

SOUTHERN COMFORT

Early bird ticket sales have begun

By MEGHAN McCOY

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A spring tradition that is now in its third year will transform the Community House into a fun filled event to benefit the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife hospital next month.

"It has developed into our spring fundraiser," Southern Comfort Chairperson Diane Neitzel said, adding that it has become an event where friends gather for dinner, dancing and fun before saying goodbye for the summer.

The 3rd annual Southern Comfort on Sanibel event will be held Saturday, April 1. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the last dance ends at 9 p.m., at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Tickets are \$55 per person before March 22. The price increases to \$65 a person thereafter. Those interested can purchase tickets at www.CROWClinic.org, or at the door the day of the event.

This event will again feature an assortment of comfort food by The Pecking Order and David Flory, of the Island

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New pod proposal approved

Resolution to be voted on at next Planning meeting

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After a lengthy discussion, the Planning Commission voted to approve a development permit with a resolution to be voted on at the next meeting.

Planning Commissioner Chuck Ketterman made the motion to accept the proposal, construction of a new pod addition to an existing single family dwelling for a office and art studio, with the conditions outlined by staff. He said given there were some testimony from the public less that supportive of the proposal, a resolution will be prepared and brought back to the next meeting for a final vote. The motion

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New veterinary intern joins CROW staff

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The newest CROW veterinary Intern, Dr. Julia Hill, began her year at CROW on Jan. 1.

While a senior in high school, Hill started working with raptors at a local rehabilitation center in Roswell, Georgia. From that experience, which was her first, she gathered that she enjoyed working with birds and raptors. As an undergrad student she studied biology and worked with a local wildlife rehabilitator, igniting the desire to go to veterinarian



Dr. Julia Hill prepares to anesthetize a non-releasable raccoon who was getting spayed and then transferred to an education center.

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school.

"From that I got into the University of Georgia veterinarian school. In school I still wasn't quite sure of what I wanted to do, so I kind of tried to have a broad base of knowledge and did some small animals, and some large and some exotics and wildlife," Hill said. "I learned that my favorite things are birds and specifically wild birds, so I did work in a private practice for about a year before I came here. I practiced on dogs and cats, but also saw some exotic animals and a

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Bender receives medal for science project

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One Sanibel School eighth grade student's confidence soared after receiving a medal for her science fair project during the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

"I got a medal. It was more of a surprise. I didn't think I would win anything," Paris Bender said smiling. "I was interested in science, but I didn't know I could do anything like that, so once I put it all together I thought it was interesting. I was surprised with myself that I could accomplish something like that."

The project came about when Bender sought an easier way to produce light energy. After she learned that lemons were used for batteries for many objects, "Need Batteries?" was born.

"So I decided to see if other citric acid products would work the same," she said. "So I did shampoo



Paris Bender.

MEGHAN MCCOY

with citric acid and laundry detergent."

The project was tested by using a LED lightbulb, a copper penny and a galvanized nail, connecting them all together, to see if it would turn on. The project revealed that it worked better with the shampoo. The laundry detergent, Bender said did not have enough citric acid.

"I learned that there are more ways to produce light than you may think," Bender said of the overall project.

The Edison Fairs Program, STEM competition includes three signature events - Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Thomas A. Edison Festival of Light Regional inventors and Elementary Science Expo.

"It was pretty scary, but it was also fun at the same time," Bender said.

She hopes to return to the fair again next year.

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Wellington, Florida

"The ambiance and the quality of the exhibits."



Doug Thompson
Lynn Haven, Florida

"The scientific exhibit."



Charles Barr
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Cynthia Kelly
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Say no to roundabout

To the editor:

The regional daily ran an article recently that stated that the Sanibel intersection of Periwinkle Way and the causeway exit is number one on the list of intersections being considered by Lee County for converting to a roundabout. This must be opposed by all Sanibel residents and our Sanibel government.

The successful operation of an existing, or planned roundabout depends on a number of factors that must be accurately known to prevent congestion and accidents. A roundabout brings together conflicting traffic streams, allows the streams to safely merge and traverse the roundabout, and exit the streams to their desired directions. The geometric elements of the roundabout provide guidance to drivers approaching, entering, and traveling through a roundabout.

Drivers approaching a roundabout must slow to a speed that will allow them to safely interact with other users of the roundabout, and to negotiate the roundabout.

The width of the approach roadway, the curvature of the roadway, and the volume of traffic present on the approach govern this speed. As drivers approach the yield line, they must check for conflicting vehicles already on the circulating roadway and determine when it is safe and prudent to enter the circulating stream.

The widths of the approach roadway (single lane or dual lane) plus the number of large trucks (which move slower and swing wider) determine the number of vehicle streams that may form side by side at the yield line and govern the rate at which vehicles may enter the circulating roadway. The size of the inscribed circle affects the radius of the driver's path, which in turn determines the speed at which drivers travel on the roundabout. The width of the circulatory roadway determines the number of vehicles that may travel side by side on the roundabout. Finally the number of exit points and number of lanes at those exit points impacts rates of traffic flow.

Also affecting the number of vehicles that can be accommodated is the demographics of the vehicle drivers. Senior citizens tend to be more cautious so take more time to enter the roundabout and go around at reduced speeds. Finally, peak use times dramatically affect the design of a roundabout that may backup due to excess traffic that reduces driver reaction time to opportunities to enter the roundabout.

Add to these factors the rate of flow on the causeway and through the toll both area at peak exit time plus the que backup on Periwinkle, you can be assured of a lower rate of vehicle flow than standard engineering analysis of roundabouts would suggest. In other words, do not believe any analysis that Lee County traffic engineers provide that suggest Sanibel should be the number one candidate for a roundabout. Our Sanibel police do a marvelous job of keeping traffic flowing under difficult seasonal conditions and I can assure you that a roundabout would be a disaster. For the record, I consider myself an exceptional experienced driver of roundabouts having lived in France for three years and vacationed by auto in England for more than 16 years.

Ron Dudley
Sanibel

A river of questions

To the editor:

I want to make it very clear. I strongly support the City of Sanibel and the conservation community when it comes to promoting clean water in general. It is a giant problem, but the groundwork has been set for great accomplishments.

However, I went to the recent public meeting related to the tiny Sanibel inland waterway, "the slough," and as usual at these meetings, it

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- No, 38%

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"We are proud to support the Sanibel Music Festival's 31st season," said Sanibel Captiva Community Bank President and CEO Craig Albert. "The concert series is a Sanibel Island tradition, treasured by locals and visitors alike."

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Sanibel Captiva Trust offers March Domicile program

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is offering a round table seminar on how to establish Florida Domicile on Wednesday, March 15 from 3 - 4:30 p.m., at their Sanibel office board room, 2460 Palm Ridge Road.

The event is being hosted by Robin L. Cook, executive vice president, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and David M. Platt, Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorney, Henderson/Franklin Attorneys at Law.

Cook explains the importance of understanding the definition of "Florida Domicile" and why it is critical for new residents to follow steps to establish it.



Robin L. Cook



David Platt

"So often, new residents to the area believe that purchasing a home here and spending part of the year means they have 'domiciled,' which provides them with the privileges and benefits of Florida estate plan and tax protections," said Cook, "but that is not the case. There is much more to it and this is what we address at our seminar."

Seating is extremely limited in this round table format, designed to maximize time

with the advisors. Reservations are required. \$2 million investable assets and higher. For more information, call (239) 472-8300 or fsteger@sancaptrustco.com.

Vick named director of research at Sanibel Captiva Trust Company

Timothy P. Vick, senior vice president has been appointed to director of research for The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and its divisions of The Naples Trust Company and The Tampa Bay Trust Company. Vick is responsible for monitoring and evaluating a universe of assets across multiple financial markets for consideration in client portfolios.



Timothy P. Vick

Vick specializes in growth investing and the methods of Benjamin Graham and Warren Buffett. He is the author of three investment books,

including the bestseller, "How to Pick Stocks like Warren Buffett."

"Tim's focused approach to investment management and his expertise in evaluating asset opportunities has served our clients well," said Dick Pyle, president of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. "In addition to conducting client portfolio management

and securities research for the firm, he serves as a key member of the Asset Management Committee."

Prior to joining the firm, he served as a securities analyst and portfolio

manager for buy-side investment firms. Vick has appeared on CNBC and CNN and has been quoted by The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Barron's, and The Chicago Tribune.

Before establishing his career in the securities industry, Vick enjoyed an earlier career as an award-winning investigative journalist in Chicago. He has served on several nonprofit boards, including the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, Calumet College of St. Joseph, and the Jim and Betty Dye Foundation. He holds a master's degree in management from Purdue University and Bachelor of Arts in economics and history.

Association of Realtors 'Working Together to Make a Difference' in February

As part of this year's "Working Together to Make a Difference" campaign, this is the second monthly report, highlighting some community contributions made in February by members of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors.

Water Quality

On Feb. 9, as a member of the "Ding" Darling Society Executive Committee, Realtor Sarah Ashton was part of a group who welcomed Congressman Francis Rooney (FL-19th District) to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. He came to tour the refuge, have lunch, and then attend a meet-



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James Evans, City of Sanibel Natural Resources Director; RaeAnn Wessel, SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director; Sarah Ashton, Treasurer, Ding Darling Society; Doris Hardy, President, Ding Darling Society; Congressman Francis Rooney; Paul Tritaik, J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Manager; Mike Baldwin, Vice President, Ding Darling Society.

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LeAne Taylor Suarez



Linda Naton

Top associates for John Naumann & Associates announced

John Naumann & Associates has announced the top associates for the month of February.

■ Top listing agent LeAne Taylor Suarez

■ Top Listing Team and Top Team Harrell, Tolp & Albright Team.

■ Top sales agent was Linda Naton.



Jay Richter, Joe Mondelli, Melissa Rice, Brendan Albright, Jonathan Tongyal, Joel Goodman, Eric Pfeifer, Fred Bondurant.

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ing with SCCF at The Bailey Homestead. Congressman Rooney has made Florida water quality issues his primary focus and has succeeded in getting a letter on the topic, signed by all members of Florida's Congress, sent to President Trump.

Annual Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

Feb.25 at the newly-renovated Community House, Kiwanis Club of the Islands hosted their benefit for

local youth scholarships, education, and recreation. Many Association of Realtors members attend and work the event.

Collections, contributions, volunteers and donations

At their Feb. 14 meeting, the Association of Realtors Communications and Public Relations Committee continued to identify new cooperative projects for 2017. One in the planning stages is a

spring drive to collect gently-used clothing for donation to nonprofits helping those rejoining, or entering the workforce. Those who have items to donate, or other suggestions, contact Committee members: Realtors Judie Anderson, Sarah Ashton, Deb Gleason, Kelly Huguenin, Cathie Lewis; affiliate business partners: Nanci Berlin, Barrier Island Title Services and Angela Larson Roehl, Rosier Insurance; or Realtor Chair Susan Andrews.



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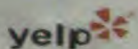
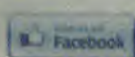
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Dr. Stuart Langton to speak at LWV of Sanibel meeting

Citizen Participation and Civic Life in Florida will be the focus of the Thursday, March 16 League of Women Voters of Sanibel monthly luncheon and program at the Sundial Beach Resort. Participants will hear from featured speaker, Dr. Stuart Langton, who is one of the foremost experts on civic engagement and leadership development.

Dr. Langton is the chairman of the Coordinating Council of The Florida Civic Advance, a network of more than 40 Florida organizations committed to addressing one of Florida's greatest challenges. Langton notes that Florida has a comparatively low level of civic engagement among its citizens. This weak civic life, he said, is a barrier to achieving community stability, citizen engagement, economic prosperity, and a desirable quality of life.

Langton was a professor at Boston University, the Lincoln Filene Professor of Citizenship and Public Affairs at

Tufts University, Senior Fellow at the Florida Center for Environmental Studies, and is Senior Fellow at the Florida Consensus Center, Florida State University. He has edited five books and written more than 50 articles about citizen participation and civic renewal. He chaired the All American Cities Program and the National Conference on Citizen Participation, and is a co-founder of the International Association for Public Participation. He also founded a consulting and research company through which he has assisted more than 400 organizations.

Dr. Langton has served on the board of Audubon Florida and continues to serve on the Policy Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee of the Islands (COTI) on Sanibel. As a pioneer of civic issues and action, he has applied his experience and expertise to advance the civic health of Florida and its communities.

The Sundial is located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Luncheon registration begins at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon and program is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. Lunch is \$25 per person; no charge for those wishing to attend the program only. Visit lwvsanibel@gmail.com to RSVP by email; or, call Ellen Strobel at 239-395-2969. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, March 13.

Participants may pay at the door, or mail a check for \$25 to LWV Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, 33957. Those wishing to hear the program only should arrive by 12:30 p.m.. Because the LWV Sanibel is required to pay for each reserved meal, persons with unpaid or absent reservations will be billed.

Sanibel designated 7th safest city in Florida

The City of Sanibel has been designated as the seventh safest city in Florida based upon a report "Safest Cities in Florida" released by the National Council for Home Safety and Security. There are 410 municipalities in Florida.

Upon reading the report, Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane stated, "Our community places the highest priority on the personal safety of our citizens. We consider community safety an investment not an expenditure; an investment in our daily quality of life as well as our property values."

The methodology utilized by the National Council for determining the designations included a review of the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report (U.C.R.), as well as popula-

tion and other data. The study did not include any cities that failed to submit an FBI U.C.R. report, or cities with populations less than 5,000 persons.

The remaining cities were ranked based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) per 100,000 people. These variables were then weighted with violent crimes accounting for 70 percent of the total (due to their severity) and property crimes accounting for 30 percent.

In 2016, the City of Sanibel experienced a 6 percent reduction, from 112 in 2015 to 105 in 2016, within the federally reportable crimes. The City of

Sanibel's 2016 UCR of 105 crimes is the lowest recorded in the last 13 years.

In 2016 there were 43 reported burglaries, 41 reported theft, 15 reported assaults, two reported vehicle thefts and four classified as other. The year prior the federally reportable crimes included 24 burglary, 56 thefts, 27 assaults, three vehicle thefts and two rapes.

"Our greatest asset to maintaining a safe community is a diligent, alert population committed to working in partnership with the police. We always urge our residents and visitors to report any type of suspicious behavior or activity. We always prefer to be in the crime prevention rather than response mode," Chief of Police William Dalton said.

Commissioner Hamman to speak to Republican Caucus

On Saturday, March 11, at 10 a.m., Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman will speak to the Sanibel/Captiva Republican Caucus. The meeting will be held in the Sanibel Library (Room 4), and is open to the public.

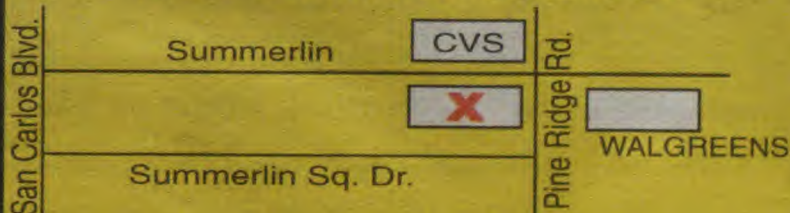
Hamman is a native of Lee County, and holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Gulf Coast University. He spent 10 years as a television news journalist, and worked as a financial advisor for Edward Jones and as Market Development Manager for CenturyLink. He remains active in his community, serving on the United Way's board of directors and volunteering at his church.

Commissioner Hamman was appointed to the Lee County Board of Commissioners by Governor Rick Scott, and was elected to a full term in that District 4 seat in 2014. Upon election, he was unanimously chosen by his fellow Commissioners to serve as chairman.

Join the Republican Caucus to hear the commissioner talk about his goals and accomplishments for Lee County. Refreshments will be served. For questions call Will Smith at (239) 395-0819.

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Rotary Happenings ...

Arts & Crafts fair another resounding success

It was a club assembly this week at Rotary, which means we go over reports from our club committees analyzing how things are going during this Rotary year from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Front and center at this assembly was the Arts and Crafts Fair Committee Co-Chair Scot Congress, reporting that from all indications this year's fair netted somewhere around \$100,000 plus. All proceeds from our Arts & Crafts Fair are deposited in our Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Trust Account for distribution throughout the year both at home and abroad to organizations and nonprofits aligned with Rotary International tenets.

Thanks, abound on all fronts and each of our members and Rotary friends warrant boundless appreciation for their hard work and dedication to making this fair a continuing success each year.

One of our own Sanibel-Captiva Rotary booths at the fair is the T-shirt and hat booth. Each year our club presents a new famous artist design on that year's T-shirts and clothing; this year that artist was Glass Artist Luc Century.



The design was quite a hit and I know; I'm seeing these beautiful T-shirts on many of my friends.

Thanks to Luc for his generous support of San-Cap Rotary. Rotary Clothing Committee Chair Rachel Tritaik, told us, "that on our club website, www.sanibelrotary.com, we do present overstocked T-shirts from previous years and additional Rotary merchandise, so check it out." The designs are all beautiful and merchandise is limited.

Moving from the Arts & Crafts Fair committee to our Membership committee. Committee chair Eldon Bohrofen had the pleasure of inducting our fourteenth new member at last week's meeting, Gary Dyer.

Why is our club growing? Somewhere and on some level, we are connecting with like-minded individuals, who see the importance of what our club is doing toward helping our community and communities world-wide. Our club pays attention to world-concerns - clean water, maternal and child health, the need for disease prevention, economic community development,

prosperity, education/literacy, and world-peace. We start with our local community, but these concerns are world-wide. We are one people and we share common problems. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary offers a way for club members to give back and to help make this world a better place.

Rotarians come from many professions and to quote a portion of RI President John F. Germ's words, "we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, and professions that come from every city, country, and region of the world. The better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Diversity is our strength."

Our members are leaders, not by title alone, but by actions. They know Rotary is a service organization, but they also know that Rotary is a club where deep friendships are made. We work hard and we play hard, can't tell you much about that, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club is a great club to belong to. The chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the fulfillment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding. "He/She profits most who serves the best."

What can members benefit from joining Rotary? First of all, we provide friendship and fellowship. We provide

services and provide financial support to community and international programs involved in humanitarian works.

New Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club members, since July 1, 2016:

- Clair Ann Beckmann/banking
- John Clark/civil engineer
- Donald Dillinger/sales textiles
- Gary Dyer/financial investments
- William Gibney/sales finance
- Roger Grogman/marketing-logistics
- Darrin Grotrain/banking
- John Henshaw/health risk consultant
- Walter Jones/field engineer
- John Schwandke/radio broadcasting
- Richard Green/software solutions
- Mary Schoeffel/donor relations
- Bill Letende/pharmacy consultant
- L. Carlton Anderson/futures management

This is incredible and Eldon told us there are two other membership applications under review, at this time.

If you are interested in learning about Rotary membership, contact Membership Chair Eldon Bohrofen at 920-912-6266 or email ebhrofen@rohdedales.com.

