate states into the modern country we recognize today? To answer these questions, Winchester follows in the footsteps of America’s most essential explorers, thinkers, and innovators, such as Lewis and Clark and the leaders of the Great Surveys; the builders of the first transcontinental telegraph and the powerful civil engineer behind the Interstate Highway System. He treks vast swaths of territory, from Pittsburgh to Portland, Rochester to San Francisco, Seattle to Anchorage, introducing the fascinating people who played a pivotal role in creating today’s United States. Throughout, he ponders whether the historic work of uniting the States has succeeded, and to what degree. Featuring 32 illustrations throughout the text, *The Men Who United the States* is a fresh look at the way in which the most powerful nation on earth came together.” *

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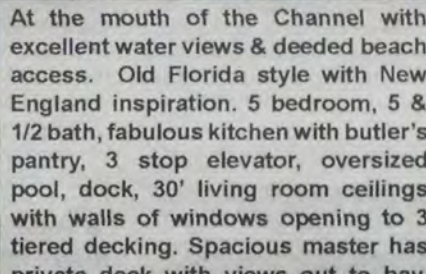
Shell Find



Renee and John Brady of Jackson, N.J., found a large *Junonia* in excellent condition while walking across the beaches of Captiva Island on March 6. They have been shelling for over 12 years and said they haven't been able to find as many shells since Hurricane Charley altered part of the coastline. Their secret to finding the *Junonia* was heading to the beach after the severe thunderstorms that crossed the state.

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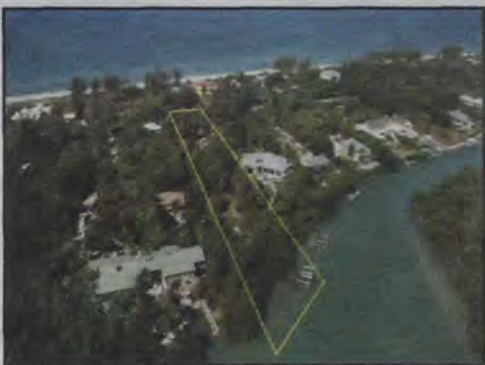
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Have an event you want to appear in *The Islander's* calendar section? E-mail it to the editor, marked as "Calendar Item" to rspencer@breezenewspapers.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Island Jazz at Boler Garden outside BIG ARTS' Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road

Sundays at 3 p.m.
■ March 23, 30
■ April 6, 13, 20, 27

The Sanibel Community House

A list of the events hosted for 2013-2014.

Community Association Events:

■ Luncheon Show Wed. on Mar. 26 with "Amelia Earhart"
■ Honky Tonk Dance Party on Sat. Mar. 29
■ "An Evening With Maureen McGovern" on Tues. Apr. 1
■ Wedding-Theme Dance Party on Fri. Apr. 11

Major Public Events:

■ Lions Art & Craft Fair on Fri. and Sat., Mar. 21-22
■ Ding Darling Recycle Art Fest on Sat. and Sun., Apr. 26-27

Clubs and Service Organizations:

■ ABWA on second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
■ Audubon Society on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in January and February

■ Art League on second Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
■ Bicycle Club on second Monday at 6 p.m.
■ Fishing Club on second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
■ Garden Club on second Tuesday at 11 a.m.
■ Lions Club on first and third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
■ Sail & Power Squadron on third Tuesday at 5 p.m.
■ Zonta on first and third Wednesday at 8 a.m.
■ Shell Crafters every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lessons 10 a.m.

■ Beading with Shell Projects on Wednesday 9 a.m.
■ Duplicate Bridge from Nov.-April, every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m., and from Jan.-April, every Thursday from 1-4 p.m.
■ Island Yoga, Mon. and Thurs. 8:30 a.m.
■ Zumba, Tues and Thurs. 10 a.m.

