

island REPORTER

SANIBEL AND CAPTIVA, FLORIDA

VISIT US ONLINE AT CAPTIVASANIBEL.COM

SCTrust
benefactor

- Page 25



Water quality campaign goes into overdrive

By JIM LINETTE

jlinette@breezenewspapers.com

Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane was reelected to serve a second term as mayor and Vice Mayor Mick Denham likewise will serve another term in his role on the City Council.

The five-member City Council votes once a year in April to elect one of their own to take on the expanded duties as Mayor and Vice Mayor. Ruane and Denham took new Oaths of Office at the start of Tuesday's City Council meeting at City Hall before conducting other business.

The blockbuster announcement of the meeting was posed by Denham through his

water quality campaign discussion.

"We must continue to fight for clean water," Denham said. "All 50 communities now have fertilizer ordinances, but we must go on the offense."

Denham proposes a two-pronged program through legislative channels and an education strategy.

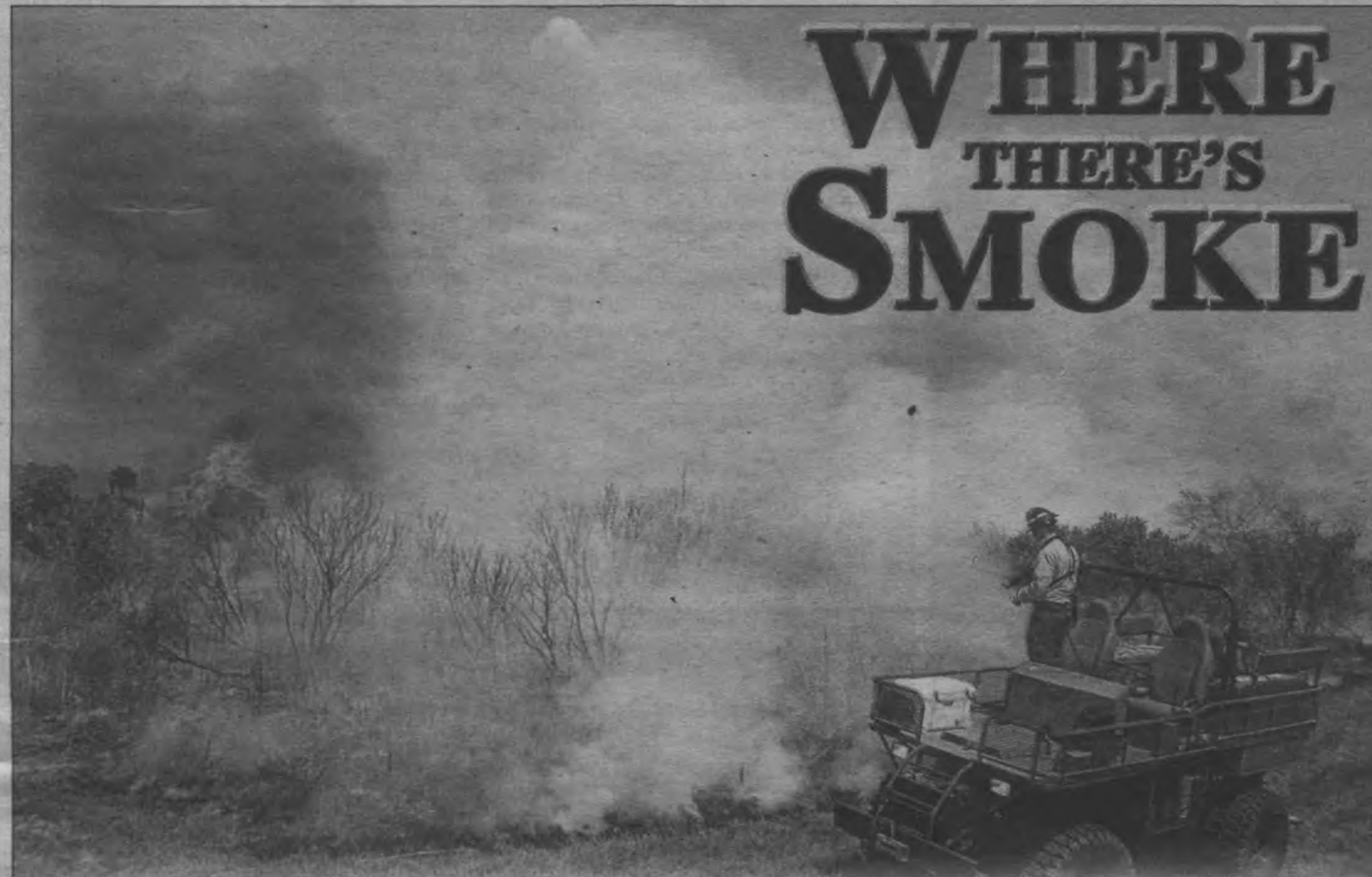
"We have to control all harmful discharges by gaining the authority for local city and county governments to regulate it on a regional basis," said Denham. "We have to show the public that there are alternatives for

See WATER, page 27



Mayor Kevin Ruane takes the oath of office after being reelected to serve a second term by a vote of his fellow Sanibel City Council members. His wife, Doreen, holds the Bible for the ceremony.
JIM LINETTE

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE



Refuge officials finish Botanical Site burn

By JIM LINETTE

jlinette@breezenewspapers.com

The second prescribed burn of the Botanical Site at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in 16 days was completed March 31 without incident.

"It was a huge success," said Toni Westland, Supervisory Refuge Ranger. "We had the help of the Sanibel Police to close down the bike paths in the area."