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Cold pews and warm hearts

In the early years of my ministry, back in the late 70s, I served a small church that participated in an ecumenical series of Wednesday evening Lenten worship services. Lent, of course, is that 40 day season of preparation before Easter. And every Wednesday night through the season we would gather in one church, or another, mostly Congregational and Methodist churches as I remember, and the host pastor would serve as liturgist while one of the rest of us would preach.

This was in Central Maine, and so the services, even the last of them, were held on nights that were cold and often marked by snow on the ground. Bering small congregations, the sanctuaries were not kept warm during the week, and so we often sat on very cold pews. The hymns we sang were those often associated with Lent: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "The old Rugged Cross," "Forty Days and Forty Nights," and so on. Somber hymns. Sad hymns. All-in-all the services were designed to truly carry us into a reflective and penitential place. Attendance was always rather light, despite the fact that six congregations were involved. The series had been around many years before I arrived on the scene, and I assume, continued for many years after I left. For all I know, they still may be a part of Lent for those little churches in Maine.

By contrast, of course, when Easter morning finally arrived, we would each gather in



John H. Danner

Faces on Faith

our respective church buildings, which were filled with sunlight and beautiful flowers and people. Lots of people. People we never saw, but at Christmas and Easter along with the regulars, and those brave souls who had traipsed around at night in the cold on Wednesday nights. I was always delighted to see so many people turn out for the Alleluias!

But I also felt those who only turned out at Easter were missing something. For there was a real sense of wonder and relief when we finally burst out of the dark night of winter we experienced on those Wednesday nights, into the bright morning light of early spring. A relief that reflected the relief Mary Magdalene and the others must have felt on that first Easter morning when they discovered Jesus had been raised from the dead.

We don't have cold pews here in Florida. But I suspect the various Christian churches on Sanibel and Captiva do have classes, services and other Lenten events. Times to reflect, times to prepare, times to get ready for the joy of Easter.

For those of my readers who are Christian, I hope you will take time in lent, as well as at Easter, to participate. And for those of my readers who are not Christian, a simple reminder that it is often in the contrast of fasting and feasting, times of reflection and times of celebration, that we come to know the greatest joy. And that transcends any particular religious expression!

Lions announces silent auction, raffle items for Arts & Crafts Fair

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club announce more than 100 silent auction and raffle items during the 34th annual Arts & Crafts Fair at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The silent auction and raffle are indoors during the fair March 17-18.

"We have some wonderful silent auction and raffle items, ranging from outstanding artworks to restaurant certificates and vacations," said Lion Kurt Peters, co-chair of the fair committee. "We are grateful for all of our supporters who provide all of the amazing items."

The silent auction features a three-hour cruise aboard the 43-foot motor vessel "Enterprise" to Useppa Island with lunch for four at the Collier Inn. Passengers depart Port Sanibel Marina and will travel past Saint James City via Miserable Mile to Pine Island Sound. Additional silent auction items include:

- Bicycles;
- Beach portraits package by professional photographer;
- Two tickets to a Green Bay Packers game of choice in Wisconsin;
- House Painting gift certificates;
- Multiple boat rentals gift certificates;
- Various local merchant and restaurant gift certificates;



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The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club silent auction features a three-hour cruise aboard the 43-foot "Enterprise" during the 34th annual Lions Arts & Crafts Fair March 17-18.

rant gift certificates;

- Jewelry and paintings

The silent auction runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 17 and bidding ends at 1 p.m. March 18. The raffle drawings begin at 11 a.m. March 17-18 with many chances to win until it ends at 4 p.m. March 18. There are two cash prizes and donated works from the fair exhibitors up for grabs. Buy a raffle ticket early for full advantage - no need to be present to win.

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club is committed to community service and funds raised through this long-standing event go towards various Sanibel Island charities, vision and hearing based charities and local scholarships. Learn more about the fair at SanibelCaptivaLionsArtsAndCraftsFair.com.

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Pet Workshop to be held at Community House

Join Karen Semmelman, an Advanced Energy Medicine Practitioner and Practice Manager and Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner Valerie Webb, with Specialized Veterinary Services, on Saturday, March 25, at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way from 9 to 11:30 a.m., in this educational and informative class. Learn tools to provide care and healing for a pet with Energy Medicine and massage.

Chezy, Semmelman's Golden Doodle, will provide her and Webb with the ability to show how to balance energies, massage sore, tight muscles, or help align the body. Animals have meridians just like humans, and their organs, muscles and systems are comparable.

Observe immediate shifts in Chezy as his systems are balanced and relaxed. Learn where the navel and

third eye are located; how to cross his energies; how to do the four thumps to boost energy and help him be grounded; how to make space in joints; how to provide immediate relief under stress by sedating the meridian controlling stress; how to do a spinal flush to get energy moving from head to tail (which impacts the nervous system immediately as well); plus much more.

Webb will demonstrate basic massage tools for the animal to provide immediate and comforting relief from sore muscles or misaligned muscles. If a pet has spasms in parts of its body, attendees will see how to assist in promoting calmness and relief to these areas. As a canine rehab specialist, Webb has worked with many pets for more than nine years, ending with their welcome licks for providing relief.

Gain the following skills and tools from the workshop:

- Learn EEM tools for pets for grounding, balance, coordination, boosting energies, joint relief, releasing trapped energy, reducing stress and so much more
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- Tools to reduce pain, anxiety, seizure control;
- Tools to stretch, massage and create alignment;
- Enhance bond between owner and pet;
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The event will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Six Bends Harley Davidson, located at 9501 Thunder Road in Fort Myers. This is the first time it will be held at this venue and we are expecting a great turnout. The Ponies in Paradise Mustang Car Club is hosting the show with proceeds benefitting 21st Century C.A.R.E. foundation, which helps cancer patient programs in Southwest Florida.

Registration for those who want to enter their car into the event begins at 10 a.m. The cost is \$15 to participate.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three winners in each of thirteen different categories. Best of Show, Best Mustang and a Memorial Award will also be presented. The Ponies in Paradise Mustang Car Club will judge the vehicles and be on hand to provide information about the club. A representative from the National Street Rod Association will also be on hand to provide free safety inspections to all entrants.

Spectators can enjoy the car show for free and can expect to see a wide variety of classics and muscle cars. The show is open to all vehicles so there will be anything from beautifully restored antiques and street rods to late model cars.

Throughout the Cruisin' for C.A.R.E. car show, there will be chance drawings for prizes and a 50/50 jackpot drawing, split between the winner and the 21st Century C.A.R.E. foundation. There will also be oldies music provided by DJ Allen Moledar and delicious food.

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A private cocktail reception at the Blue Coyote Supper Club was held on March 1, honoring the patrons, benefactors and sponsors who generously supported the 2017 BIG ARTS Annual Benefit, the organization's sole annual fundraising event. Funds raised from this event are critical to the overall operation of BIG ARTS each year and support every program and performance. A special thanks to the reception sponsor, Private Physicians of Southwest Florida - Gary Price, MD, David West, MD and Andy Oakes-Lottridge, MD.

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Nanette Laurion, Ellen O'Neill and Maddy Mayor at last year's event.



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Preserving the past: Sanibel Historical Museum and Village to hold fundraiser

By ASHLEY GOODMAN

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Live music, dancing, an open bar, a sit-down dinner and a raffle will be among the attractions at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village's annual fundraiser that will be held March 15 at 6 p.m.

Let's Get Historical is held each year to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of the museum's grounds. Some projects that are on the top of the list include: replacing the wood railing surrounding the walkway, replacing Shore Haven's windows, renovating the Packing House, new display cabinets, benches, replacing the garden fence with added chicken wire and the addition of a Sanibel Plan exhibit.

"One of our biggest and most important things is to replace the wooden railing that surrounds the walkway, it's quite expensive, we're estimating that at \$22,000. We're also moving ahead with plans to renovate the Packing House. We need more storage in there and we need a small office. We're taking a wild guess, but we think that's going to cost around \$200,000," said Emilie Alfino, executive director of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

This year's theme, "Dining and Dancing in the Days of the Ferry," will feature a dinner provided by the Sanibel Catering Company. Guests will have their choice of chicken marsala, pesto-crusted Atlantic salmon or an English

To go:

What: Sanibel Historical Museum and Village's Let's Get Historical annual fundraiser

When: March 15 at 6 p.m.

Where: Sanibel Historical Museum and Village
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Tickets: For tickets contact Emilie Alfino at (239) 472-4648 or email info@sanibelmuseum.org.

sirloin. Music and entertainment will be provided by Kelly & Shelley, a husband and wife duo who have been performing together for over 25 years.

"It's going to be under a tent on the grounds, it's going to be a lot of fun," Alfino said.

A new focal point this year is the addition of a raffle. The four prizes include two dinners, one at the Mucky Duck, and the other one at the Green Flash; four tickets for the Key West Express; and a cruise for four to Useppa Island.

Tickets are \$150 each. Sponsorships are still available at the \$1,000 and \$500 levels. For tickets or to become a sponsor, contact Alfino at (239) 472-4648 or send an email to info@sanibelmuseum.org.

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Art in Bloom at the library

The Shell Islands Garden Club in conjunction with the San-Cap Art League will be exhibiting "Art in Bloom" in the lobby of the Sanibel Library March 14-16. The artists have submitted 16 original paintings that will be interpreted with floral arrangements by members of the Garden Club. The exhibit is free and open to the public Tuesday, March 14 from noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lyrics to die for

I've decided to become a songwriter. And the reason is that I can't understand a single word of rap and other forms of contemporary music. All I'm able to discern are loud drum beats, screeching acoustical guitars and screaming singing groups. My theory is that since no one can understand the lyrics of contemporary music anyway the words don't truly matter.



Art Stevens

Shell Shocked

Instead of constantly asking what the singers are saying, you simply begin to accept the fact that lyrics to a contemporary song could just as well be the recitation of the telephone directory. I can write any words I choose and no one will understand them anyway once they're played.

So, here's my first song:

*"My heart is a breakin'
And the burger's rare
My fate's in the stars
Milwaukee's beers*

*"Come say what you mean
And walk where you walk
Love's just a sandwich
Embracing the roses*

*Think about livin'
Dyin's the man
But lip service can blend you
Tomatoes in a can.*

I walked into a recording studio with my new lyrics and found someone who could pair music to my lyrics. She was all of 20 years old with stringy hair and an old guitar. She was referred to me by my neighbor's grandchildren once they agreed to critique my lyrics. They said that she's a budding music genius looking for that one big hit to launch her career.

She worked by day as a waitress and hung around recording studios in her spare time to find the right lyrics to inspire her. I showed her my lyrics and she said that she didn't care what the words meant so long as she could put music to them. She did. The music was atonal. It sounded like an exploding washing machine — clothes and all.

I didn't care if the music didn't sound like "That Old Black Magic" so long as someone, anyone, recognized the brilliance and originality of my lyrics. I had spent countless hours probing the universe and experiencing heartbreak to come up with just the right words to usher in my golden age as a hard rock lyricist. This young lady was my ticket out of shuffleboard and ennui.

She brought in an acid rock band and ran through some arrangements. Then we were ready for a trial run. They rehearsed my song and as I expected, I couldn't understand a single word they were singing. The sound was guttural and jungle like. The percussion out-sounded the singers. The decimal level was that of a Super Bowl game. My ears hurt. But when the group finished the song they gave me a series of high fives and welcomed me to the world of hard rock. They told me my lyrics were so inspiring that they would give up their jobs as plumbers and go out on tour immediately as "The Fidel Castro Five." They said that once my new song made the charts, teenagers would see me as an icon.

I liked their enthusiasm and gratefully acknowledged their lack of musicianship and creativity. The young lady who wrote the music, such as it was, was

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Sanibel Public Library Executive Director Margaret Mohundro searches for books in the library's online catalog.

ASHLEY GOODMAN

Sanibel Public Library revamps collection

By ASHLEY GOODMAN

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Every year, the Sanibel Public Library weeds out its existing collection of titles to make way for new books, music and DVDs.

Sanibel Public Library Executive Director Margaret Mohundro said the library adds approximately 5,500 new titles each year. Library staffers began sifting through their collection last June.

"We're getting close to done. We still have some non-fiction to do and some of the mysteries to do still, but we're getting close. Most of the items go to the 'new' section, then we move them over to the shelves after a few months," Mohundro said.

The library has a very specific method in how the books are removed. The expansive collection of over 50,000 books are checked for their timeliness, value, accuracy and volume of usage.

"First, we run an audit from our online catalog that tells us what hasn't been checked out, then, we pull all those and compare them with public library standards. Then we think 'Well, this isn't required or recommended but who is our audience here?' Every library does this. Depending on who their audience is, they make adjustments. Here, travel, the arts, history and lifestyle are big, so we're a little heavier on

those," she said.

The final step, according to Mohundro, is to gut check. For example, if a book has not been checked out for awhile, but if there is a movie or series coming out soon that will be based upon it, the library will keep it.

"We have to be aware of those kinds of things, too," Mohundro said.

Books removed from the library's collection go into the library's book sale room first, then whatever is not sold goes toward the semi-annual "Dollar-a-Bag" book sale.

Beginning this year, whatever books were not sold were donated to Better World Books. The library does not believe in throwing anything away.

"The books are either re-used or recycled. For the recycled ones, the pulp is used in other products. The book has a life beyond here and that's what is so important to us," Mohundro said.

Through Better World Books, organizations like Books for Africa and Feed the Children will go through the books to see what can be used by other groups.

This year alone, the Sanibel Public Library reports that 6,002 books have been either reused or recycled. Ninety-seven percent of those books were deemed reusable. The library has also saved 95 trees and 43,527 gallons of water through partnering with Better World Books.

Sanibel Historical Museum and village welcomes new board member

By ASHLEY GOODMAN

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The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village elected Sherry Halleran, who has been a volunteer with the museum for the last six years, to its board of directors last Monday.

As a docent for the museum, Halleran can be found in the Rutland House the majority of the time, educating guests on the Calusa Indians.

"When I'm here as a docent, I love getting to meet people from all over the world to see what brought them to the village and what brought them to Sanibel and learning about the Calusa Indians. It's an extension of my learning being here at the village," Halleran said.

Halleran will be working closely with other board members on planning events like Luminary and the "Let's Get Historical" fundraiser which takes place March 15. Halleran



Sherry Halleran

said that over 600 people attended Luminary last year, making it their largest one yet.

She and her husband first started coming to Sanibel in the 1990s, then eventually purchased a house in 2000.

"We would come down and visit friends and loved it. Then, we would come down on spring breaks then we bought a house when we knew that this is where we wanted to be," Halleran said.

Aside from volunteering at the museum, Halleran also devotes her time to BIG ARTS, where her husband Neal, is in charge of The Forum. She has co-chaired BIG ARTS' annual benefit.

"I prepare the food and entertain the speakers when they're here," she said.

Halleran also volunteers at the Sanibel Congregational Church's where she will be co-chairing its high tea and fashion show event.

"I'm so proud of them. They've kept it the standards to what I would have wanted," she said.

Messiah College Concert Choir coming to SCC

The Messiah College Concert Choir will be performing at Sanibel Community Church on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m., in the main Sanctuary. The 45 member choir will be presenting a variety of repertoire, including selections from clas-

sic choral pieces, as well as hymn arrangements and spirituals. The students in the choir minister to audiences both in the United States and in Europe. A love offering will be received for the Choir. Light refreshments will follow the concert in

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ArtPoems celebrates its eleventh year

ArtPoems, the collaborative multimedia poet and artist project of Southwest Florida, will celebrate its eleventh year at Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers on Wednesday, March 8.

There will be a reception beginning at 7 p.m. with a presentation to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Ranging from Peace River to Sanibel, from Cape Coral to Fort Myers and Naples, the group of 11 artists and 11 poets has collaborated to produce poems inspired by artworks and artworks inspired by poems. Poets will perform their poems while the paired paintings, sculptures, photography and mixed media artwork are exhibited on stage and on the screen.

This year, the artists are Paul Adamick, Maria Bouloux, Dennis Church, Honey Costa, Elinor Dominek, Beth Everhart, Scott Guelcher, Linda Lally, Terry Lynn, Roy Rodriguez and Berry Van Boekel.

Collaborating poets are Marissa Douglass, Dan England, Joyce Berrian Ferrari, Christine Goodwin, Sandy Greco, Mary Beth Lundgren, Doug MacGregor, Gary McLouth, Joe Pacheco, Sid Simon and Lorraine Walker Williams.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. Tickets are \$10 per person. (239) 939-2787.

For more information, go to artpoems.org.

Calusa Day coming to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will again honor the Calusa Indians with a festive and informative day-long event, Calusa Day, on Wednesday, March 22.



Theresa Schober

through their contact with early European explorers.

Schober is an archaeologist and cultural resource consultant working in south Florida since 1998. For nine years she directed the restoration and exhibit development at Mound House and Newton Park on Fort Myers Beach. Schober is also executive producer of a forthcoming documentary film about the Calusa capital of Mound Key in Estero Bay.

Village docents specializing in the Calusa will give talks in the museum's Calusa room: Susan Schmidt in the morning and

The Calusa people had a complex society for over a thousand years before contact with Ponce de Leon in 1513. By the 17th century, there were few Calusa left. The historical village has artifacts from archaeological digs that illustrate their daily life and art. Calusa Day is an opportunity for people to see and hear more of their history.

Join curator Theresa Schober, author of "ArtCalusa" and "Exploring the Calusa in Art." Schober interprets the life and experiences of the Calusa Indians



Paula Newton and Nancy Siegel.

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Bonnie Frankel in the afternoon.

Calusa Day will include activities for the children including coloring Calusa masks. There will also be Calusa shells and pottery available for viewing and handling.

The historical village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. For information, call (239) 472-4648 during business hours or visit sanibelmuseum.org.

Long-time islanders talk of history

Islanders Deb Gleason, her brother Mark McQuade, and brother and sister Victor and Ellen Mayeron entertained a capacity crowd with memories of bygone days at last week's Twilight Talk held at



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Islanders Deb Gleason, her brother Mark McQuade, and brother and sister Victor and Ellen Mayeron entertained a capacity crowd with memories of bygone days at last week's Twilight Talk held at Phillips Gallery.

Phillips Gallery. The event was put on by the Sanibel Historical Village and sponsored by Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

Deb Gleason and brother Mark McQuade came to the island as children in 1957. Their parents owned Sanibel Siesta, which started as two cottages without air conditioning, televisions, or pool, and grew to 15 cottages with all the amenities. Ellen and Victor Mayeron's parents, Don and Sam Mayeron, co-founded The Mucky Duck in 1976, and the family sold in 2011.

Mark remembers there were so few people that you knew everyone, even beyond close friends and family. With a one-room school house and 30 children, his age group was so small that play time was spent riding bikes, swimming, and walking the beach. He also remembered his afternoon jobs working at Bailey's store on the bay and filling a pick-up truck full of shells in a short afternoon with his sister Deb for the island shell shop owner.