■ Join Karen L. Semmelman, director of Semmelman Energy Center, in a free monthly workshop designed to optimize your health, with each month's topic targeted for a specific condition. Energy Medicine provides the tools to add to our collective health care kit... for ourselves, our families and our community. Free, self-applied and effective, it is powerful and empowering. It has been shown that working with the body's subtle energies can help to: relieve pain; sharpen your mind; relieve stress and anxiety; strengthen the immune system; improve digestion; relieve allergies; enhance well-being; manage weight; and alleviate insomnia. So, please join her for one or more of the workshops at The Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.
■ April 9, 2014 at 4-6 p.m. (Wednesday):

Eyes Sad? Cataracts, night vision, bright light hurts; macular degeneration? Activate your inner healing with Energy Medicine shifts. Learn "hands on" tools that take 5 minutes daily to shift the "Bla's" to "Ah Ha's" with Eden Energy Medicine. The October issue of Prevention Magazine extolls the virtues of energy medicine. Work with subtle energies to restore your energy when tired; sharpen your memory; boost your immune system; and alleviate stress and pain. After addressing the 5 Minute Routine, we will see. The EYES have it. Anyone do daily eye exercises? No?

Why not—we realize the importance of exercise for our body and mind; but the "Windows to our World" get neglected. This class will provide exercises for improving eye health and assisting with healing for cataracts, night vision, bright light that hurts the eye, others and teach daily eye routine. Give it a blink! Try it. It's fun, it works and it's empowering.

For more information visit semmelmanenergy.com or call for Karen at 443-786-0472.

BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS will be hosting the ninth season of Island Jazz Concerts at the Boler Garden. The band plays many styles of music ranging from jazz, Dixieland, pop, and be-bop. Island Jazz Concerts are free and in the case of rain they are moved to the Gainer Veranda. The concerts are on March 23 and 30; and April 6, 13, 20, and 27.

J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge announced its new schedule for the 2014 Nature Store Friday Lecture Series at the refuge. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is sponsoring the 2014 lecture series with support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). Due to their popularity, the free lectures will be held twice each Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Book signings follow all of the starred (*) lectures. Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis. For more information, visit dingdarlingsociety.org/lectures. Lecture Series schedule:

■ March 21 - Rick Bonney, Cornell Lab of Ornithology - Citizen Science
■ March 28 - Erin Myers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Florida Panthers
■ April 4 - Charles LeBuff & Chris Lechowicz, SCCF - Amphibians & Reptiles of Sanibel & Captiva Islands
■ *April 11 - Clyde Butcher, Nature Photographer - Florida: Where Water, Earth & Heaven Meet

FISH March Workshops - Open to All Islanders

■ Friday, March 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
VITA Tax Preparation meetings. Appointments required, please contact Christine Swiersz or Jessi Zeigler at FISH to RSVP.

■ Wednesday, March 26, 6:30-8 p.m.
Complimentary Women's Health Seminar Series at Sanibel Recreation Center, Pelican Room.

Topic: Women's nutrition for your brain and physical health.

Presenter: Dr. Loureen Downes, Professor, FGCU. Please contact Christine Swiersz or Jessi Zeigler at FISH to RSVP. To sign up or to request more information on these workshops please call the FISH Walk-In-Center at 472-4775.

Programs will be held in Meeting Room #4 of the library. All programs are free and open to all.

ENTERTAINMENT

Shell Point Retirement Community

The new lineup for Shell Point's 11th annual Fine & Performing Arts Concert Series is available. From instrumentalists and vocalists to solo acts and extravagant big bands, this series of five performances brings an exciting variety of entertainment to The Village Church auditorium located on The Island at Shell Point.

Shell Point Retirement Community has announced its 2013-2104 Concerts & Conversations Series, which offers classical music lovers an opportunity to experience concerts in an intimate setting and enjoy a dessert reception with the musicians following the performance. Tickets are on sale now.

■ Pianist Young-ah Tak - Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Il Cielo

Located at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Il Cielo features thoughtful, local cuisine Monday through Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.. Il Cielo will continue its daily happy hour specials from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the bar, which include specially priced appetizers and two-for-one drink specials on all domestic bottled beer, well drinks and house wine selections. A three-course \$38 per person price-fixed menu, complete with two complimentary glasses of house wine per person, will also continue Monday through Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 5:45. Il Cielo includes space separate from the main dining room for private functions or community events as well as an outdoor patio dining area. Call 472-5555 to make a reservation.