The latest prescribed burn involved the South Unit of the Botanical Site bor-

dered by Rabbit Road, West Gulf Drive, Gulf Pines Subdivision and the Sanibel River. On March 15, the North Unit of the Botanical Site was burned. Both burns were incident free.

These controlled burns are intended to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires as well as help preserve the natural ecology of the area.

According to Westland, members of the Southern Florida and Caribbean Fire District of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Service, Florida Forest Service, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, City of Sanibel and Sanibel Fire & Rescue were briefed at 9 a.m. and the first ignition took place at 10:30 a.m.

See BURN, page 28

Diverse equipment was used during the Botanical Site prescribed burns, such as this swamp buggy patrolling to maintain a safe burn.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY USFWS

Revised Alternate Transportation Study 'more palatable'

By SHANNEN HAYES

shayes@breezenewspapers.com

A majority of the Sanibel residents that attended the latest open house on the Alternate Transportation Study as proposed for J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge were pleased with the revisions.

"It's more palatable," said longtime Sanibel resident Karen Storjohann, who also called the revised proposal "a vast improvement" from earlier studies presented to the community.

The revisions were prompted by several workshops, additional brainstorming, data collection and input from the public since the Alternate Transportation Study was first introduced in May 2007. Representatives who have worked on this study were on hand at the open house to answer questions and give better details on the revisions. There was also a short slide show presentation.

"This is the sixth and final workshop

See TRANSPORTATION, page 20



TRUST



Your financial future should rest in the hands of a company with the integrity and experience to preserve and grow your assets.

As the largest independent Trust Company in Southwest Florida, we combine personal service with world class investment management to create a superior client experience. Founded in 2001, we maintain the highest standards of safety and soundness. Client portfolios are separately managed and individually tailored to your total return, cash flow, and legacy needs.

Experience the benefits of private wealth management.

Wealth Management | Trust Administration | Estate Planning

THE **SANIBEL CAPTIVA**
TRUST COMPANY
PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

239.472.8300 • 800.262.7137
sancaptrustco.com

Author to preside over tarpon 'court'

Celebrity author and former fishing guide Randy Wayne White will preside over the fun ceremonies accompanying the "Ding" Darling-Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on May 5.

The fishing tournament is based at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on Fort Myers Beach, where the captains meeting takes place on May 4, and the fishing from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 5.

White will call the shots in the "Kangaroo Court" for fishing participants wanting to "accuse" another of heinous acts of embarrassment or tomfoolery.

"I will be the judge, the jury, and the executioner," said White with a chuckle. "Anyone can accuse anyone of just about anything, and the fine will be sentenced

accordingly. It all goes to benefit 'Ding' Darling, so it's a great cause."

Registration is now open at www.ding-darlingsociety.org or by calling 239-292-0566. Entry fee is \$400 per team of up to four (\$100 for extras), 100 percent of which will be distributed as tournament awards.

Doc Ford's, with locations on both Sanibel Island and Fort Myers Beach, sponsors the tournament to support the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge through the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

Anyone interested in becoming a tournament sponsor should call or email director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Admiral speaks at MOAA meeting April 9

The Lee Coast chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) is holding its final dinner meeting of the season at the Crown Colony Golf & Country Club in Fort Myers at 6:45 p.m. on April 9. Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve is the guest speaker on the topic of the increasing importance of the Reserve Component during the anticipated slimming down of our active duty forces. Aside from addressing the MOAA group, Admiral Debbink will be meeting with Navy

Academy midshipmen candidates, their parents and Blue and Gold Officers. He also will address Lee County JROTC administrators and student leaders, during his visit to the Fort Myers area.

Members should make reservations through the chapter website at <http://www.leecoastmoaa.org/>. Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers interested in joining MOAA should contact Joe Smaha at 239-395-0776 for information.

SAN CAP

MEDICAL CENTER
Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
Wed & Sat 8:30am-12:30pm

P. Denis Kuehner, D.O.
General Family Practice and Osteopathic Manipulation

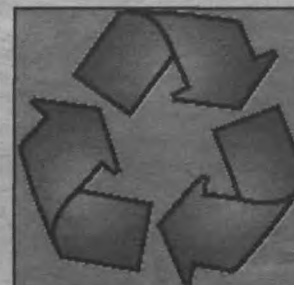
4301 Sanibel-Captiva Road
Sanibel Island, FL 33957

WALK-INS WELCOME
All patients seen by the Doctor

Participates with
Medicare/BCBS/Aetna
United Health Care



Tel: 239/472-0700
Fax: 239/472-0855



Keep
Sanibel
beautiful...
Please recycle!



Steaming Mad Carpets

Low End Prices, High End Quality

(239) 454-3522

Elite Cleaning Services Available For:

- Carpet Cleaning
- Tile & Grout
- Oriental & Area Rugs
- Sofas & Leather
- Mattress Cleaning
- Power Washing

\$55 CARPET STEAM CLEAN
W/ PRE-TREATMENT
UP TO 5 ROOMS

TILE & GROUT
STEAM CLEAN \$99
W/ GROUT POWER WASHER
UP TO 5 ROOMS

\$25 SOFA OR RECLINER
STEAM CLEAN

POWER WASHING
HOUSE WASH
DRIVEWAY
POOL DECK OR CAGE \$80
Each

Report your news to THE ISLAND REPORTER: captivasanibel.com

Renovation completed at The Springs

The management of Shell Point Retirement Community recently completed the construction and renovation of its newest assisted living facility (ALF) called The Springs at Shell Point.