Deb said you could see from Sanibel Siesta to Casa Ybel; there was nothing but Sabal palms, grasses, and beach pines, nothing like the lush landscapes of today.

(The condominiums that replaced her parents' place kept the name.) A major joy of childhood, she remembered, was running as fast as she could to jump off the dock of the old Bailey General Store.

On Captiva, Victor remembers The Mucky Duck being open until 2 a.m. or beyond. "What I remember is the fun times, the laugh-out-loud times at the Mucky Duck with the employees and the customers who helped build the restaurant's reputation during the first 35 years."

Ellen said she enjoyed watching the families and the generations of families that would frequent The Mucky Duck over and over throughout their years there.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults over 18; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. For information, call (239) 472-4648 during business hours or visit sanibelmuseum.org.



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Explosive 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom' rocks

This certainly is August Wilson's year to shine both in theaters and on the screen. It is also the best time to revive "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," which has been touted as a "Blazing lyrical and emotional force...The spell-binding sound of a great American artist singing the history of his culture from the stage, creating a long beautiful song out of unfathomable suffering." This quote by Charles Isherwood, for Variety newspaper is accurate. Small wonder that there is a production being performed somewhere in America every year since its first production at the Yale Repertory Theatre in 1982.

"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" is one in Wilson's 10 play cycle that chronicles the twentieth century African American experience. Set in Chicago 1927, (the only play in the cycle not set in Pittsburgh) deals with issues of race, art, religion and the historic exploitation of black recording artists by white producers. By the way the title refers to an actual song of the same name by Ma Rainey, referring to the Black Bottom Dance. Ma Rainey was a real-life jazz singer, a rival contemporary of another black singing great, Bessie Smith.

The plot like most great plots is quite simple to unravel, although searing, it is nevertheless filled with high moments of zingers, the kind of comedy that cuts like a shive. The action takes place in a Chicago recording studio. Ma Rainey's band players are:

■ Cutler - played by Curt Sheard a native of Fort Myers making a truly aus-



Marsha Wagner
Center Stage

picious dramatic/comedic debut.

■ Toledo - features the finely tuned seasoned artist Elvis Mortley who has played, per the program, on a variety of stages in the past 35 years, gracing the stage of Theatre Conspiracy's "The Country Wife," "Toys in the Attic" and "The Nether." Mortley is an artist of the first order.

■ Slow Drag - Cicero McCarter who is another Conspiracy alum. "strut in" his stuff" in high style.

■ Levee - the mighty force of nature actor, Roosevelt Stewart; who is not only a fine actor who also serves as minister of music and youth pastor for Mount Hermon Ministries, among a myriad of other talents.

The plot: as the musicians are waiting for Ma to arrive they tell stories, joke, philosophize and argue. Tension is apparent between the young hot headed trumpeter Levee, who dreams of having his own band and veterans Cutler and Toledo. By the time Ma Rainey (performed to phenomenal perfection by Canterella Canady) arrives with entourage in tow, recording has fallen badly behind schedule, enraging white producers Mel Sturdyvant (Patrick Day) and Irvin, Ma's manager (Charlie Sloan). Ma's insistence that her stuttering nephew Sylvester (Vladimir Bellefleur) speak the title song's introduction, wreaking further havoc. Add to that Ma's hot to trot steamy girlfriend Dussie Mae (slender, sexy Shaunte Manuel) well you get the picture, and things go from bad to worse.

As the band waits for various technical problems to be solved, Levee and Cutler come to blows. Playwright Wilson lights the dramatic fuse which snakes and hisses through the America's time of racial anguish which is with us still 38 years later. Ending as it always must, in tragedy for one and all.

So why see this play at the Theatre Conspiracy? Well for one thing the brilliant performances by a cast that take you from highs to lows in a play that is searing, funny, salty, carnal and lyrical. Honestly, you won't see anything finer on any Broadway stage than this production; which is as relevant today as it was when it opened back in 1982.

Not as an aside but in capital letters, high honors to two outstanding directors Sonya McCarter and Tera Nicole Miller. Bravo and thank you for such a profound evening in live theater.

And thank you Bill Taylor for always bringing our Fort Myers audiences the best of the best.

Now, run right over to the phone, dial (239) 936-3239, and see "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" playing at the Theatre Conspiracy until March 11.

Next up is "Nice Tits" (I didn't make up this title Amy Marks did. She wrote and will perform her play from March 17 to March 19). When you phone for either play remind 'em Marsha sent you.

'Anything Goes' is a trip down memory lane

Pack up all your cares and woes and sail away for a couple of fun filled hours of high powered, first rate entertainment on the "Anything Goes" production, currently docking at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Oh boy, was this ever a terrific show for shaking the blahs away, and just what the doctor ordered.

If I were to have Cole Porter write this review he would start by saying "It's delightful, it's delicious, it's delovely", and he would be spot on. This 1934 musical which opened at another time when America was down in the dumps of the Great Depression, "Anything Goes" picked up our spirits then, and made us feel "great again."

This 180th production of "Anything Goes" is the perfect screwball musical, with its cargo full of colorful characters, boat load of tap dancing sailors and sassy chorus girls ready to turn on the juice guaranteeing us a rousing evening while putting us back on track again, some 83 years later.

The original book by P.G. Wodehouse and Guy Bolton was first revised in 1962 by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse and revised again in 1987 by Timothy Crouse and John Weidman, this is the version currently playing at the Palm. The timeless score by Cole Porter has pretty much remained the same, the classic standards starting with the title song

"Anything Goes," "You're the Top," "Easy to Love" and "Blow Gabriel Blow." Porter himself added two additional standards in 1936 from a different musical ("Red, Hot and Blue"), the afore mentioned "De Lovely" and "I Get A Kick Out of You." As you can see this show is one of those 30s shows that gets regularly revived, because it is an "All American Musical."

The show's madcap story line takes place on a luxury liner the S.S. America, involving a love triangle between Reno Sweeny (audacious, curvaceous, high energy, razzle, dazzling Ms. Christina Tompkins.) In the role of Billy Crocker, we have an outstanding, triple threat performer Conor Robert Fallon. The third member of our triangle is ingénue Hope Harcourt played by another topnotch singer/dancer/actress Allison Fund. Add to this merry mix-up that Billy is trying to prevent Hope's marriage to the funny stuffed shirt Lord Evelyn Oakleigh played to the absolute hilt by campy Craig Smith.

And if that isn't enough, we have a whole boat load of characters in zany disguises, one is America's Most Wanted" gangster Moon Mullins in disguise as Reverend Dobson (Broadway Palm favorite Victor Legarreta playing in one of his best roles ever seen in these parts, and stealing the show.) We also need to mention Moon's side kick and main squeeze, gun moll Erna (the adorably, sexy Theresa Walker.)

Let's not forget another funny guy Billy's boss, a former Yale jock Elisha Whitney (Paul Crane a funny guy, who can make near sightedness a belly laugh.) And finally, Hope's "upper crust" mom Mrs. Harcourt played to her snobbiest, upper "crustiest" by Desiree Dillon.

This is a shipboard romance with enough zing and twists to be as bracing as a dry martini with just as much of a kick. The plot is merely a way to bring on a parade of leggy dancing/singing girls and guys, tap dancing and singing their hearts out, then adding on lots of hilarious low comedy burlesque jokes, and then tying the whole thing together with the ever surprising, memorable songs and lyrics by The best tune smith ever, Cole Porter. Well, you get the idea, add all these ingredients together with the ingenious direction by resident director Paul Bernier, effective choreography and staging by Samantha Hewes Cramer and you've got a show that not only will knock your socks off but threatens to blow the roof off the Broadway Palm, with its sheer energy. In other words, this show is a WOW if ever there was one; a crowd pleaser from overture to final curtain call, and my final advice is make your reservations now. This show is already starting to sellout, it is that good.

So, start the ball rolling by phoning the box office at (239) 278-4422 for reservations and when you phone remind 'em Marsha sent you.

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*Implant from the FBI?
Straight across my sight you glide,
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Diabolical speck of fly.*

*Out of sight for hours you lie,
Implant from the FBI,
Then sneak right up again to spy,
To bug and bug me as I write.*

*Or if some friends are dropping by
Out of sight like a cat you lie,
But when they ask, "How goes your eye?"
You spring right up again to spy.*

*Dancing, prancing, side to side,
A sea horse daring me to ride
Within the jelly deep inside ---
Stranger floating in my eye.*



Joe Pacheco
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Friday Stories to feature three theater critics

It's once again Friday Stories, the very popular event that has charmed the Islands for 15 years. Not the first Friday for March this time, but the second Friday. Mark your calendars for Friday, March 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library. People who never miss Friday Stories, know it's smart to get there early. There is free parking and no charge for this event.

Dr. Sidney B. Simon, Professor Emeritus of the University of Massachusetts, will again be the emcee of the event that brings us three island celebrities. They are three of the theater loving and story loving theater critics reviewing theater in Southwest Florida. You read them almost every week and many of you know them as friends and colleagues.

They are Di Saggau who writes for the Island Sun and the Fort Myers River and Marsha Wagner who does theater, ballet and concert reviews for the Sanibel-Captiva Islander.

Saggau is a force on here on the Island because she is active in so much, especially the Film Society that plans and delivers Monday Night Movies at BIG ARTS, a must for many of us. She is also active at the Film Society's efforts at the Island Cinema with events that run all season, including the Academy Award contenders, and the highly rated documentaries plus an exciting series on films I think of as too controversial for Monday night showings.

In a former life, Saggau was a radio news director and newscaster at a major radio station in Omaha. It was a time when she interviewed Ronald Regan, Bob Hope and others. Oh, does she have stories to tell.

Wagner is an equal power with a thriving pilate practice and a history in theater that includes being a dancer in the opening cast of "Pajama Game" and dancing on The Ed Sullivan Show and so much more. She loves stories and will tell some from Broadway days and before.

Who is the third theater critic? Surprise, surprise. Simon himself, who has the col-



Dr. Sid Simon

umn, Theater Notes in The Islander. Dr. Sid who was in eight plays in college, and did community theater for years, was also, a young English teacher who directed high school plays. He loves live theater. Their four kids all got theater tickets for Christmas instead of socks, underwear and cheap jewelry.



Di Saggau



Marsha Wagner

They hope their stories will trigger some short stories from your past. Is that enough inducement to draw you to the library on the afternoon of Friday, March 10 from 2 to 3 p.m.? Come early, there is limited seating, and many of our community's story loving friends will be there. Remember, there is no charge for this event. If you have any questions, call the library at (239) 472-2483, where Stories for Grownups has been warmly supported for 15 years. We believe in stories to enrich and deepen our lives. See you on March 10.

Upcoming events at the Sanibel Public Library

The Battle of Monte Cassino was a costly series of four assaults by the Allies against the Winter Line in Italy held by Axis forces in 1944 during World War II. Duane Shaffer will present an encore of this program at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 10.

"First Fridays - Stories for Grown Ups" will be held at 2 p.m. at the library on March 10. Dr. Sid Simon will wow the audience for the first half, then stories will be shared by volunteers in the audience.

On Monday, March 13 at 2 p.m., Damaris Peters-Pike presents her "Off to Never Never Land with Mary Martin" program. Portrayed by historical actor Damaris Peters-Pike, "Mary Martin" will appear in costume, sing, and answer questions about her life and career on Broadway.

Shell Island Garden Club and Sanibel-Captiva Art League present "Art in



"Art in Bloom."

Bloom," featuring local artists' work complemented by 16 floral arrangements in the entrance lobby at the Sanibel Public Library. Art in Bloom will be on display starting at noon on Tuesday, March 14. The exhibit is also open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 16.

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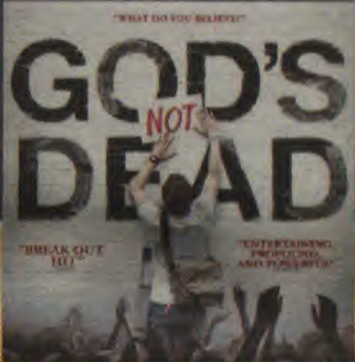
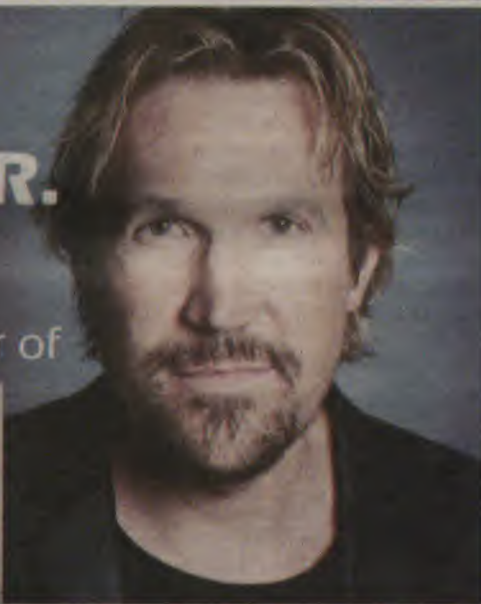
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Manatee Park

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Charlie Sobczak

Living Sanibel

adored marine mammals congregate here. In a curious symbiotic relationship, the manatees have learned to migrate up the Orange River during the coldest months of the year, seeking the warm-water outflow from the adjacent Florida Power and Light power plant. Unlike seals, whales, and many other marine mammals, West Indian manatees do not have thick insulating layers of blubber to protect them from cold water and hypothermia. As a subtropical species, they would normally seek out

warm freshwater springs when the water temperature dips below 70 degrees, but coastal development has dried up many of these natural springs, making it difficult for these animals to survive the winter.

Soon after the power plant was constructed in 1957 a handful of manatees appeared at the junction of the discharge canal and the Orange River. Over time, the number of manatees migrating to the outflow increased to the large numbers seen today. How this power-plant memo about survival behavior made it around the manatee world remains a fascinating mystery.

However the information was relayed, the regional manatee populations of both Lee and Charlotte counties now make Manatee Park their winter home. In 2010, when Southwest Florida experienced one of the coldest winters in the past 100 years, as many as 300 manatees



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A typical manatee sighting at the park.

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were counted in and around the park. A kayak or canoe trip down the Orange River between the outflow of the power plant and the nearby Caloosahatchee River is sure to result in many manatee sightings, but paddlers should be well advised that having a 14-foot-long manatee suddenly surface beside your boat can be quite unnerving. Harassing these animals in any way is strictly forbidden. They are experiencing cold stress and are essentially in a state of quasi-hibernation. Manatees cannot digest the sea grasses they feed on once the water temperature dips below 68 degrees. Dogs are not allowed in the park since their presence can frighten the manatees.

Manatee Park has a small fishing pier, picnic tables, an ethno-botany trail, butterfly garden, authentic Seminole chickee hut, gift shop, and canoe/kayak rentals. For a nominal fee, visitors can launch their own canoes or kayaks. Photographing the manatees is a favorite pastime, but because the water is stained dark brown by the tannic acid coming off the nearby mangroves, a polarized filter is advised.

Sadly, you will notice that many of the larger animals have boat propeller scars across their backs and large dorsal fins. Programs about the manatees are presented daily at the Live Oak Amphitheater during the winter months at 2 p.m. (check the website as program

schedules are subject to change). Park rangers lead guided tours on weekends, taking visitors through the numerous walking trails and explaining how the park evolved. Manatee Park is unusual in that the land it rests on is owned by Florida Power and Light, though the park is staffed and operated by Lee County Parks Department.

Although the manatees are far more abundant from mid-October through mid-April, they are sometimes seen in the park during the other months of the year as well, though not in any great numbers.

Manatee Park is small, but it presents a big opportunity to view these endangered mammals. Because of this, attendance at the park has been steadily increasing. It is well worth the stop.

This 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.



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Dr. Bruce Neill to speak at next Sanibel Island Fishing Club meeting

On Tuesday, March 14, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its next Fishing Club gathering. With the renovation of the Community House completed, the meeting will return to the north room of the Sanibel Island Community House, which is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. While the meeting gets underway at 6:30 p.m., the featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend. Pizza and refreshments are available at a nominal charge.

This month's featured speaker is Dr. Bruce Neill of the Sanibel Sea School. Dr. Bruce Neill earned his Ph.D. in conservation biology from Montana State University. He has conducted research on coral reef biology and sea urchins, and has held positions at colleges, field schools and the American Museum of Natural History. Neill is an avid fisherman with a passion for teaching. He and his wife, Evelyn, founded Sanibel Sea School in 2005 to help more people connect with the ocean through meaningful, field-based experiences.

At this month's meeting, Dr. Neill will discuss patterns of tarpon behavior and migration and how this knowledge can help anglers find and catch the silver king. He will also focus on the biological perspective of other local popular sport fish and how this information can be applied to increase fishing success. This should be a very interesting presentation for anglers to learn more about their targeting species. A lengthy question and answer session



PHOTO PROVIDED

Dr. Bruce Neill

will follow the lecture.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, SCCF and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, please contact Warren Tiegen at (239) 579-0354 or attend our next meeting. The Sanibel Island Fishing club has been an active social club for more than 30 years on the island. To learn more about the club and to view our great fishing photos or to explore our fish recipe section, go to sanibelislandfishingclub.com.

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Neighbor's Club Rally at Thistle Lodge

The Sanibel Captiva Neighbors held a Rally on March 1 at Thistle Lodge Restaurant at Casa Ybel Resort. The Club raised \$50 for F.I.S.H. and representative Jim Nelson spoke about the programs helping islanders in need. Pat Healey won the raffle, a gift certificate to Thistle Lodge. Thank you to Dennis Riley and his outstanding staff for hosting the event. The Thistle Lodge is open to the public for lunch and dinner and offers waterfront dining to residents as well as vacationers. To sign up for the Neighbors Club, visit Hollie's Boutique on Sanibel.

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Zonta salutes major Peek sponsors

As the days tick down to Saturday, March 11, the date of the 16th annual "Peek at the Unique," Zonta members are pausing to pay special tribute to the principal sponsors whose generosity helps guarantee a successful event. For tickets, email zontapeektickets2017@gmail.com.

As always, the "Peek," Zonta's renowned home tour that raises funds to empower women locally and globally, features four unique island homes. The businesses stepping up as house sponsors this year, with a donation of at least \$2,000, include returning house sponsor Gene's Books on Periwinkle, offering a wide choice of mysteries, movies and music; returning house sponsors Dan Hahn Custom Builders/Sanibel Design Center, who built and decorated the tour home on Lagoon Drive; long-time supporter and first-time house sponsor Kirchner Contracting, Inc., who built the tour home on Cowry Court; and John Grey Painting, another long-time supporter and first-time house sponsor, who painted the tour home on Harbour Lane. Gulf Breeze Cottages, owned by Zontian Sandi Hutchings, a major supporter since 2011, is this year's sponsor of the tour's home base, the Sanibel Community Church.