Sundial Beach Resort and Spa

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

Diners may choose from Waterview for an elegant dinner or the more casual Sea Breeze Café. Both have panoramic beach and gulf views. Be sure to try their signature dish: Clay Pot Baked Mediterranean Gulf Grouper.

■ Enjoy daily al fresco dining at Sea Breeze Café with an all-day menu served until 10 p.m. or a Gulfview dining experience in Waterview (Wednesday-Sunday from 5-10).

■ At Turtles Beach & Pool Bar for poolside dining casual diners choose from menu selections from 11-7 daily. Or sample our All-You-Can-Eat poolside BBQ buffet every Saturday from 1-4.

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

■ There are Two fun-filled Happy Hours Daily: Turtles from 3-5 p.m. and at Sea Breeze Café from 5-7 p.m. with delicious appetizers from \$3 to \$8 and beverages from \$3 to \$5.

The Sundial Beach Resort and Spa is at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. For more information, visit sundialresort.com or call 472-4151.

Jacaranda Patio Lounge

Playing Nightly:

■ Monday: Renata (jazz and dance) at 7:30-11:30 p.m.
■ Tuesday: Tish (contemporary and top 40's) at 7:30-11:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday: Trevor Earl (contemporary, top 40 and reggae) at 7-11 p.m.

■ Thursday: Eric Malibu (contemporary, reggae, and dance) at 7:30-11:30 p.m.

■ Sunday: Jamaica "Dave" & Co. (reggae and dance) at 7-11 p.m.

■ Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.: March 7-8, Wildfire

The Week Ahead and Beyond



**March
22**

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon bird walk will be Saturday, March 22 at Bowman's Beach. Meet just before the wooden bridge to the beach at 8 a.m. Non-resident parking is \$2/hour. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A suggested donation is \$2. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.

Annual SCCF Tennis Tournney

In support of the 22nd Annual SCCF Tennis Tournament on April 5-6. The Sanctuary has donated a round of golf for 4 and lunch at the clubhouse. Throughout the Tournament, held at the Dunes tennis courts, spectators, players, and tournament sponsors will be bidding on silent auction and raffle prizes. Spectators are invited also to the Courtside Happy Hour and Pro-Exhibition Match on Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. An additional donation from the Sanctuary is a tennis lesson. Sign up for play at the Dunes or call SCCF at 472-2329 and ask for Dee.

**April
05-06**



**November
- April**

Sanibel Island Farmer's Market

The Sanibel Island Farmer's Market is now open for business on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel City Hall. Parking is available at the Sanibel Public Library, City Hall, BIG ARTS, and the Herb Strauss Theater, and handicapped parking is also available. For more information, visit buylocallee.com.

CALENDAR

Blues Band (classic rock and R&B); March 14-15, DVS (playing classic rock and oldies); March 21-22, Renata (funk, jazz, contemporary); March 28-29, Cruzin Vibes (reggae, dance)

The Jacaranda Patio Lounge is at 1223 Periwinkle Way. For more information call 472-1771.

George & Wendy's Seafood Grille

All entertainment 9-12 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Karaoke every Thursday. Ladies Night every Saturday with half price drinks for the ladies. Great Food and Drink Specials. Schedule:

■ Sunday Jazz Brunch
Every Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Live Jazz Music 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a brunch buffet
Upcoming March specials
■ Sunday Jazz Brunch every Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Live Jazz Music 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
■ Tuesdays - Open Mic Night 8-11 p.m. plus Chris Coile
50s and 60s hits 3/11 and 3/25
■ Wednesdays - 9-12 p.m.
3/5 The John Allender Band - Rock
3/12 Roy Schneider and Kim Mayfield
3/19 Roy Schneider and Kim Mayfield
3/26 Cruzan Vibes - Reggae
■ Thursdays - Karaoke 9-12 p.m.
■ Fridays - Entertainment 9-12 p.m.
3/7 Cruzan Vibes Reggae Band
3/14 Busted Stuff - duo direct from Buffalo
3/21 The John Allender Band - Rock
3/28 Robby & the Absent-Minded - Rock
■ Saturdays - Ladies Night 9-12 p.m.
½ price drinks for the ladies
Robby Hutto - guitar & vocals
Great Food & Drink Specials (available 5 pm til we run out)
Open 7 days a week, 11 a.m. to midnight or later.
George & Wendy's is at 2499 Periwinkle Way. For more information, visit www.sanibelseafoodgrille.com.