The Springs, formerly known as The Country Inn & Suites, is located at the corner of Shell Point Boulevard and McGregor Boulevard. The recent renovations included the construction of a full kitchen on the main floor, creation of additional common meeting spaces and offices, as well as targeted renovation in guest rooms. The new recreation rooms include a cinema, arts and crafts studio, and game parlor.

The renovations took approximately four months to complete at an overall cost of \$2 million. The facility has 105 units ready for occupancy.

The facility has passed all final inspections with the Lee County



CONTRIBUTED
Construction at The Springs at Shell Point retirement community is complete, including an enticing pool area for residents.

Building Department, The Lee County Health Department and the Iona-McGregor Fire Department. Once The Springs successfully completes the licensing inspection by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

residents will be able to start the move-in process.

The Springs is the third ALF at Shell Point. The community opened the King's Crown on The Island at Shell Point in 1987, and added The Arbor in The Woodlands at Shell Point in 2005.

"We are excited about the upcoming opening of The Springs," said Rita Southern, director of assisted living and resident support services for the community. "Both the King's Crown and The Arbor remain almost fully occupied and with the increased population of aging retirees in this area, there is a growing need for additional high quality assisted living options in Southwest Florida."

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Island causeway. This location, in addition to Shell Point's comprehensive resident activi-

ties and healthcare services, are just some of the many benefits that residents of the facility will enjoy. The facility's amenities and services include a heated swimming pool, exercise facilities, transportation, dining, 24-hour healthcare staffing, and a professional activities leader who will coordinate high-quality events and activities, educational and entertainment programs, and opportunities for socialization and personal growth.

Shell Point Retirement Community includes independent living, an 18-hole championship golf course, deep water boating access, assisted living, two medical centers with on-site physicians, and a skilled nursing center all within a resort-style location along the Caloosahatchee River just minutes from the Gulf of Mexico.

Donalds to speak to Republican Caucus April 7

The Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus is hosting congressional candidate Byron Donalds at its public meeting at 10 a.m. on April 7 at the Sanibel Library.

Donald is a constitutional conservative who believes in a

smaller federal government and economic freedom. His experience is in commercial credit in banking and as portfolio manager in financial services. He serves as a youth leader in his church, coaches Little League and volunteers

on non-profit boards and committees in Southwest Florida.

Donalds joined the Naples Tea Party in 2008 and is a member of its leadership council. He supports the Fair Tax, a balanced budget amendment, would vote to repeal the health

care law and is for securing America's southern border with physical structures as well as increased patrols.

He further believes the federal Department of Education should be disbanded and school districts should have

the flexibility to educate children to the individual needs of the students.

All are invited to attend the meeting in Room 4.

WANTED!!!
Surfboards/Skimboards
Do you have surf gear collecting dust?
Come into the Big Dog Surf Shop
and talk with John about
consignment or selling.

**RENT OR BUY
STANDUP
PADDLEBOARDS**
Rentals/ Spring Sale
• Big Dog Surf Shop T-Shirts • Towels
• Umbrellas • Beach Chairs • Swim Suits
• Flip Flops • Sunglasses • Souvenirs
• Reef Safe Sun Tan Lotions

**BIG DOG
SURF SHOP**
Sanibel Island, Florida
459 Periwinkle Way

239.472.0966
www.bigdogsurfshop.com

Sanibel
Island's
Coolest!!

SAC Sanibel Air Conditioning, Inc.
SERVICE WHEN YOU NEED IT!

SIGN UP FOR AN ANNUAL
SAFETY & EFFICIENCY AGREEMENT (SEA)

\$159

AND BE ENTERED TO
WIN A FREE
NEST THERMOSTAT

Prize drawing on April 30, 2012

SEA Benefits:

No hassles - we schedule your service for you.
Receive discounts on repairs.
Peace of mind that your system is taken care of,
even when you are away!

CALL US TODAY! (239) 395 - COOL (2665)

OPINIONS

island REPORTER

Report your news to CAPTIVASANIBEL.COM

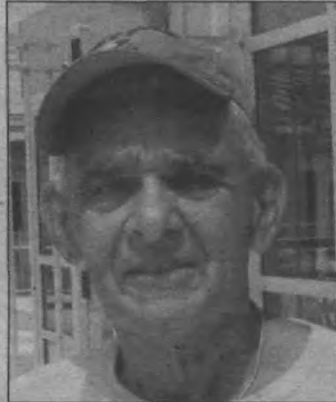
Word on the Island

Have you attended any Spring Training baseball games?



Beaver Stasi
Sanibel resident

"I didn't go this year because tickets are so high, concessions are high and by the third inning you don't get to see the stars."



Marty Angelino
Tourist from New York

"I've been to them before, usually the Twins. My daughter lives here and her family likes to go."



Norman Pfeifer
Sanibel resident

"I like to go see the potential stars who go on to the big time. Have gone to see the Red Sox and Pirates."



Bob Vinson
Captiva resident

"We haven't gone to a game this year, but we did go to see the JetBlue ballpark opening."



Mary Jane Vinson
Captiva resident

"We lived in Boston. I'm interested in the game but don't follow it as closely as (Bob) does. I just tag along."

We want your opinion

The views expressed on the Opinions Pages are just that — opinions. These pages are intended to convey a range of viewpoints; opinions printed on these pages do not necessarily reflect the views of The Island Reporter. Opposing views are welcome. All letters must be signed and must contain a phone number for verification purposes. Letters considered for publication must relate to subjects of public interest. Letters to the Editor may be e-mailed to Jim Linette at jlinette@breeze.newspapers.com; posted to the virtual newsroom at captivasanibel.com; or mailed to 2340 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957. The Island Reporter reserves the right to edit or reject any submission.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you

To the Editor,
My wife and I have lived on Sanibel since 1990, and have enjoyed virtually every minute, with the exception of the several days of Hurricane Charlie. But even Charlie was eventually tamed by the outstanding efforts of our Sanibel City employees, most especially by the day and night long work of Gates Castle, Director of the Public Works Department, and his staff, who all worked diligently quickly getting Sanibel back on its Beach ... so to speak.