Kevin Vertesch, vice president, Dan Hahn Custom Builders, commented: "We have learned that sponsoring a Peek house is a great way to showcase our work while helping Zonta in their mission of empowering women." Dan Hahn first sponsored a Peek home in 2010. John Grey, president, John Grey Painting, added: "Our principal reason for giving to Zonta is the important work they do with women."

Individual benefactors contributing at least \$2,000 each, all returning sponsors, are islanders Sharon and Jim Ellen; former Peek homeowner Joan Sherman; and John and Martha Wolf, who again underwrote the sold-out VIP tour.



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Major business sponsors for the 16th Peek are (L to R): Eric Staubs and Matt Kirchner of Kirchner Contracting, Inc.; Sandi Hutchings, Gulf Breeze Cottages; Dan Hahn, Kevin Vertesch and Marya Teets, Dan Hahn Custom Builders/Sanibel Design Center; John Grey and (rear) Derrick Grey, John Grey Painting. Not pictured: Gene's Books on Periwinkle.

Through the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, a 501(c)(3), proceeds from the Peek are awarded in grants to local organizations that empower women and to Zonta International for its global initiatives (zonta.org). Earlier this year, \$88,500 was awarded in local grants and \$28,760 pledged to ZI.

Numerous other island businesses and individuals who provided sponsorships and personal donations ranging from \$25 to \$2,000 are recognized in the 100-page keepsake program given to all tour participants. Packed with information on the club and foundation, this is a valuable tool for learning about Zonta, and will be posted at zontasancap.com after the event. Zonta asks all Peek attendees to support the business sponsors listed in the Peek program.

"After fixed expenses such as transportation and printing, every dollar helps to empower women," said Zonta president and Peek co-chair Barbara Beran. For information about Zonta including Peek tickets, service partners and more, visit zontasancap.com.



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In an inland native garden, the bay cedar is attractive to butterflies, bees and birds.

Bay cedar: the salty native

Bay cedar (*Suriana maritima*) is one of our most salt tolerant shrubs. It tolerates salt breezes and even some salt water flooding during storms. It likes moist, well drained soil, but is very drought tolerant at the same time.

You will find the bay cedar along coastlines from the Florida Keys up to the salt marshes of northern Florida. Of course it likes the sun but does well in partial shade as well. It grows well to about six feet in height in a scrubby environment, and can be persuaded to grow as tall as 10 feet in a more cultivated setting.

The velvety, silver green leaves of the bay cedar resemble the needles of a regular cedar and it produces small yellow flowers that bloom year around on this coastal native. Bay cedar can be directly propagated from the fallen seeds that can be collected as they fall off naturally. Planted as a shrub along with other coastal plants like joewood, sea purslane, beach elder and prickly pear cactus it makes a nice coastal beach planting that preserves our coastline and protects against beach erosion.

In an inland native garden, the bay cedar is attractive to butterflies, bees and birds. The larvae of the mallow and martial scrub hairstreak butterflies love to feast on the foliage. When planted in the inland landscape, regular watering and fertilizer would be advised. However, if planted on the ocean side of a dune, no extra care as this is truly its natural habitat.

Share the dunes with this salt loving plant or enjoy in your native landscape garden. Either way it loves the islands as much as we do.

This column is a joint effort by all at In The Garden, Sanibel's local garden center located at 3889 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel Island, Florida.



Refuge welcomes new biology intern

New biology intern Jessie Looney recently joined the team effort at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge as part of the refuge's intern program supported by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

Looney, who is from San Diego, California, most recently worked for the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research on San Clemente Island, one of the Channel Islands off the coast of southern California.

"My job as a research assistant was to support the captive breeding program of endangered San Clemente Island loggerhead



Jessie Looney

shrikes by providing daily care and behavioral monitoring," Looney said. "I've worked for four years with captive wildlife programs, zoos and nature centers, but my interest is in avian field ecology. This internship will provide me with experience to transition from captive work to field work."

Looney is excited to be experiencing species that are different from California's birds and new to her. For her internship project, she envisions studying the impact of refuge visitors on the wildlife.

"San Diego is similar to coastal South Florida in that it attracts many tourists," she said. "It's important in

these areas to understand the balance of protecting habitat and wildlife while simultaneously providing an enriching, educational experience for the public."

Each year DDWS supports 10 or more intern positions in the fields of biology, education, visitor services, and non-profit support with stipends and other perks. The refuge provides on-site housing for the interns.

"The intern program not only fulfills the wildlife society's mission to educate a new generation of conservation stewards, it also fills a government budget void by providing valuable manpower to assist the refuge's overworked staff due to federal cuts and hiring freezes," said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Miller. "We are pleased we can help the refuge in this capacity."

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Crow's Nest Beach Bar & Grille, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva	KARAOKE	CRAB RACES FAMILY SHOW 6 p.m. ADULT SHOW 9 p.m.	KELLY NEFF BAND 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	KELLY NEFF BAND 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	KELLY NEFF BAND 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	CRAB RACES FAMILY SHOW 6 p.m. ADULT SHOW 9 p.m.	BERNIE 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
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The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road, Sanibel							
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wednesday, march 8 BIG ARTS Film

"Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict" will play at Island Cinema, at 535 Tarpon Bay Road. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information, call 395-0900.

Sanibel Sea School program

When you drive over the Sanibel Causeway, you are actually crossing San Carlos Bay, which is home to vast seagrass gardens that are teeming with sea life. During this session, we'll use our

seine nets to see who's living between the seagrass blades. We'll catch fish, crabs, and maybe even a seahorse or two! Wear your swimsuit and wade with us, or stay on dry land - it's up to you. Location: We will meet at the Causeway Island Park on Causeway Island A - this is the island that is closest to Fort Myers. We will meet on the west side of the island or the left side of the road if you're coming from Sanibel. Cost for the program is \$55. Session is from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 472-8585.

'A Tale of Two Fish' Screening

Enjoy an evening screening of WGCU Public Media's Mullet: A Tale of Two Fish at the Sanibel Sea School from 6 to 8 p.m. The documentary, part of WGCU's Sustainable Seafood Series, provides an overview of the historical and economic significance of mullet in Florida, and its potential to become a more popular source of sustainable protein in the future. This program will feature mullet hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Melissa Talmage of Sweet

Melissa's Cafe, which guests will have an opportunity to sample. The Sanibel Sea School is located at 455 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 472-8585.

BIG ARTS Workshop

"Clay, Sculpting, Ceramics and Pottery on the Wheel" by Marjorie Bronsted, Wednesday's, 3:30 to 6 p.m., Feb. 15 to March 22. For more information or to register, go to bigarts.org or call 395-0900.

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Petticoat Painters of Sarasota

The Petticoat Painters is one of the oldest continuously exhibiting women's art groups in the U.S. The group was formed in 1953 to showcase the talents of female artists at a time when women had difficulty finding venues to show their work. The exhibit will be on display through March 18. The gallery is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday, the gallery's hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 395-0900.

thursday, march 9

BIG ARTS Workshop

Cyanotype Process: Sun Printing on Paper and Fabric by Sue Lynch, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. March 9. For more information, visit bigarts.org or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

friday, march 10

BIG ARTS Workshop

Beginner's Tap by Bobby Logue, Fridays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

For more information or to register, go to bigarts.org or call 395-0900.

An evening with John Sebastian

For over four decades John Sebastian has been an



American popular music icon starting when he burst onto the 60's scene with The Lovin' Spoonful. Come relive the iconic songs of a great era and be ready to rock and roll again. The event starts at 8 p.m. at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall. For tickets, go to bigarts.org.

Indigo Trail Walk

Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plant and animal species. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center at 'Ding' Darling. Bring sunscreen, bug spray, and water. Program is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday through April 21. Call 472-1100.

saturday, march 11

Sanibel Sea School Beach Walk

Join Sanibel Sea School's educators on a free beach walk from 9 a.m. to noon to discover the plants that grow on beaches and why they are important to the island ecosystem. Meet at the Sanibel Sea School. Call 472-8585.

sunday, march 12

BIG ARTS Island Jazz

Spend a lazy Sunday afternoon enjoying the tunes of the ever-popular Island Jazz musicians on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. at the BIG ARTS Boler Garden. Bring a chair and come early to enjoy this free concert in the open air.

The concerts run through April 30.

monday, march 13

MOAA meeting

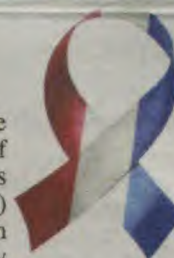
The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club at 5:45 p.m., Monday, March 13. This is the annual meeting for the nomination and election of officers. Our speaker will be Ed Greenan who will speak on violence, terrorism and religion. Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Jeff Nichols 515-720-5204 for membership information.

Friendly Faces Luncheon

Sometimes it's the simple things in life — like a meal shared with others. F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. partnered with George & Wendy's Seafood Grille, sponsor a monthly local community lunch dining experience on the second Tuesday of each month. The Friendly Faces luncheon is a joint effort to bring people in the community together for food and socializing. Meet at George & Wendy's Seafood Grille at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$8 per person. Exact cash is requested.

BIG ARTS Workshop

The Empire of the Eye: Impressionism, Post-Impressionism and the Fauves by Anne-Marie Bouche, Mondays, 9 to 11



a.m. For more information, visit bigarts.org or call 395-0900.

Monday Night Films at BIG ARTS

On March 13, BIG ARTS will screen "Queen of Katwe" at 7 p.m. at Schein Hall. For more information, go to bigarts.org.

tuesday, march 14

BIG ARTS Workshop

Open studio, clothed model by Eleanor Gause, Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, visit bigarts.org or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

Shorebirds of the Refuge

Stumped by those little brown birds? Come to learn how to identify the tricky shorebirds. Serious birding. All welcome. Bring sunscreen, bug spray and water. The program takes place every Tuesday through Apr. 18 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 472-1100.

Calusa/Shell Mound Trail Tour

Meet naturalists who will fascinate you with tales of the Calusa people's history and teach you about native Florida plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail. Meet at the Shell Mound Trail at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge parking lot. Bring sunscreen, bug spray and water. The tour takes place every Tuesday through Apr. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call 472-1100.

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'Ding' to host private dinner lecture with Douglas Brinkley

Douglas Brinkley, one of America's most renowned contemporary historians, returns to Sanibel Island for a private dinner and lecture in his honor and in honor of the National Wildlife Refuge System's anniversary on March 14, at the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island. He will speaking about his new book, "Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America," with dinner to follow.



Douglas Brinkley

Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) hosts the exclusive Dinner with Douglas Brinkley starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each for the event, of which \$75 is tax deductible. All proceeds benefit refuge conservation efforts.

Available seating is limited to the first 100 reservations. Contact Carrie Alexander at (239) 472-1100 ext. 256 or carrie@dingdarlingsociety.org to reserve.

History commentator for CBS News,

Douglas Brinkley is the prolific best-selling author of a number of books, many of which have been listed on New York Times Notable Books of the Year.

His works include other presidential biographies such as "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America," and a series of histories focusing on American conservation efforts.

Brinkley is a contributing editor to Vanity Fair, history professor at Rice University, former Roosevelt Scholar at Tulane, and fascinating speaker.

March 31 DDWS scholarships application deadline

Application deadline for about a dozen scholarships from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 or more each, is March 31. High school seniors, college, and graduate students in or from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties pursuing degrees in environmental-related studies can apply.

The scholarships will be awarded at a special ceremony at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island in June 2017.

This is the 12th year that DDWS will be awarding scholarships. The program began in 2005 with scholarship awards in 2006 from Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession. To date, DDWS has awarded \$85,000.

"Tarpon Bay Explorers started the program by offering two \$1,000 scholarships in 2005," said DDWS executive director Birgie Miller. "When four applicants turned out to be highly deserving, they doubled their commitment that year. Through the years, co-owner Wendy Schnapp has increased her annual contribution to \$5,000 and has awarded 37 scholarships

of \$1,000 each. We applaud Tarpon Bay's commitment to conservation education, always-generous support of the refuge, and effective seeding of a program that now annually awards up to \$15,000 to local students."

Interested students can find more information and printable application forms at dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/student-scholarships.

It is still possible to honor friends and family members with a conservation scholarship in their name. To learn more, please contact Birgie Miller at (239) 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Named scholarships to date for 2017 include:

- Richard Bailey Memorial Scholarships (2 scholarships)
- Mike and Terry Baldwin Scholarship
- Dr. Andrew and Laura Dahlem Scholarship
- Dr. H. Randall Deming Scholarship for Conservation and Environmental Studies, a permanently endowed scholarship
- Hans & Leslie Fleischer Scholarship



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2016 scholarship donors and recipients with "Ding" Education Committee member Wendy Kindig (far left) and Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik.

- Mary Elaine Jacobson Memorial Scholarship
- Francine Litofsky Scholarship
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Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille Sanibel presents Randy Wayne White, Doc Ford Series author

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille Sanibel Island location will be hosting New York Times best-selling author Randy Wayne White of the Doc Ford Series, to celebrate the kickoff of his national book signing tour for the electrifying 24th installment in his beloved Doc Ford series - "Mangrove Lightning."

The event will be held at the brand-new Doc Ford's Sanibel Island location at 2500 Island Inn Road on Sunday, March 19 and Monday, March 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days.



White, "an outdoorsman, raconteur, journalist and former fishing guide as well as a bestselling novelist - has the writing of his popular Florida thrillers down to a finely tuned science, but he always brings something fresh to the mix" (St. Petersburg Times).

White will begin each signing event with a question and answer session before the book signing. "Mangrove Lightning" hardcover books will be available for purchase on site at the event-- the only place to acquire the novel before its official release date on March 21.

Randy Wayne White will continue his book

signing tour at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille: Captiva on Captiva on March 31 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 5400 S Plantation road, and at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille: Fort Myers Beach on April 3 from 11:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 765 Fishermans Wharf Drive.

All Doc Ford's locations will be offering a full menu, all day. Fans are encouraged to savor Doc Ford's famous island mojitos and meals featuring award-winning flavors from the Caribbean rim.

Copies of "Mangrove Lightning" and previously released installments of the Doc Ford Series are available for purchase at all three Doc Ford's locations - Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel and Captiva Island.

Call (239) 472-8311 for more event information.

'Ding' lecturers to discuss effects of climate change on birds

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing bird populations today. It impacts their movement patterns, reproduction, and survival. It's not just about warmer temperatures, however, say researchers Jennifer D. McCabe and Brian J. Olsen. They will discuss how changing winds, sea levels, and the timing of biological events are impacting songbirds in North America and what concrete actions might prevent the loss of species.

Their two free "Migratory Birds in a Climate Changing World" presentations take place at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, March 10, as part of the 2017 "Ding" Darling Lecture Series at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

McCabe, who trained as a wildlife pop-



Jennifer D. McCabe and Brian J. Olsen in the field.

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ulation and community ecologist, specializes in avian habitat selection and comput-

er modeling. She is a postdoctoral research associate with the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Department of Forestry and Wildlife Ecology.

Olsen, associate professor at the University of Maine School of Biology and Ecology and Climate Change Institute, focuses his research on avian ecology, behavior, demography, mating systems, and life history evolution. The two will be presenting on work they did collaboratively as part of the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine.

HighTower/Thomas & Swartz Wealth Management sponsors the free 12-lecture series with support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). The season's complete schedule is listed below.

Seating for the lectures in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center Auditorium is limited and available on a first-come basis. Early arrivals can save one seat each and then may explore the

Visitor & Education Center or Indigo Trail before the lecture starts. Saved seats must be filled 15 minutes before lecture time.

As usual, Wildlife Drive closes on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the center, Indigo Trail, and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

Note: Opinions expressed in guest lectures do not necessarily reflect the views of refuge and DDWS management, staff, and board of directors.

For more information, call (239) 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

*March 10 - Researchers Dr. Jennifer McCabe & Dr. Brian Olsen, "Migratory Birds in a Climate Changing World"

March 17 - Author-artist Julie Zickefoose, "Baby Birds: An Artist Looks into the Nest"

March 24 - Author Denege Patterson, "A Tour of the Islands of Pine Island Sound: Their Geology, Archaeology, and History"

March 31 - Author Will Stolzenburg, "Heart of a Lion: A Lone Cat's Walk Across America"

April 7 - Photographer-sound recordist Gerrit Vyn, "The Living Bird: 100 Years of Listening to Nature"

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Helping neighbors: Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 1740 scouting for food to benefit F.I.S.H. OF SANCAP

Thank you Cub Scout Pack 1740 and Boy Scout Troop 1740 for designating F.I.S.H. as the recipient of the annual Scouting for Food Drive!

Scouting for Food is the Southwest Florida Boy Scout Council's annual food collection drive providing Scouts with the opportunity to "do a good turn" by collecting and providing non-perishable foods to those in need. This year, the Southwest Florida Boy Scout Council established February as Journey to Excellence "Good Turn for America" community service month. As part of their community service work goal for February, the Cub Scout Pack 1740 and Boy Scout Troop 1740 organized their annual Scouting for Food project, with more than 90 percent pack and troop participation in at least 1.5 hours of service work this month and earning the commemorative patch.

"We had a wonderful turn-out again this year in our Sanibel community, even receiving phone calls from residents wanting to arrange pre or post-event donation drop-offs in honor of our scouts," Pack Leader Kara Stone said. "It is a great day for our scouts to take the lead in organizing and picking up donations, with the adults supervising for safety. We love this event every year, and it gives our Scouts an opportunity to experience making a difference and lending a helpful hand in our community."

Scouts hung informational door hangers and left plastic bags for food on the doors of houses in the



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Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 1740.

Gumbo Limbo neighborhood. They returned one week later to walk the neighborhood and pick up bags of

non-perishable food left out by houses.

"This annual, national service work event was so much fun for them," Stone said. "Our scouts were excited and eager to go to the neighborhood and see the bags of food for donation. It was 'like Christmas' for them when they practically ran from house to house finding the donations for F.I.S.H. The boys were so grateful to have had the opportunity to be helpful to our community and to begin to teach our scouts the importance of service work, which will be a part of their entire lives."

Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 1740 is chartered by The Sanibel Community Church, and was established on Dec. 15, 2015. They meet weekly on island at SCC for all den meetings and pack award ceremonies. The seven purposes of Cub Scouts include: character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, family understanding, respectful relationships, personal achievement, friendly service, fun and adventure and preparation for Boy Scouts. Pack 1740 is led by: Pack Executive Officer: Pastor Daryl Donovan; Pack Charter Organization Representative: Kevin Schafer; Pack Commissioner: Walter Jones; Committee Chair: Kara Stone; Committee Members: Kim Kouril, and Monica Tison; Cubmaster: Brian Boyd and Den Leaders: Jason Maughn, Barbara Maughn, Kara Stone, Kim Kouril and Mark Thompson.