Traditions on the Beach

Traditions On the Beach features live music and entertainment, just right for dancing that rounds off the perfect evening. Live musical entertainment and dancing from 7 p.m. until late at Traditions On The Beach with Sanibel's famous 'Pianoman' Joe McCormick and friends. This week's lineup includes:

■ Wednesday, March 19: Jazz night! Special all New England Jazz and Blues band.
■ Thursday, March 20: Sanibel's own Pianoman Joe McCormick for popular favorites and smooth vocal stylings, R&B, Jazz and Pop.
■ Friday, March 21: Joe McCormick and friends bringing the classic R&B, dance and disco sounds of the 70's as well as top contemporary dance music hits.
■ Saturday, March 22: Guests are entertained to smooth music and dancing with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan.
■ Sunday, March 23: features the popular Dusk Duo with Dean & Kathy Winkleman on piano, guitar & vocals. Kathy & Dean from Milwaukee perform all your favorite pop, R&B, country, & Jazz standards.
■ Monday, March 24: Mike Amone features a pop pianist and vocalist.
■ Tuesday, March 25: Features the multi-talented Woody Brubaker on the piano, saxophone, accompanied by Barbara Smith.

The award winning restaurant is located inside the historical Island Inn on West Gulf Drive.

Sweet Melissa's

Wednesday through Saturday, 6:30-9:30 p.m. resident musician Michael David will perform. Music will be light acoustic, background music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Youth Chorus March Concerts

■ Thursday, March 27
Cachet Club Concert, 12:45 p.m.
Crown Colony Country Club
8851 Crown Colony Blvd. (by Winkler and Summerlin), Fort Myers

■ Friday, March 28
Spring Concert, noon
Health Park Medical Center Atrium
9981 S. Health Park Drive, Fort Myers
For more information, visit communityyouthchorus.com.

"Ding" Darling 2014 Weekly FREE Tours and Programs Jan. 2- April 25

■ Sunday
9:30 Birds & Wildlife Tour: Come along on a car caravan tour of the refuge. This tour highlights the fascinating natural wonders of this unique mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that live here. Meet at the flagpole. 1 ½ hours

11:00 Florida Manatees: Explore the world of one of America's most endangered species, the Florida manatee, as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save this species. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

1:00 Endangered Species: The habitats of animals throughout the world are disappearing, affecting species everywhere. Come discover endangered species of Southwest Florida and what you can do to help. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

■ Monday
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10:00 Biking the Refuge Tour: Bike enthusiasts, bring your bicycle and join a naturalist on the Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail loop to learn about the refuge's bird life and ecology. The Drive is paved while the Indigo Trail is hard-packed shell, so the tour is suitable for people of all abilities. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. 4 miles, 1 ½ hours

11:00 Nature Photography: Get back to nature! Learn the art of nature photography using basic equipment. We will teach you how to understand your subject and the etiquette involved in getting a great picture without disturbing the subject. Great for family outings in nature. 30 minutes. Inside the Education Center

11:00 Birds of the Refuge: Not sure which feathery friends you are seeing through your binoculars? Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

1:00 Florida's Venomous Wildlife: Learn about the venomous wildlife that live in Southwest Florida. We will teach you how to identify the animals and their habitats. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes. Inside the Education Center

■ Tuesday
8:30 Birding the Refuge Tour: Advanced Birders Delight! Meet a naturalist for a bird identification tour along Wildlife Drive. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. 1 ½ hours