For 20 years, Gates, without fanfare, has been doing the job of keeping Sanibel beautiful, safe, and welcoming, to residents, visitors and busi-

nesses alike.

Those of us who have had the PLEASURE of knowing and working with Gates and his excellent staff, understand that Sanibel will sorely miss him as he ventures off to the East Coast to enjoy a well deserved retirement, even though we all realize that he'll continue his good deeds wherever he and his family eventually lay their heads.

To Gates' credit, he has been grooming his replacement for almost a year, thereby ensuring that Sanibel will continue to enjoy the "Gates Legacy of Public Service" in the years to come.

Gates told me he didn't want a farewell party, and he didn't want any fuss as he

retires, so his wishes will be respected. But, since he didn't expressly forbid a letter on behalf of my family, my neighbors, and all the people of Sanibel, thanking him for his service, we now wish Gates and his family all the very best in the many years to come ... and say "THANK YOU GATES" for being a Great Guy, a GREAT LEADER and always doing jobs ... best described as WELL DONE !!! Gates, you will not be forgotten !!!

Ted and Peggy Tyson,
and all the Sanibelians
whom Gates served
so well.

Legislation needed
To the Editor,

On March 9, the 2012 legislative session concluded. Unfortunately, no legislation passed addressing the protection against arbitrary evictions for residents living in assisted living facilities (ALFs).

The need for legislation is apparent — the Governor's Assisted Living Facility Workgroup recommended enacting eviction protections for residents of ALFs, and several legislators proposed bills that included, additional protections for ALF residents from arbitrary evictions. However, lack of protections for ALF residents remains a reality.

Why are additional laws

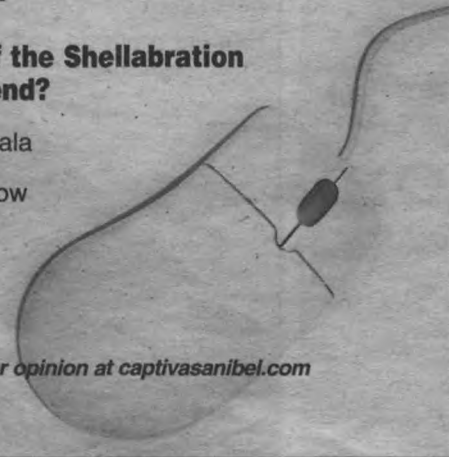
See LETTERS, page 19

Web Poll

Web Poll Question:

Which event(s) of the Shellabration 2012 did you attend?

- Sanibel Stoop
- Shellabration Gala
- Fashion Show
- Shell Fair & Show
- Other events



Share your opinion at captivasanibel.com

Agree?

Disagree?

Your views on the editorials, letters and the guest opinions that appear on The Reporter opinion pages can be shared on-line. Tell us what you think at Share your opinion at captivasanibel.com

Also visit our opinion page poll on the main news pages. Vote or leave a comment.

Letters to the Editor

From page 18

necessary? Florida law currently allows an ALF administrator to relocate or terminate a resident from an ALF for almost any reason, as long as the administrator provides the resident with 45 days' notice and documents the reason. Florida ALF residents, numbering almost 80,000 cannot challenge their eviction in court even though they rent a unit just like an apartment dweller.

Although many residents have advanced care needs, similar to residents of nursing homes, they lack a process for an appeal of an involuntary discharge. This leaves Florida's elders vulnerable to threats of retaliation.

Because ALF residents do not have basic due process protections from being asked to leave their homes, administrators may decide to relocate a resident for making what may be legitimate complaints to state agencies involving things like poor care or lack of food. For example, a resident was recently evicted after filing a complaint with the Ombudsman Program. What was the administrator's reason for evicting the resident? "The resident was not happy here."

Incidents like these serve as an example to other residents that if they complain, they could be evicted too.

The Ombudsman Program investigated 75 inappropriate ALF eviction complaints and 72 fear-of-retaliation complaints during 2010-11. An even greater number of arbitrary discharges may have occurred, but were not

reported to the Ombudsman Program. When a resident is relocated from an ALF, the facility is not obligated to report its action to any governmental entity, no matter the circumstances or the frailty of the resident.

How can ALF residents be protected? We need to pass legislation providing basic due process to ALF residents, including the ability to challenge a proposed relocation in a neutral forum and the requirement that a 45-days written notice be handed to the resident, and documented as being given. Establish standards for the appropriate relocation of residents, such as changes in medical condition, failure to pay, and behavioral changes necessitating a different setting. Require the ALF to notify the Ombudsman Program of any notice issued and permit a representative of the local ombudsman council to meet with the resident and work with the administrator to resolve the issue, if possible and appropriate.

These recommendations will protect ALF residents from inappropriate evictions, allowing residents to seek redress of any concerns about their care and quality of life without fear of retaliation.

If you would like to work with us to better the lives of all long-term care facility residents, please contact 1-888-831-0404 or visit ombudsman.myflorida.com to find out how you can volunteer. If you do not have the time to commit to the program, urge your legislators to support

positive changes for ALF residents, including protection from arbitrary evictions.