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Temple Bat Yam Passover Seder celebration

Every spring, Jews around the world celebrate the Passover holiday to commemorate the liberation of the ancient Israelites from Egyptian slavery. The story is described in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) in the Book of Exodus. Passover also serves as a spring harvest festival.

The name of the holiday derives from the last of the 10 plagues inflicted to convince the Egyptian pharaoh to let the Israelite slaves go from Egypt. The doorposts of the Israelites were specially marked so that the Angel of Death would know to "Pass Over" the Jewish households.

When the Egyptian pharaoh finally

relented and freed the Israelites, it is said that they left in such a hurry that they could not wait for the bread dough to rise (leaven). Therefore, the tradition has continued so that for the duration of the Passover holiday, matzos, flat unleavened bread, is eaten.

The Israelites then came to the Sea of Reeds, now known as the "Red Sea." God caused the Sea to part so that Moses was able to lead the people across safely. There was much celebration and thanks given to God, including dancing led by Miriam, the sister of Moses. Thereafter, the Israelites continued their journey away from Egypt.

The Jewish family-oriented Passover

Seder meal is steeped in tradition and ritual. The focal points of the Seder are matzo to remember the hasty departure, bitter herbs as a taste of the bitter slavery in Egypt, wine to celebrate freedom and the recitation of the "Haggadah", the text that recounts the story of the Exodus so that no one forgets the harshness of slavery and the joy of freedom. Reading the "Haggadah" is the fulfillment of the biblical obligation to make the story known to our children so that the message and meaning is not forgotten.

Temple Bat Yam will have its Passover Seder this year on the first night of the holiday, Monday, April 10 at 6 p.m. at the beautifully renovated Sanibel Community House located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Rabbi Myra Soifer will lead the Seder with assistance from Cantorial Soloist Doug Renfro. She will engage the children and once again blend the necessary elements for a memorable evening.

The Passover Seder will be a catered dinner including all the favorite traditional foods, supplemented by some

homemade dishes and desserts. Guests are encouraged to bring their own personal Seder plates, matzo covers, Elijah and Miriam cups and any other traditional Passover Seder table items to create a homelike ambience. The food items for the Seder plates will be provided.

To make reservations for yourself, family and guests, please contact Temple Bat Yam's event coordinators Sue Danford (239) 579-0744 and Annette Pacyga (941) 740-1650 for information about the cost and to make reservations. Tables will seat up to eight to nine people. When ready to make a reservation, please indicate the number of people in your party and any seating request.

The Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers community is welcome to join with Temple Bat Yam congregants, family and guests for this special evening, but reservations are required. Those interested are encouraged to contact Danford or Pacyga now for details, since the deadline for reservations is Friday, March 31, 2017.

Island Worship

■ Bat Yam Temple of the Islands
Meets at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 579-0296, Alan Lessack, president.
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■ Sanibel Community Church
1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-2684/sanibelchurch.com
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.; Adult and Youth Sunday School classes, 10:45 a.m.; Traditional Service with choir, 11 a.m. Childcare available at all services.

■ Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ
2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 472-0497/sanibelucc.org
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7:45 a.m. chapel service and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. full services, with Sunday School during the 9 a.m. service and nursery care provided during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. All programs are free and open to the public. For further information, contact the church office at 472-0497, or visit sanibelucc.org.

■ St. Isabel Catholic Church
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Holy Days: call for schedule

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For more information call (239) 472-2173 or visit www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org

■ Unitarian Universalists of the Islands
2050 Periwinkle Way, 433-4901
(Sanibel Congregational Church),
(Ruth Iyengar/ryi39@aol.com) Service on first Sundays of the month. Potluck supper on third Sundays of the month, December through April, at member's home.

Rabbi Soifer to discuss "Hot to Disagree Divinely and the Story of Korach (Number 16)"

The Unitarian Universalist of the Islands congregation is pleased to announce that Rabbi Myra Soifer, of Temple Bat Yam, will lead a participatory text study at the Unitarian service on Sunday, March 12. The service, which will begin at 5 p.m., will meet in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ located at 2050 Periwinkle Way. The public is welcome to attend.

In leading the discussion, Rabbi Soifer will focus on what the text teaches about arguing with sanity.

Rabbi Soifer assumed the leadership of the Bat Yam congregation in January 2014. She was one of the first ten women ordained a rabbi after Reform Judaism ordained its first woman in 1972. Rabbi Soifer attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. She completed her

Master of Arts degree in Hebrew Letters at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 1977 and was ordained there in 1978.

Upon ordination, Rabbi Soifer became the assistant rabbi at Temple Sinai in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1984, she became the solo rabbi of Temple Sinai in Reno, Nevada, where she served for 26 years before retiring.

On Sanibel, Rabbi Soifer continues her career-long interest in interfaith work. She loves teaching and traveling - particularly to very far-away places; and she is a passionate dancer - ballroom, swing, Latin, and country. She is leaving Sanibel in May to join the Peace Corps for service in Rwanda.

All are welcome. A lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments take place after the service.

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SCUCC offers a variety of Lenten study opportunities

During this Lenten season, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is offering several special opportunities for study and growth. The following programs are all free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

■ "Bible Study," now through April 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., will focus on the Letter of James. This brief but powerful book of the Bible explores some very important issues, including how we can and should put our faith into action. It is the source of the well-known maxim, "Faith without works is dead." Bring a Bible.

■ "Booked for Lunch," on Tuesday, April 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will include reviews of important works of fiction and non-fiction. Participants may bring a bag lunch; beverages are provided.

■ "The Nature of Nature," on Wednesdays, March 8 and 15, with identical sessions at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., will be co-taught by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, senior pastor at SCUCC, and Dr. Thomas Cooley, Professor of English Emeritus from Ohio State. The classes will include an exploration of the work of Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Emily Dickinson, using different selections and looking at biographical/historical contexts, to consider "The Nature of Nature."

■ "White Privilege," on Tuesdays from March 14 through April 11, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., is a special seminar/group discussion focusing on the issue of "White Privilege." How do those of us who are white perceive race? How do we perceive our own racial identity? The course will be closed after the second week. A sign-up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall, or call to sign up, so that study mate-

rials can be prepared for participants in advance, although advance registration is not required.

■ "Twelve Steps to a New Life," on Wednesdays, March 22, 29 and April 5, with identical programs at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., is an examination of Twelve-Step Spirituality and the concepts that undergird recovery programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, Al-Anon and many others. "Twelve Steps to a New Life" will explore the origins of the steps, and look at each one of the steps in detail. The course will involve film, lecture and discussion.

■ "Balance and Fall Prevention," on Sunday, March 26, 12:15 p.m., will feature physical therapist Rachel Tritaik, who will give a presentation on balance and fall prevention. Tritaik owns and manages Island Therapy Center. She has lectured on topics including osteoporosis, stroke, arthritis, fall/fracture prevention and back care and body mechanics. Lunch will be served.

■ "Bridges of Hope," on Sunday, April 2, at 12:15 p.m., will be a discussion on mental illness led by Joanne Halt, M.A. the Faith Net representative for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Lee, Charlotte and Hendry Counties. She will present a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on mental illness, the role of faith communities in supporting families, and the resources that NAMI supplies at a local level. Lunch will be served.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across from the Periwinkle Place shopping area. For more information, call (239) 472-0497, stop in the office or visit sanibelucc.org.

BIG ARTS celebrates stunning new shows

On Friday evening, Feb. 17, BIG ARTS hosted a reception celebrating two special new art exhibits in its galleries. The Phillips Gallery displayed many impressive works by The Petticoat Painters, while in the smaller Founders Gallery viewers were treated to an exhibit composed entirely of miniature paintings.

The Petticoat Painters group is one of the oldest continuously exhibiting women's art groups in the U.S. It was founded in 1953, at a time when women had difficulty finding a venue to show their work. Membership is limited to 20 members and is by invitation only, as the group reaches out to outstanding new talent working in the Sarasota area.

The excellent quality of the works on view in the Phillips Gallery reflects the serious talent of the 18 artists who currently belong to the group. Their work includes both highly accomplished traditional painting and innovative contemporary approaches that range from clever representational paintings to interesting abstracts and purely non-representational works. The unifying factor in the show is the very high quality of all the pieces.

Over in the Founders Gallery, some miniature paintings are on display, none of them larger than about four by six inches in size. This "Itty Bitty Art Exhibit" is a juried exhibit. Judge Daphne Hammond explained that creating miniature art is a challenging experience for artists accustomed to creating



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"Mime 3" by Rita Skozen.

larger paintings. She complimented the show as including an interesting variety of styles and techniques.

The miniature exhibit's first place winner was Carol Rosenberg for her "Self Portrait" that consisted only of a beautifully rendered eye. Rita Skozen won second place with "Mime 3" and Maureen Ginipro's "Secret Gardens" took third. Suzanne Bennett's "Green Beetle" and Mary Malm's "Hold Me Closer, Tiny Dancer" were awarded honorable mentions, and Joan Reynolds received a merit award for "Keeping Watch."

The great variety and talent of the Petticoat Painters, and the interesting and unusual collection of "itty bitty" pictures, make these two BIG ARTS exhibits well worth a visit.

Library events

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On Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Duane Shaffer will review the invention of tanks and their impact on World War I.

W.C. Highfield will be doing a presentation and signing of his new book,



"Liberated: A World War Two Memorial of Lt. Harlan F. Highfield" at 2 p.m. on March 21. The book presents a factual timeline of Highfield's father's WW II experiences. "Liberated" chronicles Harlan's training as a P-40 fighter pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps. After being shot down in the Tunisian desert, Harlan spent more than two years as a P.O.W. in Italy and Germany.

Licensed insurance professional

Anthony Idaspe of Informed Choice will present a program about Medicare choices at 10 a.m. on March 22. This event is for educational purposes only, presenter is not connected with the Federal Medicare program. RSVP to Informed Choice at (239) 208-7090. Informed Choice will repeat this program at the library at 10 a.m. on April 22.

Just as pearls are protected by strong exterior shells to preserve their beauty, we too must build and maintain our protective shell to preserve our health. Brandon Greiner R.N. B.S.N. assistant director of nursing at Dial-A-Nurse will review health topics 2 p.m. on March 23. He will talk about blood pressure, blood glucose, body fat, nutrition, exercise, flexibility and coping with stress at the library during this Health Fair.

Holocaust survivor Irene Skolnick, was born in the southeastern Polish city of Przemyśl to a prominent orthodox Jewish family. She was just two years old when Hitler invaded Poland. Irene will speak at the Library at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 24

about her harrowing tale of surviving Nazi-occupied Europe.

Safeguarding your computer against viruses and malware is only part of internet safety. Learning what not to post, what is safe to look at and how to present yourself while interacting with your internet community could impact your personal safety. This presentation by Lee County Sheriff's Office at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 27 is designed to teach you how to use technology in a manner that protects you and your assets.

At 2 p.m. on March 29, Rob Shewfelt will talk about processed food — and why "it's not as bad as you think." Shewfelt is Professor Emeritus of Food Science and Technology at the University of Georgia. He was part of an interdisciplinary research team that introduced the systems approach to post-harvest

handling of fruits and vegetables.

The public is invited to these library programs. There is no registration required and no additional cost to participate. Sanibel Public Library cards are available to all residents of Sanibel and Lee County, Florida, at no charge. Visitor library cards are available for a \$10 annual fee. For more information about the Sanibel Public Library, call (239) 472-2483 or visit sanlib.org.

Lyrics

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jubilant. She said that she thought she had now found her way out of the diner and onto a bigger stage. She asked me to begin writing more lyrics. I obliged.

So learn the rules of life
Be true to your hunches
The Man knows where you're at
And spices and pearls beget.

— Art Stevens is a long-time columnist for The Islander. His tongue-in-cheek humor is always offered with a smile.

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Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club's Spaghetti Dinner

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club's Spaghetti Dinner had a great turn-out Feb. 25. Islanders participated in an all you can eat spaghetti dinner, a silent auction and a raffle. All money raised during the event will go towards local youth programs on the island.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY GOODMAN



ABOVE LEFT: Jonathan Tongyai and Mike Boris pass out raffle tickets. ABOVE CENTER: Kate Morse and Judy Sharbaugh hand out desserts to guests. ABOVE RIGHT: Melanie Moraga and Nancy Bender were in charge of the prizes. BELOW LEFT: Alan Levinsohn and Jerry Edelman sell tickets for the annual dinner. BELOW RIGHT: Kiwanis members prepare plates of spaghetti for all the guests.



LEFT: Mayor Kevin Ruane and Ric Base pass out spaghetti dinners. ABOVE: Pack 1740 Committee Member Kim Kouril with Kyler Kouril, Kenny Kouril and Chet Sporles.



Captiva Current

Katie Gardenia to make appearance at South Seas Island Resort

By ASHLEY GOODMAN

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Katie Gardenia, who originally opened The Bubble Room 38 years ago, will be recounting the early years of the restaurant next Tuesday in the Captiva Ballroom at South Seas Island Resort.

Gardenia initially came to Captiva in 1978 to get married.

"I had never been to Florida, I'm from Texas so we drove all the way through Florida and I thought it was absolutely horrible with all the billboards and everything and then we came over the bridge and down the winding road with the Australian pines almost like a canopy over the road, I fell in love with it," Gardenia said.

Gardenia and her then-husband made a permanent



ASHLEY GOODMAN

Katie Gardenia, previous owner of The Bubble Room, will share her early memories of the restaurant March 14 at South Seas Island Resort.

move to the island and purchased The Owl and the Pussy Cat gift shop with hopes of turning it into a restaurant. After months of hard work, Gardenia opened The Bubble Room May 27, 1979. For the first few months, they lived upstairs above the restaurant.

"It took much longer than we thought, so we ran out of money and we didn't get to do the kind of restaurant we wanted to do," Gardenia said.

The restaurant's name is derived from her grandmother's bubble lights that she used to decorate her Christmas tree with.

Basically, it was a throw-together which was going to change after we made some money," she said.

Since Gardenia did not have much money for advertising, she made her own brochures and went down to Bailey's herself and put them on every car's windshield in the parking lot.

"The first night we opened at 5 p.m. and nobody came and nobody came and I kept thinking 'Well this isn't so good' and then around 6:30 p.m., we had 27 seats seat full," Gardenia said.

As the restaurant became more popular, Gardenia had to keep on adding rooms then eventually use the upstairs area where she lived for dining.

"For the first year, I did not leave that building. I was there baking and cooking. I didn't own a freezer so every day, I'd start from scratch and make my own sticky buns and bread. It was a labor of love," she said.

Many of the obscure items found in The Bubble Room came from stores she went to all across the U.S. and from patrons who dropped things off at the back door.

"I'd look up and someone would be holding a Shirley Temple doll that was their grandmother's," she said.

Most of the recipes came from her grandmother, the other ones she says were "accidents."

"My grandmother had a restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio, and she was from Poland and didn't speak English. Her one word was "consistency," it had to be the same every-

To go:

Who: Katie Gardenia.

When: Tuesday, March 14.

Where: South Seas Island Resort's Captiva Ballroom.

Time: 5:30 to 6 p.m. - Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, Bubble Room desserts and a cash bar. Program begins at 6 p.m. First come, first seated.

Cost: Free.

day and that's what I believe in. I learned how to bake from her but I never thought I'd be baking 19 different desserts a day and bread and buns," she laughs.

Gardenia said that one of her favorite aspects of owning The Bubble Room were the unique people she met along the way.

"There was a couple who used to come over, they owned a private island and they would come by boat. They would bring me mangoes and avocados. One night, he brought me a brown paper bag and I opened it up and everybody in the dining room said I screamed so loud they could hear out there. He brought me frog legs with all their toe nails painted," Gardenia said.

Eventually, Gardenia sold her restaurant in 1989 and moved on to new adventures. She now lives in North Carolina in a 200-year-old post office that also houses her gallery.

In the meantime, she released her memoir, "A Bubble Moment" in 2011. She also still makes her signature hand-crafted dolls which she has sold to various collectors all over the world. Gardenia has a new children's book in the works as well and she will be redesigning the menu again for The Bubble Room. She said the current owners still keep her very involved.

World Day of Prayer at Chapel by the Sea March 10

The historic Captiva Chapel by the Sea is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 10 at 11 a.m. Other Sanibel churches participating are St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, St. Isabel Catholic Church, Sanibel Community Church and Congregational United Church of Christ.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. The 2017 World Day of Prayer services will begin a the first sunrise on March 3 in the Pacific region and, following the Earth's orbit, will spread around the world.

For 2017, the women of the Philippines invite us to consider these words: "Am I being unfair to you?" the women of the Philippines share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. We will learn of a cultural practice called "dagyaw", which

is a communal way of laboring on neighbors' farms and sharing the harvest among all. It is a way to build and sustain a community. The theme for 2017 is taken from Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. While Jesus see nothing wrong in giving generously, the workers react differently and feel entitled to receive more. As we listen to the women of the Philippines throughout the worship service, we are called to confess, to take responsibility, and to answer God's call for justice.

WDP's motto, "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. As we observe WDP 2017, millions of God's people suffer violence, exploitation, the effects of a global economic crisis, and the hardships of emigration. We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to further expand God's kingdom. Throughout the service, the women of WDP Philippines invite us to accept Jesus' infinite blessing and exhort us to receive others into the kingdom of God. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action.



World Day of Prayer Planning Committee.

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WDP is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating WDP has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races

and faith traditions. World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women throughout prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. A lunch featuring Philippine cuisine will be served after the service.

ONGOING EVENTS CALENDAR

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Island Seniors, Inc. at the Center 4 Life

2401 Library Way, 472-5743.

■ Bridge - Monday & Wednesday register by 12 p.m. Game begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

■ Mahjongg - Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

■ Hand & Foot - Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Prizes are awarded.

■ Kayaking will be offered Tuesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 16 at 8:30 a.m. "Weather Permitting" There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors, Inc. will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a small snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat, and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

■ Hearts Friday at 12:30 p.m.

■ Line Dancing Classes - Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. \$5 Members / \$8 Non-Members. Anyone interested in line dancing? Join us on Tuesday afternoons for an hour of fun. Instructor will review dance steps then turn up the music and get ready to dance. Bring a friend and have a fun filled afternoon. Call the Center 4 Life for more information at (239) 472-5743

■ BINGO - Friday, March 24 at 1 p.m.

■ Page Turners with Louise Fitzgerald & Ann Hartman If you are not on the Page Turners list, and wish to be, please email oceann@comcast.net or contact the Center 4 Life.

■ Minnesota Twins Spring Training Baseball Tickets

Ticket Cost for Members \$22 / \$27 Non-Member Guest Tuesday, March 21 vs. Philadelphia Phillies at 1:05 p.m. Must be a current Island Seniors member to purchase baseball tickets. Ticket sales are for limited time only. All sales are final. Transportation is on own. Contact the Center 4 Life for more information at (239) 472-5743.