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10:00 Plants of the Bailey Tract Tour: Walk the trails of the Bailey Tract with a naturalist to learn about the plants and trees of this freshwater ecosystem of Southwest Florida. Fun for all ages! Meet at the Bailey Tract Parking Lot. Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours

10:00 Shorebirds of the Refuge: Sort the jumble of "Little Brown birds" as you learn to identify different shorebirds found in the refuge. 30 minutes

1:00 Gators & Crocs: Is it an alligator or crocodile? Learn about the order Crocodilia, including crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local-species in the refuge. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

1:00 Calusa/Shell Mound Trail Tour: Meet naturalists who will enthrall you with tales of the Calusa peoples history and teach you about native Florida plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail Parking Lot. 1/3 mile, 12 - 2pm continuously

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10:00 Raptors of Southwest Florida: Discover which raptors live in SW Florida and learn about their adaptations for survival. 30 minutes

11:00 Birds, Bills & Beaks: How do they eat? What is on the menu for the birds in the estuary? Learn how to identify the birds of the refuge, their adaptations and interesting facts about each species. Watch a demonstration showing how these birds use their specialized bills to live in this diverse mangrove ecosystem. 30 minutes

1:00 Reptiles & Amphibians: Come and discover our underappreciated refuge residents: snakes, lizards, toads, frogs and anoles! 30 minutes

■ Friday
8:30 Bailey Tract: Birds, Wildlife and Plants Tour: Join naturalists as they lead you through this freshwater, spartina marsh ecosystem to learn about the birds, wildlife and wild flowers. Fun for all ages! Meet in the Bailey Tract Parking Lot. Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours

9:30 Beach Walk: Meet at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park for a guided exploration of the refuge's Perry Tract. Learn about this vital beach ecosystem. Don't forget to bring your shell bag! Note: Parking fees at Gulfside City Park apply. 1 hour.

10:00 Indigo Trail Hike: Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plants, animals, birds and reptiles. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. Approximately 2 miles, 1 ½ hours

2:00 Nature's Pollinators & Plant Walk: Join a naturalist to discover the importance of pollinators in the ecosystem and to our survival. Meet in the Education Center then walk with a naturalist on the boardwalk of the Indigo Trail to find out what pollinates our native plants. Approximately ¼ mile, 1 ½ hours

■ Saturday
10:00 Gators & Crocs: Is it an alligator or crocodile? Learn about the order Crocodilia, including crocodiles, gharials, alligators and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local species in the refuge. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

11:00 Raptors of Southwest Florida: Discover which raptors live in SW Florida and learn about their adaptations for survival. 30 minutes

11:00 Family Craft & Story: Join a naturalist for story-time at our refuge. Bring your family to hear an exciting wildlife themed story and make a craft about an animal in our estuarine ecosystem. Story-time is appropriate for pre-K through 6th, although everyone is welcome. 30 minutes. Inside the Education Center

1:00 Birds of the Refuge: Not sure which feathery friends you are seeing through your binoculars? Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary. Fun for all ages! 30 minutes

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Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays,
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Reading Room: Fridays at 10 a.m. to
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■ Sanibel Community Church
1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-
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Sunday Worship Hours: Traditional
Service with Communion, 8 a.m.;
Contemporary Service with kid's church, 9
a.m.; Fellowship in courtyard, 10:15 a.m.;
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10:45 a.m.; Traditional Service with choir,
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■ Sanibel Congregational United
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2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-
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■ St. Isabel Catholic Church
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Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30
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Daily Mass Wed., Thurs., and Fri. at
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Saturday Eucharist - 5 p.m.
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Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - 9 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Service - 6 p.m.

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■ Unitarian Universalists of the Islands
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Sanibel Poetryfest 2014

Poets young and old, from Sanibel and Southwest Florida, will gather at the Sanibel Library on Tuesday, April 1, 3 to 5 p.m. to celebrate National Poetry Month. Sponsored by the Sanibel Library, the News-Press and the Southwest Florida Poets Society, the event will commemorate the fourteenth anniversary of Sanibel's annual tribute to poetry.