Sincerely,

Jim Crochet
State Ombudsman
Long-Term Care
Ombudsman Program

Healthy beach environment is important to Sanibel residents

To the Editor,

At the planning commission meeting on Tuesday, March 27, a consultant (and former planning department employee) stated that the requirement to conduct a beach carrying capacity

study was added to the Sanibel Plan in 2006-2007 because the state Department of Community Affairs insisted on it. A look at Sanibel city records indicates otherwise; the impetus for adding the study requirement seems to have originated with former Sanibel mayor and planning commission chair Carla Johnston, Natural Resources director Rob Loflin, and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) executive director Erick Lindblad.

In particular, the June 8, 2004, Sanibel planning commission minutes are an interesting read on this subject.

See LETTERS, page 30

BANNER POOL SERVICE

The Islands' trusted pool connection for service and supplies.



1633 Periwinkle Way • 239.472.4100

www.bannerpoolservice.com

FL LIC #CPC1457804

WINDOWS FACTORY DIRECT PRICING



\$99 Trade-in with each window replaced
Back for a Limited Time!

*not to be combined with any other offer

STORM TIGHT WINDOWS

[WWW.STORMTIGHTWINDOWS.COM](http://www.stormtightwindows.com)

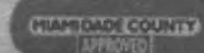
Licensed & Insured Lic # CGC1515345

- Maintenance Free Replacement Windows • Multiple Glass Choices
- 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed
- Hurricane Impact Glass

MADE IN THE USA

1-877-WINDOWS • 239-491-7002

Call Now for a FREE Home Estimate
Easy Financing Available





Nearly 70 Sanibel residents got a look at the revised Alternate Transportation Study as recommended for J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

SHANNEN HAYES



Paul Tritaik, "Ding" Darling Refuge manager, discusses one part of the revised Alternate Transportation Study to refuge volunteer Ken Poulson, as Joe Shoffner with the primary consulting firm Jacobs listens in, during the recent community open house.

Transportation From page 1

before it is taken to council for endorsement," said Joe Shoffner with Jacobs, the primary consulting firm out of Tampa.

The plan is an effort to reduce vehicle traffic along Wildlife Drive so more people can enjoy it by bicycle and trams that could run on renewable fuel. Elements of the revised plan include improving safety for wildlife crossing San-Cap Road, new connecting trails, enhanced Refuge and Bailey Tract wayfinding, expanded Refuge parking, bicycle rentals at the Refuge and enhancements to Refuge trams and a new Refuge shuttle service.

"I was pleased with the responses we

received at the Alternate Transportation open house," said Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik. "Most people supported the elements of the recommendation we proposed and thanked us for listening and incorporating public comments from the last meeting."

Tritaik said residents asked good questions on how this alternate transportation will be implemented.

"We aim to address (those questions) in the next stage of our planning process, if approved by the City of Sanibel, Lee County and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," Tritaik concluded.

John Grey PAINTING

Full Service Custom Painting

Decorative Finishes Carpentry
Renovations New Doors / Trim

Experience the **BEST**
value quality integrity

Island Owned and Operated

695 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel Island 472 - 0590

www.JohnGreyPainting.com



R.S. WALSH LANDSCAPING

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

In The Garden

15% OFF PALM TREES!
(3 - 15 GALLON SIZE)

APRIL 1ST - 15TH

NATIVES
TROPICALS
ORCHIDS
BROMELIADS
BIRD FEEDERS



POTTERY
GARDEN ART
GARDEN GIFTS
FOUNTAINS
WIND CHIMES

TAKE A WALK THROUGH OUR TROPICAL GARDENS

MON. - SAT.
10 - 4



3889 SANIBEL-CAPTIVA RD.
SANIBEL ISLAND

239-395-5859
www.RSWALSH.COM

Fish House reeling in Sanibel diners

By JIM LINETTE

jlinette@breezenewspapers.com

Sanibel residents and guests are discovering a new seafood restaurant that opened quietly on the island on March 19.

It's called the Sanibel Fish House, but anyone who has dined at Fish House locations on Fort Myers Beach or Bonita Springs will recognize it immediately. Owner Barry Greenfield, who opened the first Fish House in the mid-1990s, wanted to expand his restaurant to the Sanibel market and settled on the vacant building at 1523 Periwinkle Way previously occupied by Mr. T's.

After 14 months of renovations inside and out, the Sanibel Fish House sign went up outside the very day the doors opened for their first customers.

"It was a soft opening," said manager Eddy Tetlak. "It's easier to do it that way than having a grand opening."