■ Ambu Yoga

A New Moon Meditation Class

Sunday, Feb. 26 5:45 p.m.

Enjoy a guided meditation on the beach as the sun sets and the moon rises. Meet at Alison Hagerup Beach Park, 14790 Captiva Drive, Captiva. This beach is labeled "South Beach" or Location #30 on South Seas resort maps. Suggested donation is \$10-15, all proceeds will benefit Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's sea turtle research program. Bring a towel or blanket to sit on.

For more information go to ambuyoga.com or call (239) 314-9642.

■ Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano - Connecting with FaceBook - Wednesday, March 15 - 1 to 4 p.m.

\$50 Members / \$75 Non-Members

Facebook can be an excellent way to connect with friends and family around the block or around the world. Despite its popularity, some still find Facebook incomprehensible, and have very real concerns about privacy and security. This class demystifies Facebook with a simple, no-nonsense approach. Learn privacy settings to protect your page by controlling who has access to your content. *Sign up for your free Facebook account prior to class and be prepared to login from your portable computer or device. You must register in advance to participate. You must bring your own device. Please be prepared to use your Apple ID and Password. Contact the Center 4 Life for more information at (239) 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.

■ Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano - Travel Apps - Wednesday, March 22 - 1 to 4 p.m.

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Locate yourself on a map, estimate travel times, get turn-by-turn directions, and even beat traffic. Use apps to find the cheapest gas or the nearest public restroom. Translate languages, convert currency. Call a car, or book a flight. Get reviews on restaurants and hotels. Beat long distance roaming charges and stay connected while abroad! This class offers tips, tricks and techniques to benefit the tourist and seasoned traveler alike. *Sign up for your free Facebook account prior to class and be prepared to login from your portable computer or device. You must register in advance to participate. You must bring your own device. Please be prepared to use your Apple ID and Password. Please

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■ Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano - Healing and Harmonizing Apps - Wednesday, March 29 - 1 to 4 p.m.

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There is a wealth of information from yoga postures to knowing what's in your food available instantly at the touch of virtual button! Soothing sounds, lunar cycles, star charts and more. Shop consciously and select products that reflect your values. Harmonize with your devices and learn tools that help to promote a healthy lifestyle. *Sign up for your free Facebook account prior to class and be prepared to login from your portable computer or device. You must register in advance to participate. You must bring your own device. Please be prepared to use your Apple ID and Password. Please contact the Center 4 Life to for more information at (239) 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way.

■ Wednesday, March 8, 2:30 p.m. Featured Book: "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney - "The Nest" is a novel in the Squabbling Sibling genre. Unless someone of the caliber of Chekhov or Dostoyevsky tells such stories, they tend to be domestic comedies padded with lucky coincidences and studded with old grudges. And they need to be set in motion by some convenient family crisis and venue. That trigger can be a vacation in Majorca, Spain (Emma Straub's "The Vacationers"), or sitting shiva in suburbia (Jonathan Tropper's "This Is Where I Leave You"), or a wedding at the family's soon-to-be despoiled summer palace. Or, like Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney's debut novel, The Nest, it can be the bare-bones version. "The Nest" doesn't need much in the way of set dressing. It just has the author's excellent antennas for describing the New York area and that evergreen fuel for food fights: an inheritance meant to be divided among adult children." - NY Times

■ Complimentary Skin Cancer Screening - Wednesday, March 22 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the "Center 4 Life"

Riverchase Dermatology will be offering a complimentary skin cancer screening at the "Center 4 Life" on Wednesday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Screenings are quick and easy. The exam is a non-invasive, visual inspection of exposed areas of the body that will be done after a brief medical history is completed. Advanced registration is required. Contact the Center to make an appointment at (239) 472-5743.

■ Chihuly Collection & Dali Museum (Frida Kahlo at the Dali) Trip - Friday, March 24

\$75 Members / \$85 Non-Members

Trip includes: R/T Transportation including a docent led tour of the Chihuly Collection, Dali Museum, and a special exhibition of Frida Kahlo at the Dali. Lunch will be on your own at the Banyan Café. Advanced registration is required. Trip is limited to 27 participants first come first serve. Call the Center 4 Life for more information (239) 472-5743.

Center 4 Life Summer Fitness Class Schedule

Fitness Classes are available to everyone and are only \$4.00 per class for Island Seniors, Inc. members and \$7.00 per class for non-members. Classes are included with Sanibel Recreation Center memberships. Members must show their Sanibel Recreation Center membership card to attend fitness classes at the Center 4 Life.

■ Ambu Yoga

A new moon meditation class will take place Friday, Jan. 27 at 5:15 p.m. Enjoy a guided meditation on the beach as the sun sets and the moon rises. Meet at Alison Hagerup Beach Park, 14790 Captiva Dr., Captiva, FL. This beach is labeled "South Beach" or Location #30 on South Seas resort maps. Suggested donation \$10-15, all proceeds will benefit Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's sea turtle research program. Bring a towel or blanket to sit on.

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■ Happy Hour Fitness - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8 a.m.

Keep your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises and balance. Hand weights, stretch cords, and your body weight will be used to keep you strong. We will begin with a joke and end with a positive thought for the day. Athletic footwear is required. Instructor Connie DiCicco.

■ Essential Total Fitness

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear is required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

■ Power Hour Fitness - Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords and stability balls, along with mats, are used to strengthen your muscles. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear is required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

■ Gentle Yoga - Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

■ Chair Yoga - Tuesday's and Thursday's at 11 a.m. Similar to gentle yoga, but all poses are done in a chair. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

■ A New Moon Meditation Class, Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016 5 p.m.

Enjoy a guided meditation on the beach as the sun sets and the moon rises. Meet at Alison Hagerup Beach Park, 14790 Captiva Dr., Captiva, FL. This beach is labeled "South Beach" or Location #30 on South Seas resort maps. Suggested donation is \$10 to \$15, all proceeds will benefit Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's sea turtle research program. Bring a towel or blanket to sit on. For more information, contact ambuyoga.com or call (239) 314-9642

For more details regarding our programs or on becoming a member of Island Seniors, Inc. contact the Center 4 Life at 472-5743 or stop by 2401 Library Way, Sanibel.

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society bird walks

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will hold weekly bird walks every Saturday at 8 a.m. There is a suggested donation of \$2 a person. There are no donations accepted at "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The walks are open to all levels of experience, from novice to expert. For more information, visit san-capaudubon.org.

Bird Walks: "Ding" Darling March 11; Bunche Beach March 18; "Ding" Darling March 25; Bailey Tract April 1 and Sanibel Lighthouse April 8.

Directions:

Bailey Tract: Take Island Inn Road across from Bailey's. Free parking at end of road in field at back entrance to Bailey Tract.

Bunche Beach: Across causeway approximately 2.5 miles. Right on John Morris Road to beach parking lot. Waterproof shoes a must. Parking fee \$2 an hour.

"Ding" Darling: Meet in the overflow parking lot at the refuge. Free parking.

Pond Apple Trail: Meet in the front parking lot of Matzaluna Restaurant on Periwinkle Way. Free parking.

Sanibel Lighthouse: Meet in the Fishing Pier parking lot at the Lighthouse. Nonresident parking is \$4 an hour.

BIG ARTS Workshops

Current Events

■ Every Monday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., holidays included at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Street. The sessions are led by a moderator who selects topics of interest from the last two weeks. The topics range from politics and international and national affairs, to education, health care, economics and finance. Discussions are animated, but the underlying theme is civil discussion. This is a rare and unique opportunity for people who do not normally get together to share their views in a polite and constructive environment.

■ Band rehearsals taught by Mike Lamade Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Runs through March.

Arts and Crafts Everyday

The Shell Museum offers arts and crafts everyday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with paid admission.

Walking tour at The Botanical Gardens at Sanibel Moorings

Walking tour at The Botanical Gardens at Sanibel Moorings available to the public. Join our garden tour guide for a 90-minute guided tour Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. For reservations call (239) 472-4119, \$5 per person. Self-guided tours also available daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays and holiday weekends, \$5 per group.



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"You have everything right in this area — the restaurants, shopping, airport — and then you come through those gates and it is like another world. It feels like you have arrived on a Caribbean Island. I've been all over the world, but Miromar Lakes is one of the most surprising locations I've been to." — Shaun Murray, Professional Wakeboarder, Orlando

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Lily & Co. Jewelers gives back through four island charities

Lily & Co. Jewelers is giving back to its community through several fine community events: the Annual Go F.I.S.H., Under the Sea, Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner and the 34th Annual Lions Arts & Crafts Fair.

"There are many wonderful organizations on our island that truly make it a beautiful place to live, work and visit," said Lily & Co. Owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell in a joint statement. "We are delighted to give back to the community which always supports us."

In early February, The Bailey Matthews National Shell Museum hosted its annual Under the Sea gala fundraiser to benefit extensive education programs for all ages, offered both within the museum and as outreach efforts in the greater community.

The Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner, held in February, has been a fixture on locals' calendars for more than three decades. Some say it's one of the "high holidays" of the island social scene, a throwback to our small town roots. However, all the fun is for a good cause - funding island youth recreation and education activities, including a scholarship program.

Go F.I.S.H., held in March, raises funds for the most inclusive human serv-

ices agency on the islands, F.I.S.H. of SanCap. In 2016, the organization assisted 2,772 individuals, ranging from seniors to youth and families, through numerous programs funded by 92.5 percent of the budget. The F.I.S.H. Walk-In Center, at 2340 Periwinkle Way, houses the island's only food pantry and is a designated United Way House.

The Lions Arts & Crafts Fair will enter its 34th year on Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Sanibel Community House. Experience original artwork and crafts in diverse mediums by more than 100 artists and good food. Funds raised from the fair benefit various Sanibel charities, vision and hearing based charities and local scholarship supported by the Sanibel Captiva Lions Club.

To learn more about these wonderful organizations, visit fishofsancap.org, shellmuseum.org, sanibelkiwanis.org or sanibelcaptivalionsclub.org. Lily & Co. Jewelers is home to more than dozen renowned designers who have distinct styles with global inspiration. Guests will also discover unique pieces reminiscent of the islands.

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March in the Park 9th annual plant and garden art sale to be held March 11

The 9th annual March in the Park is a plant and garden art sale, the major fundraiser of the Garden Club of Cape Coral. This sale will be held March 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 4125 SE 20th Place (at the end of Beach Parkway, east off Del Prado) in Cape Coral. Admission and parking are free.

With over 35 vendors there will be something for everyone. Plants of all kinds, palms, heliconias and bananas from Calusa Palms Nursery in Naples, Native Plants from All Native Garden Center in Fort Myers and perennials succulents and sub tropicals from Exotic Blossom in Punta Gorda. Garden art will include clay flower pots hand painted by Sandy Sacco from St. James City, gemstones and jewelry from Gemstone Florida in Fort Myers, photo cards and hand sketched pictures from Pet Portraits in Cape Coral.

Speakers will make informative presentations hourly and master gardeners will be available all day to answer questions. A kids booth, with a face painter, will have activities and take home projects for all ages. Opportunity drawings will be available throughout the day. The five top prizes are a hand-painted rain barrel, a garden cart filled with plants and gardening material, two tickets to Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, two tickets to Edison & Ford Winter Estates, and four tickets to Cultural Park Theater. Other drawings will be items that each vendor donates that day. Each drawing is \$1 or 6 for \$5. Winner does not need to be present to win.

Music will be playing and food will be available throughout the day. Hot dogs, sausage from Bullseye Eats, savory and sweet French crepes, pastries, and soup by Ma Petite Creperie. Zirilli's Chilly Treats will have desserts and Island Drinks will have tropical juice drinks.

To go:

What: Garden Club of Cape Coral 9th annual March in the Park is a plant and garden art sale.

When: March 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Jaycee Park, 4125 SE 20th Place (at the end of Beach Parkway, east off Del Prado) in Cape Coral.

Admission: Admission and parking are free.

The Garden Club of Cape Coral is a non-profit organization and all proceeds go to local high school seniors, Marty Ward Merit Awards in horticulture, civic beautification, youth campers to Camp Wekiva, Habitat for Humanity Projects, local middle and high school garden projects, and to promote civic awareness of environmental and conservation concerns.

The Garden Club of Cape Coral meets monthly, the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at The Cape Coral Art League, 516 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral. All our meetings are open to the public, come join us to learn about Florida gardening and promote fellowship among gardeners.

Come join us at "March in the Park" for a fun, informative day. Learn from the experts how to grow and take care of plants in South Florida. If you are a vendor selling plants, food, or do a craft that is garden related and want to join our juried show, contact, Ginny Huffer at (239) 257-2654 or Huffmom5@aol.com. For more information go to gardenclubofcapecoral.com. Come to the party in the park.



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Monday Night Films at BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS ushers in another amazing month of full of fabulous cinematic jewels with its Monday Night Films series. There's something for everyone in this collection of hand-picked films - come see them on the silver screen and join the discussion. All of BIG ARTS' Monday Night Films begin at 7 p.m. and are screened in Schein Hall.

■ "Queen of Katwe" March 13

The colorful true story of a young girl selling corn on the streets of rural Uganda whose world rapidly changes when she is introduced to the game of chess, and, as a result of the support she receives from her family and community, is instilled with the confidence and determination she needs to pursue her dream of becoming an international chess champion. Queen of Katwe is a feel-good movie of uncommon smarts and passion, and outstanding performances by Lupita Nyong'o and David Oyelowo help to elevate the film.

■ "A Man Called Ove" March 20

59 year old Ove is the block's grump man who several years earlier was

deposed as president of the condominium association, but he could not give a damn about being deposed and therefore keeps looking over the neighborhood with an iron fist. When pregnant Parvaneh and her family move into the terraced house opposite and accidentally back into Ove's mailbox, it turns out to be an unexpected friendship. The film's wisdom and sincerity - and Rolf Lassgard's affectingly flinty performance as Ove - give the film a warm balance of sentimentality and realism.

■ "The Clan" March 27

Old habits die hard: The "disappearances" that marked the Videla regime in Argentina continued after the dictator's fall in 1981, but the motive changed from politics to money. Arquimedes Puccio kidnapped wealthy men and held them for ransom in his home, using domineering control over his family and - for a time - the tacit protection of police to do it. As shockingly compelling as it is dispiriting, The Clan delivers hard-hitting lessons even for viewers unfamiliar with the real-life history behind its story.



BIG ARTS Chorus announces spring concerts

BIG ARTS Chorus announces their upcoming spring concerts, March 28 and 30, at 7 p.m., in Schein Hall.

This year, the chorus will feature several collage medleys and perform full-length songs: "Choose Something Like a Star" from Frostiana, the ever-popular "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Gloria Fanfare."

The chorus medleys celebrate songs from the tenure of Steve Cramer, their director for the past 10 years who is retiring after this season. They include excerpts from favorite past performances, a Doo-Wop/50s/Beach Boys set, and

songs from each musical the chorus has performed.

Additionally, the ensemble (the Chorus' 30-member smaller group) will perform John Rutter's "All Things Bright and Beautiful," a madrigal "Danza, Danza" and a medley of "Manhattan Transfer" favorites.

With something for everyone, the chorus promises an entertaining evening.

It could be another sell-out, so get tickets early by visiting bigarts.org or by calling (239) 395-0900. Tickets are also available at the BIG ARTS box office at 900 Dunlop Rd., open Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Ballroom, will provide the music, with promises of Motown music flooding the house. Neitzel said they are very excited to have a much larger dance floor this year in the newly renovated house because this event tends to attract dancers.

In addition to the food, and music, the event will also feature such carnival style games as darts, basketball, a putting green, and a crowd favorite, a wine bottle ring toss. Neitzel said when a ring lands around the neck of a bottle, the participant gets to take the wine home.

Individuals will receive a ticket every time they win a carnival game that can be redeemed for silly to nice prizes.

The opportunity for attendees to dress up and take photographs will also be available for those who wish to document their fun night.

For the first time, the event will feature a live auction and raffle. Some of the live auction items includes Resident Chef Jarred Harris cooking dinner for eight in

the winner's home and a winner and 39 of their family and friends having a personal viewing at Island Cinema with popcorn and drinks.

The raffle includes the chance to win eight prizes - some of which include a piece of jewelry from Congress Jewelers, a CROW wildlife walk and a gift certificate to Norman Love Chocolates.

All of the money raised will go directly to the clinic to further care for sick, injured and orphaned animals of Southwest Florida. Neitzel said with veterinary expenses adding up rather quickly, it's important to hold the fundraisers to provide all the funds they can, so the staff has what they need.

"They do an incredible job," she said of staff, interns and volunteers. "I'm really proud to be associated with an organization like this."

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was approved by a unanimous vote. Christopher Heidrick and John Talmage were absent.

In 1986, the Planning Commission reviewed several applications that involved single-family homes with separate pod structures, resulting in short-form applications when the development permit had a minimum wall-to-wall separation between principal structure and pod structure not exceeding 12 feet, the pod structure is connected to the main structure with a deck/walkway and roof and the pod structure does not contain a separate kitchen facility.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, the Planning Commission discussed a long-form application for a development permit for property located at 1233 Middle Gulf Drive. The pod structure proposed use was an office and art studio with a bathroom.

The proposed addition includes a 29 foot wall-to-wall separation between the existing residence and the pod. The connection will be done by a existing covered porch area through a covered walkway, a roof.

Steve Hartsell, of Pavese Law Firm, spoke on behalf of his clients Stephen and Ellen Baugh. He said towards the north is the wetland preservation area, which extends into the applicant's lot keeping them from being able to build a connecting addition directly to the existing home.

"They are staying out of the wetlands there, which puts them on the other side of their existing pool cage. Consequently what they have done was

use an elevated roof, covered walkway to connect to the addition to the principal structure," Hartsell said.

When the subdivision was approved, he said the city designed the lot as a duplex lot.

Benjamin Pople, with the City of Sanibel planning department, said the design shows that the wall-to-wall separation is more than 12 feet. He said the structure did not show a kitchen design and does not have a separate living area and is integrated into the use of the single-family residence.

"Staff finds that the proposed addition is not a separate use, or structure," he said.

Chairman Phillip Marks said there are several sabel palms that are in the footprint. He said since they are native palms they need to be moved, but not cut down.

"I guess if they cannot move them safely, then they will have to replace them. I believe the Department of Natural Resources says every one you cut down, you have to put two in. The sabel palms are very easily transplanted. Even if they are just a little bit outside of the tape area, with all the construction and compact to the soil, it will affect those palms and probably decline. They need to be moved somewhere else on the property, probably somewhere else before the construction begins," he said.

Pople said the vegetation plan does call for transplanting native plants in the area, which are proposed to be

located along the southwest property line to increase the visual bumper.

Marks also touched upon the definition of a kitchen because he believes there was mention of a microwave, small refrigerator and small sink. After Pople said the only mention he knew about was a sink in the restroom, it ignited another question from Marks after it was stated the bathroom would also have a toilet and a shower.