Fourteen years ago, poet Marianne Strickland invited Sanibel's poets to the Art Gallery now known as Hurdie Girdie to celebrate National Poetry Month. That first celebration has grown into the Sanibel PoetryFest which this year features the most outstanding Sanibel and Southwest Florida poets honoring the muse by performing their poetry.

Winners of the News-Press poetry contest will join the featured poets and perform their prize winning poems.

Member of the public are invited to participate by reading their own work or a favorite poem by other poets.

This year's PoetryFest will begin with Joe Pacheco's Rap Sonnet, first introduced at the 2000 Sanibel PoetryFest:

Rap Sonnet: We'll Take Our Poetry

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From housewives in kitchens, slammers in cafés,
From yuppies in condos, from Jamals and Josés
From professors in colleges and teens asking why
Our poetry will ring with their laughter and cry.

We'll take our poetry whatever its time
From free verse to meter from hip hop to rhyme,
From sonnet to ballad from ode to pantoum
Our poetry will explode in one sonic boom.

We'll take our poetry to wherever it goes
Past horizons of heart to the depths of our souls,
And keep searching for truth wherever it may be -
We'll tell it like it is with our poetry.

A reception sponsored by the Sanibel Library and
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Admission to the PoetryFest is free.

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Plant Subject: Gold Mound (Duranta)

First impression: Wow, what a fabulous display - Cascades of tiny light lavender flowers draped with glowing yellow berries. A dramatic must have color combo, surrounded by a naturally shaped ever-chartreuse green shrub. I notice butterflies all around waiting to sip from the flowers sweet nectar. Golden mounds of glowing yellowish green leaves, hence the name Gold Mound. What a show stopper! You can marvel at this glistening display that never runs out of sparkle in full bloom at the Botanical Gardens of the Sanibel Moorings.



Anita Force Marshall

What's Blooming in Paradise

sunshine yellow to citrus orange color range. Guess what? The fruits and flowers occur together and cover our star in a cant take my eyes off you display. Gold Mound is my number one favorite to suggest for shorter hedges. Its growth habit lends itself to low level for a view or can get



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Archduke Charles China Antique Rose.



Upon further investigation: I discover that the genus Duranta hails from tropical South America. They are part of the large family of plants known as the Verbenaceae or Lantana family. Our species is an evergreen shrub whose leaves are the year round star. Light colored new growth in a chartreuse golden hue. Mature leaves are a striking, glowing light green. You can only imagine how these colors draw your eye to them. Add the small corolla shaped fringed flowers of light purple and oh my. They are small but numerous in numbers and grouped beautifully in a pendulant raceme fashion. Pea-sized round fruits are just as showy in

tall and bushy for privacy with a wonderful display of color and habit friendliness. It's a great food source for birds, butterflies, pollinators and wildlife. You will enjoy watching garden birds hop from twig to twig. The small Warblers are attracted to the insects that hover around the flowers. Mockingbirds, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Thrashers, and Catbirds not only look for insects but also relish the juicy berries. Mature height for this natural shaped shrub is around 4-5 feet tall. I have had great success with naturally pruning it to not so much from the sides, but at the top for height. This means no hedging or edging, so that it doesn't look like a mushroom or box. Plants have a natural shape, which should be mimicked

when pruning. Out dated, over pruning is a huge waste of resources and leads to a very unhappy, unhealthy and unattractive garden. Always a winner, for it is in the little or no pests, drought tolerant and few diseases category. I liken this tropical plant to the Buddleia or butterfly bush-which doesn't grow well in SW Florida. Your butterflies will thank you!

Pros : Ever blooming - Drought tolerant - Very attractive to wildlife - Full sun to partial - Minimal insect damage - Blooming brings in the pollinators - Butterflies may give you butterfly kisses! - Can be low growing for a view area - Versatile with pruning - Brings that glimmer of chartreuse to your garden

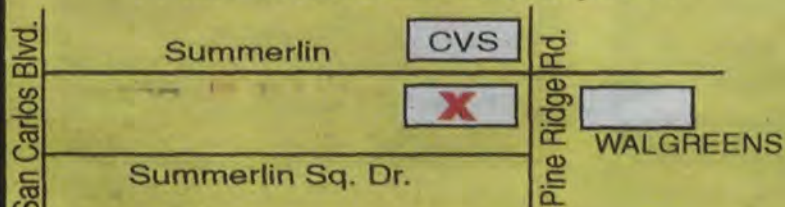
Cons: Can get twiggy over time if hedged and edged - Not cold tolerant turns dark - May grow weary with retelling name of that glowing gold plant - Non native - Blooming brings in the bees - Will want more and more!