Since then, many of the 52 employees have been busy visiting other

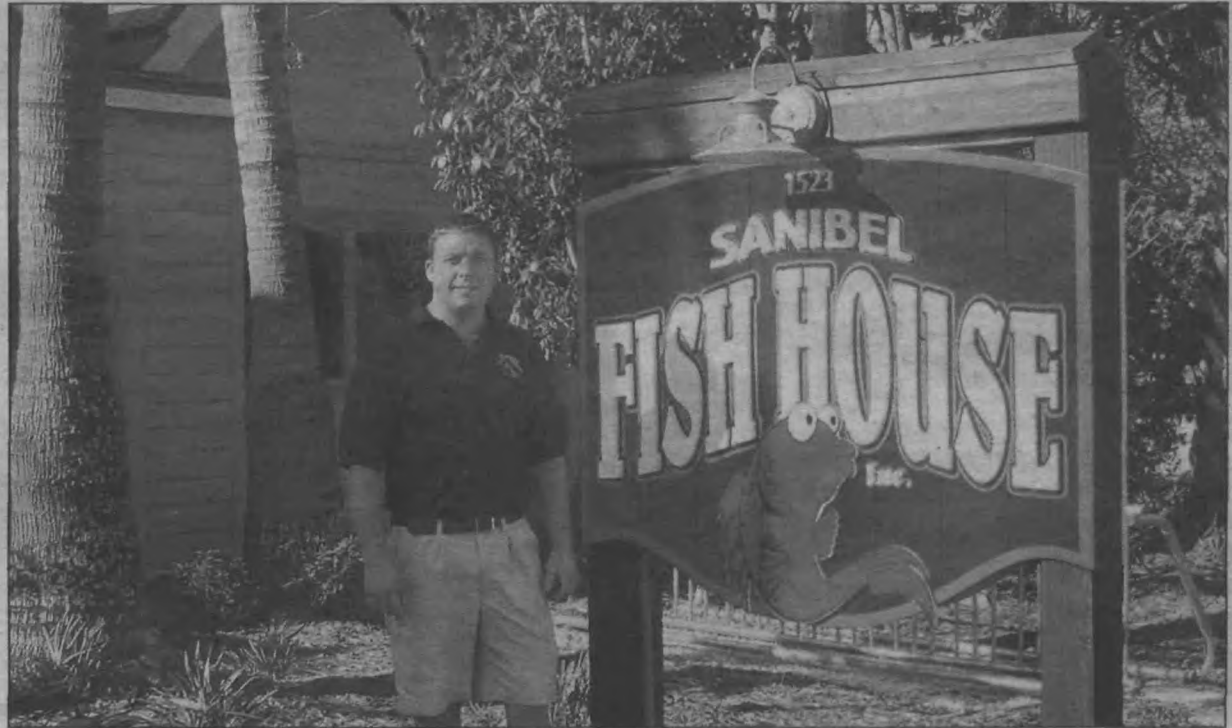
To Go:
Who: Sanibel Fish House
What: Seafood Restaurant
Where: 1523 Periwinkle Way
Opened doors: March 19
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 7 days a week
Prices: \$8.99-\$34.99
Signature entree: Fresh local grouper
Phone: 239-472-7770
Web: www.thefishhouserestaurants.com
Why: Fun, casual, happy place with a colorful beach decor and competitive pricing

businesses and handing out to-go menus all over the island.

"It's just a fun, casual restaurant," said Tetlak. "It's a happy place with competitive prices, not overpriced."

Tetlak managed the Fish House on Fort Myers Beach for several years before being sent to the Sanibel location.

The first thing visitors and passersby notice is the col-



JIM LINETTE

Manager Eddy Tetlak has welcomed hundreds of lunch and dinner guests to the colorful new Sanibel Fish House since it opened March 19 on Periwinkle Way.

orful exterior and the bright sign out front. Inside, is a beach decor with simple wooden chairs and booths. To the left of the hostess stand diners can choose a sports bar area with 10 large screen TVs hooked up to satellite dish offering sports network broadcasts of all the major events with NFL Sunday Ticket coming in the fall.

Open to serve lunch and dinner guests from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, diners also are seated in three other divided areas of the restaurant.

The same menu serves all three Fish House locations. A range of shrimp, oyster, clam, calamari, conch, wing appetizers and soups, called Fish House Firsts, lead

guests to a selection of salads, sandwiches, baskets and Fish House Specialties entree choices with pasta, lobster and other surf and turf dishes.

The Fish House signature, of course, is fresh, locally-caught grouper served blackened, broiled, grilled, jerked, lightly fried or stuffed with a choice of two sides. Another House specialty are the two-for-one rumrunner drinks all day, every day. They also observe happy hour 3-6 p.m. with special pricing on domestic beer, wine and well drinks.

Guests might be compelled to purchase Fish House T-shirts that are on display at the main entrance.

Easter surprise



The Coffee Bar at Bailey's has put together a special Easter basket valued at \$200 to be given away to one lucky contestant on April 6. The basket contains a \$100 gift card, two bags of chocolate covered espresso beans, two biscotti, five mini bottles of Monin flavored syrup, one bag of regular coffee, one bag of decaf coffee, a hot cup and a cold cup. Tickets can be purchased at the Coffee Bar located just inside the entrance to Bailey's General Store, 2477 Periwinkle Way, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

SUBMITTED

Island Therapy welcomes new Pilates therapist

The Island Therapy Center staff welcomes Marisa Girman, physical therapist and Pilates instructor, to its team of experienced therapists.

Girman, from the Chicago area, graduated with a degree in physical therapy from Cleveland State University in 1998. She completed her certified Pilates course work through Body Technic Systems, excelling at all levels of mat and machine Pilates instruction by 2004.

Girman joined Rachel Tritaik, PT, CLT-LANA and Amy Marshall, PT, FAAOMPT in February to provide one-on-one physical therapy sessions to patients at the clinic, located at 2 Periwinkle Way in the Sanibel Square.



Marisa Girman

"I love being able to provide direct one-on-one therapy to each of my patients," says Girman. "Many clinics do not offer this licensed therapist-only service, but it makes such a difference."

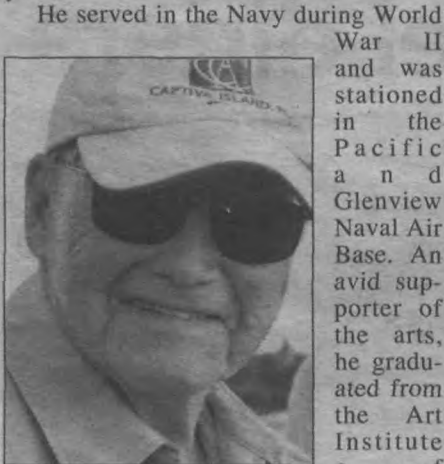
Hands-on therapy techniques are used with an emphasis on reducing pain in a few visits and providing education with a personalized program. Pilates principles and equipment for core strengthening can be incorporated into physical

therapy treatment sessions. For those not requiring physical therapy interventions, Girman trains clients privately in the studio with no physician referral needed.