"Some restrooms just have a sink, and a toilet, and some have a shower. To me it is more of a secondary domicile because if you are just going down to your office to work you don't need a shower," Marks said. "All you need is a restroom."

Planning Director James Jordan said the design and layout points more to a nonbedroom, than a bedroom. He said even if it were converted to a bedroom at some later time, the use itself as a bedroom does not change the outside appearance of the structure.

"As long as that use does not pertain, in the staff's opinion, a separate kitchen facility. That is the issue we have had in the past that these have become guest homes, grammy quarters, or nanny quarters," Jordan said.

Marks said to the millennial, 25-40 years of age do not even know how to use a stove - a microwave, a small refrigerator and a sink is a complete kitchen to these people. He also touched upon the proposed office and art studio could be used as a sleeping area when family gatherings take place. Marks

asked staff if there was mention of a couch, a Murphy bed built into a wall, or a futon.

City Attorney Ken Cuyler said that issue does not matter when used as an office, or an art studio, or a bedroom, as long as it does not have a separate kitchen.

"I think the planning staff is trying to point out it would still be considered as a single unit even if it were converted to a bedroom," he said.

Planning Commissioner Holly Smith said in her past life she was an appraiser on the island and has seen numerous pods that have been built from ground up, or as an addition later on.

"I think we need to be very careful that we are not micromanaging whether a microwave is considered a kitchen, or an undercounted refrigerator is considered a kitchen. I do not believe they are. If it has a range, and an oven, that is typically what is considered a kitchen," she said. "How many people have a second refrigerator in their home? Their laundry room does not constitute a second kitchen. I think we need to be careful that we are not trying to judge whether it is an art studio, or a bedroom because the rules are allowed they can have this, whether it is a bedroom, office, or art studio, or whatever they want to call it. It's allowable on its code."

Hartsell said it clearly does not have a kitchen, or believe there is a microwave or refrigerator called for in the addition.

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little bit of wildlife."

With the feeling of not receiving as much experience with birds as she desired, she sought an internship at CROW hoping it would increase her clinical skills with avian patients. The student externship, while attending veterinarian school, took place about two years ago for five weeks at CROW.

"I loved it and got a lot out of it. I loved the island and loved everything about it," she said. "I worked with the two veterinarian interns that were here at that time and learned a lot. They kind of let us take on some responsibilities for the cases, so we got to learn a lot about the hands on process and got to do some minor surgical procedures, which was a really great experience for me as a fourth year. Kind of really hands on that I didn't get to do on a lot of other rotations, especially on birds. That was one of my main exotic animal rotations that got me a lot of practical knowledge that I would not have got in another setting."

There were a few cases that stuck out during her five weeks at CROW. Hill said she had the opportunity to do necropsy, or autopsies, on animals after the fact. She said doing the necropsies gave her the chance to become very familiar with the anatomy. By doing the procedure she saw what caused the death, figured out what happened and if there were things that humans caused for it to die.

The most interesting thing Hill saw was a hook that had formed a granuloma in the bird's abdomen that penetrated through the wall of the ventriculus.

"I found that on necropsy. It was interesting to see the impact the hooks have and actually observe it. It was a good learning experience and it taught me a lot about the anatomy of a birds and how they heal from those types of injuries," she said.

She arrived back at CROW a few days before the new year. Hill's work day typically begins between 7 and 8 a.m. to check on all of the patients. She said they round three days a week and go over every case at the hospital.

In the morning, Hill said they usually do



While in veterinarian school, Dr. Julia Hill interned at CROW providing her with the opportunity to repair a laceration in a cor-morant.

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vet checks, or surgical procedures, because they start receiving their first round of intakes from vet clinics between noon and 2 p.m.

"Once we get those intakes we turn our attention to those and start to do triages and try to figure out who needs to be seen first. Do we need to stabilize anyone? What kind of procedures do we need to plan for them," she said. "That can take varied amount of times. We may even get a second shipment of intakes later in the afternoon."

By the end of the night, Hill said they go over the list of patients again to make sure they are up-to-date, check the records and make sure they know what will take place the following day.

"We usually get out of the hospital, I say on average 7 to 8," she said. "Then I do charts for another couple of hours."

Hill said it is helpful to stay in the dorms on location because some of the patients need overnight care, as well as some patients

may be brought to the hospital overnight.

"It is nice to be close because it's definitely easier to get out of bed at 3 in the morning," she said laughing. "It's really nice to be on site."

Hill has two days off a week providing her the opportunity to explore the island. Her favorite place is Rabbit Road Beach because it is close by and she can bike to the location.

So far, the experience has been great, and a tad bit different in terms of transition from a private practice to a hospital like CROW.

"Not having to work with clients, but working with so many different patients, so many different species and having to learn and know so much knowledge about each one because they are all so different," Hill said. "We are always learning and always trying to gather new information. Ask Dr. Barron for help and just figure out everything we can."

One of her favorite things about interning

at CROW is working with staff and the students because of the skilled technicians.

"I enjoy teaching the students. It's just a great community. The volunteers as well. Everyone just tries their best. They are knowledgeable. Everyone has their own niches where they know so much about one thing, so you can really pull from that and use it to your advantage," Hill said. "I think it's a really good community to work in."

Hill hopes to improve her clinical skills with birds because she may go on to get board certified in avian medicine. She is also interested in wildlife conservation medicine, which she does not fully know where it will take her, but Hill knows CROW is a great place to begin.

"It's great to be able to treat these things, but I would rather just prevent them. I may direct my attention more that way to try to find a job where that highlights conservation, or more research based on wildlife," she said.

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Letters to the Editor

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was an hour's presentation of incomprehensible statistics.

After 20 years of navigating almost daily what I used to know as the Sanibel River, I have observed significant changes. Much of the public doesn't even know there is an inland waterway, let alone what it was like 20 years ago. But, if I am correct, and they were made aware of those changes, I believe there would be a flood of community support for setting the waterway on a road to recovery, regardless of the cost.

Let me make very clear that I can talk personally about only the East section of the slough.

So I am asking for official answers on:

■ When was the "river" first, designated as impaired?

■ What was the bird population on the "river" 20 years ago as compared to now?

■ What was the game fish population in the "river," mainly large mouth bass, 20 years ago as compared to now?

■ What was the shore animal population next to the "river" 20 years ago as compared to now?

■ What was the water coloration in the "river" 20 years ago as compared to now?

■ How has the shoreline vegetation changed?

■ Has the introduction of massive amounts of water being discharged from our sewage plant onto our soil been an exacerbating factor in the changes and if so is there a plan for correcting the situation?

These are simple questions. If only the answers to the problem were as simple.

Sterling Fulmer
Sanibel

Many thanks

To the editor:

After a beautiful month on Sanibel, we decided to enjoy one last meal before leaving for the airport. On our way, our car broke down at Periwinkle and Tarpon Bay Road. My husband said he thought the alternator was out. Immediately I took out my AAA card wondering in my head how long it would take them to come onto Sanibel, and what in the world we were going to do with the car since we were leaving?

As I waved traffic around us, a couple stopped and asked if we needed help. They pushed us into the parking lot, and gave us a jump. As we were charging our car, we came to find out the couple was on their way to their place on Sanibel, and had just driven down from South Dakota. I couldn't believe they spent their time giving us a jump.

As we continued home we once again broke down. Again, so many people asked if we needed help. Two women stopped and offered their assistance. It was clear as one of the women got out of her car, that she was faced with her own struggles.

We once again started down West Gulf, and broke down two more times. The women followed us, and jumped our car each time until we finally rolled into our garage, as the taxi awaited us to go to the airport. Unfortunately in our rush to get to our flight, we failed to get the people's names, so we could properly thank them.

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"We are delighted and grateful that the Trust Company has generously agreed to sponsor our newest fundraising event," said SCCF Board President Gwenda Hiatt-Clements. "Al and his team do so much for so many island nonprofits year in and year out. Without their support, many worthwhile initiatives wouldn't be possible."

Proceeds from the Farm to Table Dinner will benefit SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center, also located at the Bailey Homestead.

"If you haven't stopped by yet, please do. The Garden Center is a tremendous resource for home gardeners and a magical place for all visitors," said Hiatt-Clements.

SCCF also announced that the event will be co-chaired by Trustees Linda Uhler and Sandra Gross. Guest chef for the evening will be Frances Kroner of Cincinnati. Chef Kroner's credentials include working for James Beard award winner and Iron Chef Michael Symon and opening one of Cincinnati's first "pop-up" dining experiences. She is currently the executive chef for the Sleepy Bee Cafes where she is known for her menus that promote local meat, dairy and produce with a creative edge. Chef Kroner will bring her culinary talents to the islands, designing a dinner featuring the best of Southwest Florida.

"We are so grateful that Sandy Gross, whose family owns the Sleepy Bee operations, was willing to underwrite Chef Kroner's participation in this event," said Uhler. "It has been so interesting working with her and local purveyors to plan the menu and other details for the 31st. It will be a wonderful evening."

This year's event is currently sold out, but SCCF is hopeful it can be presented again in 2018.



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SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad and President Gwenda Hiatt-Clements raise a toast with Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company Executive Vice President Robin Cook and Founder and Chairman Al Hanser.

Executive director of Audubon Florida to speak at COTI meeting

Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida, will be the keynote speaker at COTI's upcoming annual meeting, at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22, at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. He will speak on the science and politics driving Everglades restoration and estuary recovery. Draper calls it Florida's greatest environmental challenge, in lining up public support for reducing pollution and getting the water right.

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Eric Draper

nation at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary along with the Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland and manages the Lake Okeechobee Marsh and Rookery Bay sanctuaries among others. The organization fields 70 professional staff, 1,700 volunteers and enjoys the support of 60,000 paid and online members and 45 local chapters. Audubon Florida's

science staff conduct extensive Everglades and coastal bird habitat field research.

Draper is recognized as a leading and longtime advocate for Everglades restoration, water

resource protection and land conservation. He served on the executive committee for the successful 2014 Amendment 1 campaign.

Draper currently serves on the boards of Sustainable Florida and the Florida Ocean Alliance and is co-chair of the Florida Working Forest Partnership.

Draper studied philosophy at the University of South Florida and was an adjunct instructor with Florida State University's Political Science Department.

COTI invites the community's input on issues affecting the island. Send an email to coti@coti.org. To read past commentaries on island issues, visit www.coti.org, or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.

Guided native vegetation, landscaping tours of City Hall grounds

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is offering guided native vegetation and landscaping tours of City Hall grounds, planted exclusively with native plants. The next tour is Wednesday, March 8, beginning promptly at 10 a.m.

The upcoming tour dates include Saturday, March 25, Wednesday, April 12 and Saturday, April 22.

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

Vegetation Committee members will provide valuable information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City 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, contact the City's Natural Resources Department at (239) 472-3700.

Audubon 'Ding' Darling bird walk March 11

The next bird walk of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon 2017 season will be Saturday, March 11, at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Meet in the overflow parking lot to the left as you drive in at 8 a.m. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. Refuge fees will apply. The Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted. For more information visit www.san-capaudubon.org.

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Making magic: John Sebastian to perform at BIG ARTS

By ASHLEY GOODMAN

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John Sebastian, one of the founding members of '60s folk rock band, the Lovin' Spoonful will make his first-ever appearance on Sanibel Friday, March 10, at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall at 8 p.m.

Sebastian said growing up in Greenwich Village during the '50s and '60s played a large part in shaping who he is today.

"It had a tremendous effect. My father was a classical musician and my mother was a writer, mostly for radio. The house was teeming with interesting people my whole childhood. Burl Ives and Woody Guthrie were the notable ones," Sebastian said. "It was the perfect place to be if you were going to be 16 in 1960, you pretty much couldn't have picked a better place."

Sebastian and Zal Yanovsky formed the Lovin' Spoonful in 1964. Two met through Cass Elliot, who was one of the singers of The Mamas & the Papas.

"Cass invited me over to her house one day and Zal was there. We all sat around and watched the Beatles' first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. We were playing through most of it. They were like rockabillies. From that day, our musical relationship started with quite a bit of intensity," Sebastian said.

In addition to the Beatles, Sebastian recalls during the band's early years, Buck Owens and The Buckaroos were



PHOTO PROVIDED
John Sebastian will perform at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall Friday March 10 at 8 p.m.

huge influencers for both him and Yanovsky.

"In most cases, both Zal and I had a lot of interest and affection for blues in general. It was a wonderful situation," he said.

Throughout the years, the band wrote hits such as "Summer in the City," "Nashville Cats," "Daydream" and "Do You Believe in Magic."

"Do You Believe in Magic" came about after noticing a young girl dancing by herself in the back of a club.

"We had been working at a club that was kind of a folk singer's place. The audience was somewhat mixed between old guys drinking Italian coffee and playing chess. It wasn't a real rock n' roll venue. One night, after we had been playing there for about a week, we noticed there was a young girl that had made her way into the back of the room and she was dancing "our" way. A more modern way. That's really what did it," Sebastian said.

Along the way, he has collaborated with artists like Timothy Leary, Keith Moon, Crosby, Stills & Nash and the Doors. Sebastian played harmonica for the song "Déjà Vu" by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. In exchange, they provided backing vocals on his first solo album.

For the Doors, Sebastian played harmonica on "Roadhouse Blues" and "Little Red Rooster."

Flash forward to present day, Sebastian is currently on an East Coast tour which began March 7 and resides in Woodstock, New York with his wife.

"I had invitations from Bob Dylan and his manager in the early days to come visit. I just found it to be a very comfortable place," Sebastian said.

Tickets are nearly sold out for "An Evening with John Sebastian." To purchase tickets go to bigarts.org or call (239) 395-0900.

Kiwanis 'Diners Delight' coupon books on sale now

Every year at this time there's a rush to get the new "Diners Delight" two for one coupon books when they are released. This year, the Kiwanis Club put the books on sale Tuesday, March 7, so make sure to pick one up before they sell out.

The popular coupon book is available for a \$35 contribution, and contains two for one coupons good at 28 participating island restaurants, a potential savings of more than \$500.

Coupons can be used starting May 1



and are good through mid-December 2017. Books can be obtained from Kiwanis members and will also be on sale at Bank of the Islands, San Cap Community Bank and Big Red Q Printing as long as they last.

The long-running "Diners Delight" program, together with the club's annual Spaghetti Dinner event, raises funds, which the Kiwanis Club's Foundation uses to support education and recreation programs for Island youth.

Two Mondays, two documentaries at Community House

Two documentaries will be showing on successive Mondays at The Sanibel Community House.

Another encore of "Sanibel Before the Causeway" will be shown on Monday, March 13. This will be followed by the premiere of "Postcards & Photos from Sanibel" on Monday, March 20. Both films are sponsored by Eric Pfeifer, broker-owner of Pfeifer Realty Group, and are produced by 7-time Emmy winner David E. Carter.

"Sanibel Before the Causeway" features vintage film from the 1940s through the yearly 60s. The feature film has had four sell-outs at the Community House, plus another full house for a showing at Shell Point.

"Postcards & Photos from Sanibel" is done "Ken Burns style," with narrators reading "letters and postcards from Sanibel" from 1884 through 1947. Carter said "the narrative is all fact-based, with imagined letters and cards that reflect on the day-to-day life on Sanibel Island over the years."

More than 150 post cards and photos illustrate stories from Sanibel's past. In addition, nearly 20 photos taken by legendary Sanibel photographer Charlie McCullough are included in the narrative of the film.

This is the fourth documentary sponsored by Eric Pfeifer of Pfeifer Realty Group. Previous films "Growing Up on Sanibel," "Seven Sanibel Artists" and "Sanibel Before the Causeway" have generated nearly \$30,000 in community support donations.

"We sponsor these films because telling these 'Sanibel Stories' is a great way to give back to the community. We are pleased to have 100 percent of the ticket sales go to the Community House," Pfeifer said.

Tickets for both films are \$7 each, and are now on sale at The Community House and Bailey's.

More details on the documentary can be seen at www.SanibelStories.com.

Ribbon cutting held for 80th annual Sanibel Shell Festival

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Thursday, March 2, at the Community House before the 80th annual Sanibel Shell Festival began. Mayor Kevin Ruane, Vice Mayor Mick Denham and Council Member Jim Jennings were in attendance to help celebrate the occasion. The three day show featured shells, shell art, crafts, books, judged artistic and scientific exhibits.

MEGHAN MCCOY



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'The Jungle Book' rehearsals in full swing

Creative Theater Workshop began its rehearsals for "The Jungle Book," a production that will first take the stage at the Community House at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, showcasing 30 talented youngsters ages 5 to 13.

The comedy brings the characters Baloo, Mowgli, King Louie and Shere Khan to life through many favorite songs. Tickets, which are \$5 for kids 12 and younger and \$10 for adults, can be purchased at www.ctw.life, or up to an hour before the show begins.

The shows are at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, and at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7.

PHOTOS PROVIDED



ABOVE LEFT: The cast includes 20 roles, as well as 10 children performing in the chorus. ABOVE RIGHT & BELOW: Megan Leonard, a former Rockette and Broadway actor, taught a musical theater workshop at one of the rehearsals.



"The Jungle Book" performance includes colorful characters and toe-tapping jungle rhythm.



LEFT: The actresses and actors gave it their all during rehearsal.

RIGHT: The rehearsal included drills of all kinds.



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March will bring some of the best fishing

The month of March is the beginning to some of the best fishing of the year in Southwest Florida. With the arrival of March we should expect warmer days that will jump-start spring fishing, and we closed out the month of February with some pretty mild days. With a rise in water temperature, the bait fish migrations well begin as large bait schools move into our waters. With the combination of warm water and a huge influx of food, look for predator and game fish to get very hungry as the month progresses. Spring is a great time to fish.

Inshore sea trout fishing should get better and better as the weeks pass, and not just in numbers but also in size. We will see an increase in large trout, often called "gators," with some measuring 24 inches or larger. The trout are often schooled in similar size, if you are only catching small ones, make a move, sometimes a slight move is all that's needed. Although live shrimp are catching plenty, the larger trout are often keying on oily baitfish. On the calm mornings, look for big fish prowling the shallows where a properly worked top-water plug can be deadly. A swim or crank bait is a great choice in depths from 3 to 6 feet during mid-day and, of course, if you can catch some live pilchards, thread herring or pinfish, you really tip the scale in your favor to land some big trout.

Spanish mackerel should invade local waters and often in large numbers. Inshore, look for them over areas with a mixed grass bottom in 4 to 9-foot depths. Bluefish, trout, jack crevalle, big ladyfish, sharks and cobia are often feeding over the same bottom. If you have family down visiting over spring break, this type fishing can provide fast action and lots of smiles. Also, look for



Capt. Bill Russell
On the Water

mackerel schooling near any of the Gulf passes, inlets and a short distance off the beaches. Big blacktip and spinner sharks love eating mackerel — keep a heavier rod, rigged and ready if you have the desire to do battle with these impressive fighters. The first tarpon of the season should also make an appearance off the beaches.