Conclusion: Follow the butterflies to these mounds of gold-en leaves at the end of a lilac rainbow. Don't let anyone know if you find a leprechaun hiding in our tropical eye catching garden.
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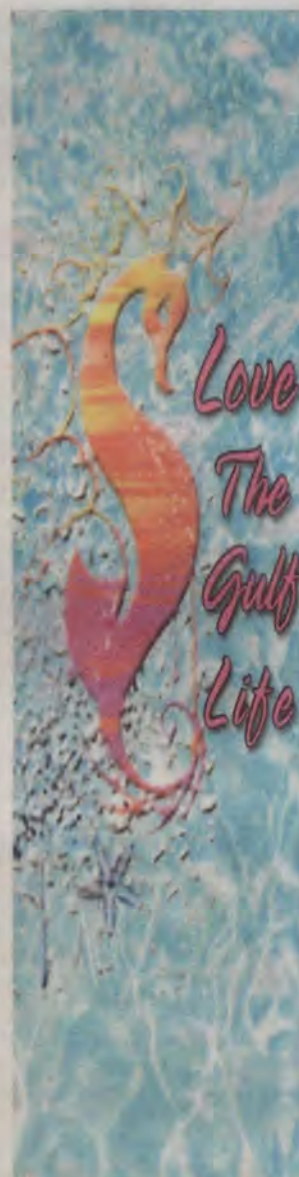
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Sunrise		7:34 AM	7:33 AM	7:31 AM	7:30 AM	7:29 AM	7:28 AM	7:27 AM
Sunset		7:39 PM	7:40 PM	7:40 PM	7:41 PM	7:41 PM	7:42 PM	7:42 PM
Redfish Pass	Lo	--	--	--	--	1:03 AM	2:24 AM	3:39 AM
	Hi	3:37 AM	4:26 AM	5:27 AM	6:52 AM	--	--	11:45 AM
	Lo	8:43 AM	9:08 AM	9:35 AM	10:01 AM	--	--	2:31 PM
	Hi	3:04 PM	3:37 PM	4:16 PM	5:04 PM	6:05 PM	7:27 PM	9:05 PM
	Lo	9:51 PM	10:44 PM	11:47 PM	--	--	--	--
Punta Rassa	Lo	--	--	--	--	12:58 AM	2:19 AM	3:34 AM
	Hi	3:31 AM	4:20 AM	5:21 AM	6:46 AM	--	--	11:39 AM
	Lo	8:38 AM	9:03 AM	9:30 AM	9:56 AM	--	--	2:26 PM
	Hi	2:58 PM	3:31 PM	4:10 PM	4:58 PM	5:59 PM	7:21 PM	8:59 PM
	Lo	9:46 PM	10:39 PM	11:42 PM	--	--	--	--
Sanibel Light	Lo	--	--	--	--	1:05 AM	2:26 AM	3:41 AM
	Hi	2:42 AM	3:31 AM	4:32 AM	5:57 AM	--	--	10:50 AM
	Lo	8:45 AM	9:10 AM	9:37 AM	10:03 AM	--	--	2:33 PM
	Hi	2:09 PM	2:42 PM	3:21 PM	4:09 PM	5:10 PM	6:32 PM	8:10 PM
	Lo	9:53 PM	10:46 PM	11:49 PM	--	--	--	--
Captiva (Outside)	Lo	--	--	--	--	--	1:10 AM	2:25 AM
	Hi	2:12 AM	3:01 AM	4:02 AM	5:27 PM	--	--	10:20 AM
	Lo	7:29 AM	7:54 AM	8:21 AM	8:47 AM	--	--	1:17 PM
	Hi	1:39 PM	2:12 PM	2:51 PM	3:39 PM	4:40 PM	6:02 PM	7:40 PM
	Lo	8:37 PM	9:30 PM	10:33 PM	11:49 PM	--	--	--