Obituaries

Leo S. McDonald Jr.

Leo S. McDonald, Jr., a nationally recognized leader and innovator in the Chicago convention world, died peacefully on Feb. 1, 2012 at the age of 90 years.



Leo S. McDonald Jr.

He served in the Navy during World War II and was stationed in the Pacific and Glenview Naval Air Base. An avid supporter of the arts, he graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago and remained a member and supporter throughout his life. He started his own business, Award Exhibits, in Chicago in

1956 and became a group vice president at Greyhound in charge of exposition services and exhibits until he retired and began spending winters on Captiva Island.

"Leo was an imaginative and creative fellow; a leader who we all admired; a great boss and colleague as well. He demanded excellence and in that regard was tough at times as he had to be. All in all he was a powerhouse and in that respect, I often referred to him as the 'Daddy Warbucks' of the Exhibit Industry," shared friend and colleague Bill Dixon.

He was a deeply loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. "I'll always remember his wonderful sense of humor and gigantic laugh; like his dad, he was a noted raconteur," recalls his daughter.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ann Eve, his children Carol and Jay, Lianne and Greg, John and Kathy, and Kathleen and Stuart, his grandchildren Jessica and Bill, Kerianne, Patrick, Katie and Yuvall, James, William, Samantha, Liam, Charlie, Jack, and Henry, and great grandchild, Josie.

He has supported children's charities throughout his life and a memorial fund has been established at one of his favorites, SmileTrain. Donations may be made online at http://support.smiletrain.org/site/TR?pxfid=10720&pg=fund&fr_id=1030.

Family and friends may sign the guest register by visiting www.horizonfunerals.com.

Martha Stone

Martha Stone, 88, of Rock Island, Ill., died Thursday, March 29, at her home.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Congregation Beth Israel at the Tri City Jewish Center, Rock Island. Burial is at



Martha Stone

Mount Nebo Cemetery, Davenport, Iowa. Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Rock Island is assisting the family. Memorials may be made to the YWCA of Rock Island, or to the Tri City Jewish Center Chapter of Na'amat.

Martha Ringler was born on Sept.

25, 1923 in New York City, the daughter of Isadore and Anna Streger Ringler. She married Dr. Alex B. Stone on Sept. 23, 1943 in Brooklyn, New York.

She attended Hunter College in New York City. Martha worked side by side with her husband in his veterinary clinic, as well as in their other business interests.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Israel at the Tri City Jewish Center, the Na'amat chapter of the Center, as well as the Center's Sisterhood organization. Martha was also a member of Temple Emanuel, Davenport, Bat Yam Synagogue, Sanibel, Fla., the YWCA of Rock Island, Figge Art Museum, Davenport and Bettendorf Library's paperbacks and coffee reading group. She was a long-time supporter of the Rock Island Art Guild and Augustana College.

Survivors include her husband, Alex; daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Clayton Weaver, Wilmette, Ill.; daughter-in-law, Nannette Stone, Ossining, NY; granddaughter, Elizabeth Weaver, Wilmette; and sister-in-law, Elaine Steinmetz, of Los Angeles, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Lewis Stone; and brother, Harry Ringler.

Online condolences may be left at www.wheelanpressly.com

Right Now, Save An Additional 10% On Select Furniture and Upholstery. Save 10% On Rugs, Lamps, Pillows and Bedding.



SANIBEL HOME FURNISHINGS

1618 Periwinkle Way "Heart of the Island" Shops Sanibel 472-5552
Monday thru Saturday 10 until 5 www.sanibelhomefurnishings.com
Furniture · Lighting · Paintings · Prints · Mirrors · Pillows · Bedding · Accessories

Ask About Our Personalized Interior Design Service
Sale On In Stock Items Only and Does Not Apply To Previous Purchases or Special Orders

191 million reasons it pays to be an LCEC customer...

As members of a not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative, LCEC customers receive a return on their investment in the company. Each year, the Board of Trustees allocates equity to members. When the financial position is strong, a portion of that equity is returned. Over the years, \$191 million has been returned to active and inactive members. LCEC is among the top cooperatives in the nation when it comes to returning equity. This year's distributions will be made during the second quarter.



Visit www.lcec.net to learn more about LCEC equity and other benefits of belonging to a strong cooperative.

Report your news to THE ISLAND REPORTER:
captivasanibel.com

PRESERVING PARADISE

Wildlife welfare



CONTRIBUTED
Steve Greenstein, executive director of Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), thanks Blaine Dry, owner/chef of Cip's Place, for insuring the care and feeding of patients at CROW through donations.

CROW PRESENTATION CALENDAR

WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2012

All CROW presentations take place at 11:AM, at CROW'S Healing Winds Visitor Center and Gift Shop, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Rd (across from the "Ding"). Presenters are experts in their fields and CROW volunteers or partners in wildlife preservation. CROW stands for Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife. For more information, please visit our website, www.crowclinic.org or call (239)472-3644, ext. 229 or email.

FRIDAY, 4-6-12, 11 AM, "MEET AN ANIMAL AMBASSADOR"

Presented by Adam Pottruck, Education Director with wildlife partner, CALUSA NATURE CENTER. Learn about the personal and natural histories of these special animals who cannot survive in the wild due to their physical or psychological injuries.