Our first spring high tides of the year are a good time to hook into redfish under the mangrove shorelines and along oyster bars. Fish on average should be larger than the winter months, with most running in the 18 to 27-inch slot plus a few oversize reds. While targeting these areas for reds, it's common to hook some of the largest trout of the season, plus snook.

Snook season is open for the next two months (March and April) on our coast. Although it's difficult to land one in the small 5-inch slot (28-inch minimum - 33-inch maximum), snook of any size are a blast to catch and most anglers choose to release all snook caught. Please make an effort to carefully handle all snook to be released; it's a great habit to do this with any fish to be released, no matter what the species.

A short distance offshore around nearshore reefs anglers will find a mixed bag including snapper, sheepshead, grunts, porgy, pompano, mackerel and a few larger fish looking for a battle that could include cobia, king mackerel, barracuda, tarpon, false albacore or bonito, and, of course, sharks. March is notoriously a windy month but there should be some calm days to get offshore.

A lot of visitors are down from the North this month for spring break. If you have friends or family



PHOTO PROVIDED
Look for improved snook fishing as season reopens. Jim Manelli of Chicago hooked this slot-size snook in upper Pine Island Sound fishing with Capt. Bill Russell.

visiting and you have access to a boat, I'll bet they would appreciate a day on the water. This is a great month for fishing or just to be outdoors as the water just seems to come to life. There's wildlife everywhere, from dolphin to manatees and birds of all sort and sizes. And with fishing there are a lot of different fish on the move, you just don't know what you may hook into!

If you have a fishing report or for charter information, please contact us at 239-283-7960, on the Web at www.fishpine-island.com or email: gcl2fish@live.com.

Have a safe week and good fishin'.

As a native of Pine Island, Bill Russell has spent his entire life fishing and learning the waters surrounding Pine Island and as a professional fishing guide for the past 18 years.

Sanibel 8-ball Pool League results

Mike DeWitt and Rich Ennis posted 4-0's against Rich McCurry and Matt Hall to lead first place Bunt's Ball Busters to a 14-6 pasting of last place Sanibel Café. Chip Gelpi, Randy Carson, and Pete Mindel paced the Café team earning 2-2 ties with Bunt's shooters Steve Gordon, Dave Doane, and Terry Ricotta.

Jack Cunningham, Gary Murza, and Kevin Pottorf racked up 3-1 efforts against Tarzan Russell, Kip Buntrock, and Gator Gates to help Sandycappers post a 12-8 victory over Fresh Legion Crew.

Tom Yorgey shook off last week's disaster against Kip Johnson to fashion a 3-1 win over John Riegert. Doc Lubinski helped the Legion cause with two wins over Sandycapper ace John Bates.

Six players have paid their \$20 entry fees for the League's annual singles tournament scheduled for Monday, March 27. Entered to date are Rich McCurry, Karla McCurry, Bob Buntrock, Rich Ennis, John Riegert, and John Bates. Last year's winners were: First, Mike DeWitt; Second, Rich Ennis; Third, Randy Carson; Fourth, Kevin Pottorf; Fifth and Sixth, Gator Gates and Jimbo Gaubatz; Seventh and Eighth, Terry Ricotta and Doc Lubinski.

The League has three weeks to play before its singles tournament, awards banquet, and annual challenge match against the North Fort Myers Senior 8-Ball League. Play starts every Monday night, 5 p.m., at Legion Post 123. Spectators are welcome.

Standings through Feb. 27:

- First: Bunt's Ball Busters: 292 wins, 128 lost
- Second: Sandycappers: 203 wins, 217 lost
- Third: Fresh Legion Crew: 177 wins, 243 lost
- Fourth: Sanibel Café: 168 wins, 252 lost

Feb. 27 results:

- Bunt's Ball Busters 14
- Sanibel Café 6
- Sandycappers 12
- Fresh Legion Crew 8



Sanibel Rec Center Calendar

Join the Sanibel Recreation Center for a new line up of fitness classes, which began Monday, Oct. 5, 2015. Classes offered for all ages and fitness levels. Detailed class descriptions are available at the recreation center front desk or at www.mysanibel.com.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- 7 a.m. Boot Camp
- 8 a.m. Slow Flow Yoga
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 10:30 a.m. Yogalates H2O
- 5:30 p.m. Cycle Zone

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m. 50/50 Cardio-Sculpt
- 9 a.m. Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10 a.m. Zumba
- 10:30 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 12 p.m. Vinyasa Flow Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. Restorative Yoga

Thursdays

- 7 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 8 a.m. Slow Flow Yoga
- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9 a.m. Aqua Jogging
- 10 a.m. Power Sculpting
- 10:30 a.m., Yogalates
- 5:30 p.m. Mat Pilates

Fridays

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

Saturdays

- 8:30 a.m. Cycle Zone
- 9 a.m. Deep Water Aerobics
- 10 a.m. Boot Camp
- 11:30 a.m. Yogalates

Sundays

- 12:30 p.m. Vinyasa Flow Yoga

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly and annual memberships are available. For more information call the Sanibel Recreation Center at (239) 472-0345, or visit www.mysanibel.com.

Obituaries



Margaret Lynn Ridlehoover

Margaret Lynn Ridlehoover, 73, of Sanibel, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2017 after a battle with kidney disease. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Lynn was the daughter of the late Harry and Catherine

Huisman. She is survived by her loving husband, Edward Ridlehoover, son Jonathan Tongyai, daughter-in-law Carolyn Tongyai, grandson Scott Tongyai, of Sanibel. Step-son and daughter-in-law Alan and Jill Ridlehoover, grandchildren Hunter and Grace, of Walnut Creek, California. Step-son and daughter-in-law Michael and Kristie Ridlehoover, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and sister Mildred Bachrach, and brother-in-law Fred Bachrach of Portland, Maine.

Lynn was born in Michigan, raised in New York and graduated from Eastchester High School. She attended Temple University and later received her teaching degree at the University of South Florida and taught at the Canterbury School in Fort Myers.

Lynn first came to Sanibel in 1972, and after the City incorporated, became the new City's first purchasing agent. She also helped plan Sanibel's first 4th of July parade. She lived in Virginia and Georgia for a time and moved back to Sanibel in 2008 where she quickly became involved in the community. Lynn volunteered for C.R.O.W. Community Housing and Resources, F.I.S.H., was a former member of Zonta, served on the Sanibel Recreation Center Finance Committee, and recently served as Vice President of P.E.O. She was a dear friend to many.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Community House on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. at 2430 Periwinkle Way, Florida 33957



Robert William Madden

Robert William Madden, 74, a resident of North Ft. Myers, FL for the past 30 years, formerly of Barnesville, OH passed away Sunday, February 19, 2017 in North Ft. Myers. He was born March 2, 1942 in Akron, OH to Nelson and Ella Madden, now deceased.

Besides being a devoted husband, and grandfather, Robert and his wife owned and operated Madden's Family Restaurant in Barnesville, Ohio. Robert was also a heavy equipment operator for Operating Engineers Local 18 for many years until relocating to Florida.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Carole of North Ft. Myers; five loving children, Sherri Harris of North Ft. Myers, Mellissia Madden, Chrissy Gley (Paul), Jason Robert Madden and Erich William Madden (Grace), all of Cape Coral; five loving siblings, Helen Oliver, Betty Jones, Ruth Kubieck, Jeanie Ferguson, and Nelson Madden, Jr., all of OH; 11 grandchildren, Gregory, Kevin, Karissa, Amanda, Brandon, Tiffany, Kayla, Jason, Jenna, Derik and Michael; 10 great grandchildren, Gregory, Jr., Nicholas, Timothy, Aidyn, Eli, Matthew, Maddy Rose, Brennan, Jacob and Autumn; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Robert was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Bobby" Sherman D. Madden.

No formal services are planned at this time.

Memorial Contributions in memory of Robert William Madden are suggested to Cancer Research Institute: www.cancer.org/donate

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

Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.



Gloria B. Allaire

Gloria B. Allaire, 90, of Plano, TX, formerly of Sanibel, FL, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. She was born on January 11, 1927, in Greenwich, Connecticut, to the late John William and Mary Katherine (Bliss) Burke. Gloria was a graduate of Greenwich High School.

Gloria enjoyed moving around the country with her

husband, throughout her life, living in New Orleans, Oak Ridge, TN, Idaho Falls, ID, Louisville, KY, Buffalo, NY, Sparta, NJ and Sanibel, FL. She started the Gourmet Club in Sparta, New Jersey. Gloria spent time volunteering at Newton Memorial Hospital in Newton, New Jersey and at Sanibel Public Library in Sanibel Island, Florida. She enjoyed playing golf with the Nifty Niners in Sanibel Island, Florida. Gloria was an excellent bridge player and was a part of many bridge clubs, even up until recently. She will be remembered for being a good party organizer for friends and family and a gourmet cook. She also enjoyed traveling internationally and domestically with her husband of 65 years and she had a great love for all types of music. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, Gloria was preceded in death by her husband in 2015, Walter F. Allaire; and son, Christopher Allaire. She is survived by her children, Walter F. "Rick" (Linda) Allaire, Jr. of Dallas, Texas, Holly Patricia Allaire (Linda Burdette) of Richardson, Texas, and Timothy F. (Sue) Allaire of Stow, Massachusetts; daughter-in-law, Leslie Allaire of Sandy, Utah; five grandchildren, Michelle (Jeremy), Kyle, Alexandra, Matthew, Mark; two great-grandchildren, Ava and Brett; and sisters, Patricia Roddy of Greenwich, Connecticut and Gwen Laughlin of Cos Cob, Connecticut.

A Celebration of Life and burial, will be held at a later date at "The Chapel By the Sea" in Sanibel/Captiva Island, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations, in memory of her husband, should be made to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research foundations @ Alzinfo.org. Ted Dickey West Funeral Home in Dallas, has been entrusted with the arrangements. Those wishing to send their condolences or sign the online guestbook may visit www.ted-dickeywestfuneral.com.

Death Notices

Donald M. Seeley 61, of Cape Coral passed away Tuesday February 28, 2017. Arrangements are being handled by Affordable Cremations and Horizon Funeral Home.

Joanne Palumbo, 55, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 25, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. www.fullermetz.com

Thomas Henry Moore, 85, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 25, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. www.fullermetz.com

Cindy Sue Krenzelak, 59, of Cape Coral, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2017. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

John O'Connor, 94, passed away on February 28, 2017 in Cape Coral, FL. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. www.fullermetz.com

Walter Edward Dawson, Jr., 55, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 19, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Services. www.fullermetz.com

Stephen Richard Angeloro, 40, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 23, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. www.fullermetz.com

Carmen A. Clarke 88, of Cape Coral passed away Sunday February 26, 2017. Arrangements are being handled by Affordable Cremations and Horizon Funeral Home. A Memorial Mass is pending.

Theresa B. Seeley, 58, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 23, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Services. www.fullermetz.com


Colonel Charles Pear, Sr. 91, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 19, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Services. www.fullermetz.com

Patricia Ann MacKew, 60, of Port Charlotte, FL passed away Friday, February 10, 2017. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Deborah Doty Pollard, 64, of Cape Coral, FL passed away on February 28, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service. www.fullermetz.com

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March 8 - March 14, 2017







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		Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Sunrise		6:45 AM	6:44 AM	6:43 AM	6:42 AM	7:41 AM	7:40 AM	7:39 AM
Sunset		6:34 PM	6:34 PM	6:35 PM	6:36 PM	7:36 PM	7:37 PM	7:37 PM
Redfish Pass	Lo	4:23 AM	5:11 AM	5:50 AM	--	--	--	--
	Hi	12:13 PM	12:35 PM	12:54 PM	--	12:32 AM	2:14 AM	2:53 AM
	Lo	3:23 PM	4:41 PM	5:23 PM	6:23 AM	7:51 AM	8:15 AM	8:38 AM
	Hi	9:52 PM	10:55 PM	11:47 PM	1:11 PM	2:27 PM	2:42 PM	3:00 PM
Punta Rassa	Lo	--	--	--	6:08 PM	7:48 PM	8:27 PM	9:07 PM
	Lo	4:38 AM	5:26 AM	6:05 AM	--	--	--	--
	Hi	12:02 PM	12:24 PM	12:43 PM	--	12:21 AM	2:03 AM	2:42 AM
	Lo	3:38 PM	4:46 PM	5:38 PM	6:38 AM	8:06 AM	8:30 AM	8:53 AM
Sanibel Light	Hi	9:41 PM	10:44 PM	11:36 PM	1:00 PM	2:16 PM	2:31 PM	2:49 PM
	Lo	--	--	--	6:23 PM	8:03 PM	8:42 PM	9:22 PM
	Lo	4:25 AM	5:13 AM	5:52 AM	6:25 AM	--	--	--
	Hi	11:18 AM	11:40 AM	11:59 AM	12:16 PM	--	1:19 AM	1:58 AM
Captiva (Outside)	Lo	3:25 PM	4:33 PM	5:25 PM	6:10 PM	7:53 AM	8:17 AM	8:40 AM
	Hi	8:57 PM	10:00 PM	10:52 PM	11:37 PM	1:32 PM	1:47 PM	2:05 PM
	Lo	--	--	--	--	7:50 PM	8:29 PM	9:09 PM
	Lo	3:09 AM	3:57 AM	4:36 AM	5:09 AM	--	--	--
	Hi	10:48 AM	11:10 AM	11:29 AM	11:46 AM	--	12:49 AM	1:28 AM
	Lo	2:09 PM	3:17 PM	4:09 PM	4:54 PM	6:37 AM	7:01 AM	7:24 AM
	Hi	8:27 PM	9:30 PM	10:22 PM	11:07 PM	1:02 PM	1:17 PM	1:35 PM
	Lo	--	--	--	--	6:34 PM	7:13 PM	7:53 PM

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR MARCH 8TH - MARCH 10TH

<u>Wednesday</u>		High 82F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	
A.M.		P.M.	
<u>Thursday</u>		Partly cloudy. High 83F. NE winds shifting to NW at 10 to 15 mph.	
A.M.		P.M.	
<u>Friday</u>		Sunny along with a few clouds. High 81F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.	
A.M.		P.M.	

TIDES

	Cape Coral Bridge	Captiva Redfish Pass	Fort Myers	Matlacha Pass	Pineland	Point Ybel	Punta Rassa	St. James City
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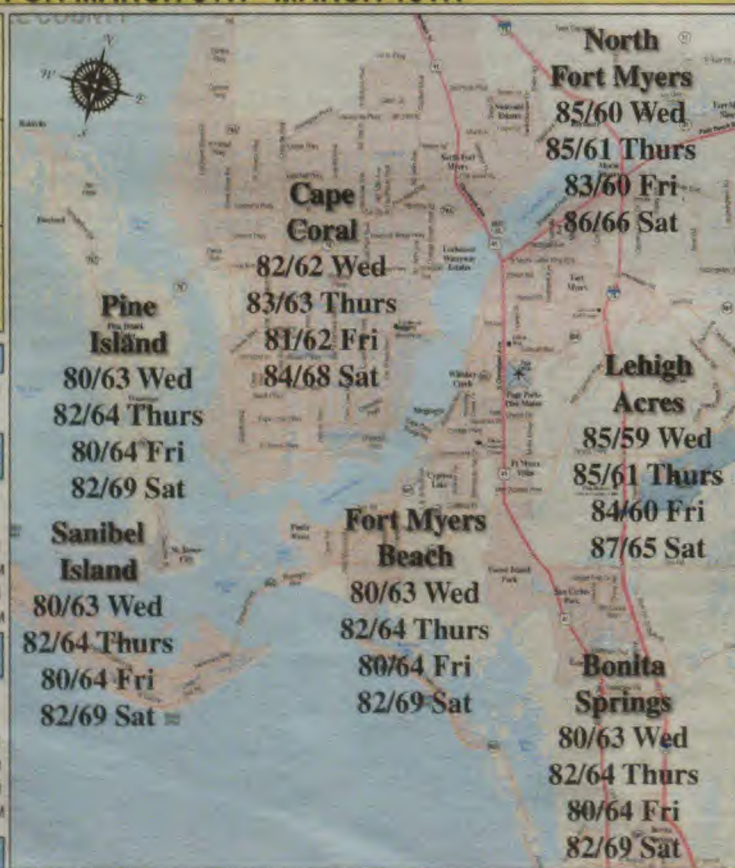
Wednesday

Low	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hi	7:32 AM	2:26 AM	8:24 AM	7:08 AM	6:06 AM	4:18 AM	4:21 AM	4:56 AM
Low	2:33 PM	12:23 PM	3:26 PM	2:01 PM	12:59 PM	12:42 PM	12:17 PM	12:48 PM
Hi	6:29 PM	3:13 PM	7:11 PM	5:55 PM	4:53 PM	3:40 PM	3:08 PM	3:43 PM
Low	11:54 PM	9:44 PM	--	11:22 PM	10:20 PM	6:56 PM	9:38 PM	10:09 PM

Thursday

Low	--	--	12:47 AM	--	--	--	--	--
Hi	8:30 AM	5:14 AM	9:12 AM	7:56 AM	6:45 AM	5:07 AM	5:09 AM	5:44 AM
Low	2:50 PM	12:40 PM	3:43 PM	2:18 PM	1:16 PM	12:52 PM	12:34 PM	1:05 PM
Hi	7:39 PM	4:23 PM	8:21 PM	7:05 PM	6:03 PM	4:40 PM	4:18 PM	4:53 PM
Low	--	10:48 PM	--	--	11:24 PM	10:01 PM	10:42 PM	11:13 PM

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EXTENDED FORECAST

SATURDAY: MAINLY SUNNY. HIGH 84F. WINDS SSE AT 10 TO 15 MPH.

SUNDAY: SHOWERS IN THE MORNING, THEN PARTLY CLOUDY IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGH 82F. WINDS S AT 10 TO 15 MPH. CHANCE OF RAIN 60%.

Forecast brought to you by the National Weather Service.

STATE FORECAST-WEDNESDAY

CITY	HIGH/LOW
CAPE CORAL	82/62
DAYTONA BEACH	79/59
FT. LAUDERDALE	81/65
FT. MYERS BEACH	80/63
GAINESVILLE	77/52
JACKSONVILLE	76/52
KEY WEST	79/72
KISSIMEE	83/60
MIAMI	80/65
ORLANDO	83/60
PANAMA CITY	73/51
PENSACOLA	74/52
SARASOTA	79/60
ST. PETERSBURG	77/63
TALLAHASSEE	75/48
TAMPA	82/62
VERO BEACH	81/60
WEST PALM BEACH	81/62



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Wed 6:44 AM
Thurs 6:43 AM



SUNSET
Wed 6:33 PM
Thurs 6:33 PM

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