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR MARCH 19TH - MARCH 22ND

Wednesday	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Thursday	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Friday	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

TIDES

	Cape Coral Bridge	Captiva Redfish Pass	Fort Myers	Mallorca Pass	Pineland	Point Ybel	Punta Rassa	St. James City
Wednesday								
Low	12:30 AM	--	12:51 AM	--	--	--	--	--
Hi	5:54 AM	3:44 AM	6:27 AM	5:22 AM	4:20 AM	2:50 AM	3:38 AM	4:09 AM
Low	12:10 PM	8:54 AM	12:01 PM	11:36 AM	10:34 AM	8:20 AM	8:49 AM	9:24 AM
Hi	5:20 PM	3:10 PM	6:03 PM	4:48 PM	3:46 AM	2:35 PM	3:04 PM	3:35 PM
Low	--	10:00 PM	--	--	11:40 PM	9:48 PM	9:55 PM	10:30 PM
Hi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Thursday								
Low	1:16 AM	--	1:38 AM	12:42 AM	--	--	--	--
Hi	6:48 AM	4:38 AM	7:18 AM	6:16 AM	5:15 AM	3:40 AM	4:32 AM	5:03 AM
Low	12:35 PM	9:19 AM	12:32 PM	12:01 PM	10:59 AM	8:31 AM	9:14 AM	9:49 AM
Hi	5:54 PM	3:44 PM	6:39 PM	5:22 PM	4:20 PM	3:11 PM	3:38 PM	4:09 PM
Low	--	10:52 PM	--	--	--	10:45 PM	10:47 PM	11:22 PM
Hi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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 82/64 Wed
 81/53 Thurs
 80/63 Fri
 82/67 Sat

Cape Coral
 80/63 Wed
 80/62 Thurs
 79/62 Fri
 81/67 Sat

Pine Island
 80/65 Wed
 77/64 Thurs
 77/64 Fri
 80/68 Sat

Sanibel Island
 80/65 Wed
 77/64 Thurs
 77/64 Fri
 80/68 Sat

Fort Myers Beach
 80/65 Wed
 77/64 Thurs
 77/64 Fri
 80/68 Sat

Lehigh Acres
 81/62 Wed
 83/61 Thurs
 80/62 Fri
 84/65 Sat

Bonita Springs
 80/65 Wed
 77/64 Thurs
 77/64 Fri
 80/68 Sat

BOATING FORECAST
 Wind: WSW 6 KNOTS
 Seas: 3 TO 5 FEET
 Bay & Inland: Choppy

EXTENDED FORECAST

SATURDAY: MORE SUN THAN CLOUDS. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
SUNDAY: PARTLY CLOUDY, CHANCE OF A THUNDERSTORM. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

Forecast brought to you by the National Weather Service.

STATE FORECAST-WEDNESDAY

CITY	HIGH/LOW
CAPE CORAL	80/63
DAYTONA BEACH	76/59
FT. LAUDERDALE	83/69
FT. MYERS BEACH	80/65
GAINESVILLE	76/53
JACKSONVILLE	74/54
KEY WEST	79/73
KISSIMEE	81/59
MIAMI	83/69
ORLANDO	81/60
PANAMA CITY	71/54
PENSACOLA	68/55
SARASOTA	75/61
ST. PETERSBURG	74/61
TALLAHASSEE	77/50
TAMPA	77/60
VERO BEACH	80/64
WEST PALM BEACH	82/67



SUNRISE
 Wed 7:33 AM
 Thurs 7:32 AM



SUNSET
 Wed 7:39 PM
 Thurs 7:39 PM



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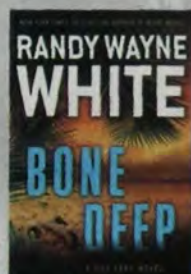
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