SATURDAY, 4-7-12, 11:AM, "OWLS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA"

Presentation by CROW staff. Learn about our local owl species - the GREAT HORNED OWL, EASTERN SCREECH OWL and BARRED OWL - including their adaptations for hearing, sight and hunting. Learn what makes these species so unique.

Gifts from the garden: Unconventional ways to use common plant materials

Submitted by
Carolyn DeCoster

The next meeting of the Shell Islands Garden Club will be at 12:30 p.m. April 10 at the Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The program will be presented by Donna Cook, a member and board member of the Pine Islands Garden Club.

Donna is a 15 year resident of Pine Island by way of Atlanta, Ga., where she and her husband were in business together. She has had no formal design training but gardening has become her passion. In her home landscaping,

she uses bromeliads extensively as ground cover, currently featuring over 50 different varieties.

Her extensive plantings provide the source of inspiration for using everyday plant materials to create unique and easy floral designs. Donna had for several years conducted floral demonstrations for the Pine Island Garden Club. Her other interests include cooking, sewing, photography and cruising with her husband between Canada and SW Florida.

For more information, please call Maggie Butcher, 395-0978



FLORAL DESIGN BY DONNA COOK, PINE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
Asparagus and Artillery Fern, hybrid Crown of Thorns on Rainbow Eucalyptus.

Deep-End Pool Service
Islands' Premier Pool Service

Voted Best Pool Service!

Professional Weekly Service
Fast, Expert Equipment Repair & Replacement
Specializing in GulfStream Pool Heaters

25 Years Experience!
Lic.# CPC 1457386

239.699.6279

J. BERT DAVIS
M.D., F.A.C.S.
Facial Plastic Surgeon

BOTOX
Radiesse
Restylane
S-Lift
Skin Cancer
Facial Cosmetic Surgery

9981 S. Healthpark Drive, Suite 259
Fort Myers, FL 33908
BOARD CERTIFIED

481-9211

PRESERVING PARADISE

SCCF hosts Beer in the Bushes April 14

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is opening the grounds of its Nature Center on April 14 for its first Beer in the Bushes. The public is invited to participate in an evening sunset, food, fun, dancing, live music by Vernal Pool, games, prizes and craft beer tasting.

Tickets to Beer in the Bushes are \$30 to support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and the surrounding watershed. The two hours of fun starts at 7 p.m.

Six tasting stations along the Nature Center grounds and boardwalks will serve different Sam Adams craft beers. Games include putting machines, cornhole toss, darts, ring toss, and a photo booth.

Beer in the Bushes is graciously spon-

sored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and generously supported by Samuel Adams, courtesy of The Grog Shop.

Reservations and advance payment are requested. For information call SCCF at 472-2329.



Nature Notes

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation
3333 Sanibel-Captiva Rd.
Phone: 239-472-2329

Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure Cruises:
 Daily, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Pine Island Sound; departs McCarthy's Marina, Captiva

In cooperation with Captiva Cruises, an excellent opportunity for the whole family to view wildlife in Pine Island Sound. Cost is \$20/adults, \$12.50/children.

Reservations required, call 472-5300.

Butterfly House: Call for schedule
 Learn about the life cycle of the Zebra Longwing, the state butterfly, on a self-guided tour of the Butterfly House.

Human Uses of Florida Native Plants
 Explore our Ethnobotany garden to learn about Florida's native plants. Signs briefly explain how plants have been used for centuries for food, shelter, medicine and art.

Guided Native & Tropical Garden Tour
 The Gardens at Sanibel Moorings Resort overflows with many unusual exotic and native tropical plants. Walking tours of approximately two are offered at 9 a.m. Wednesdays. The cost is \$5 per person.

Sanibel Moorings Resort is located at 845 E Gulf Drive, Sanibel. For information and RSVP call 472-4119

Tarpon Bay Explorers
900 Tarpon Bay Road
Phone: 239-472-8900

Tram Tour Protect Wildlife and Take the Tram!: Daily except Fridays
 Join a naturalist aboard an open-air tram for a tour of Wildlife Drive at 'Ding' Darling through the heart of the refuge. Sit back and relax while learning the basics of the ecosystem and its numerous inhabitants. 90 minutes.

Nature & Sea Life Cruise: Call for schedule
 See wildlife up close while cruising the tranquil waters of Tarpon Bay. With a naturalist by your side, discover manatees and dolphins and observe amazing bird life on the rookery islands. Includes touch tank exploration. An excellent program for all ages. And don't forget our popular Breakfast and Evening cruises, too! (Daytime, 90 minutes; Evening, 2 hours)

Guided Kayak Trail Tour:
Daily at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 A great introduction to Tarpon Bay! Paddle with a naturalist through the mangrove forest along the Commodore Creek Water Trail. Learn about the rich backbay ecosystem and the creatures that live there. Includes kayak rental for the entire day. (1.5 hours with naturalist, then you can keep the kayak out on your own afterwards.)

Sunset Rookery Paddle: Call for schedule
 Join us as the sun goes down on a paddle to the Rookery Islands as hundreds of birds return to roost for the night. Days offered vary, please call for current schedule. (2 1/2 hours)

Touch Tank Exploration: Call for schedule
 Get to know our local marine life during an interactive touch tank presentation with a marine biologist. Discover first-hand the creatures beneath the surface, including conchs, sea urchins, seastars, horseshoe crabs and more.

Captiva Cruises
11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva
Phone: 239-472-5300
Web: www.captivacruises.com

Cabbage Key or Useppa
Lunch & Dolphin, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Cruise Pine Island Sound, the prime habitat of dolphins. Visit unique island destination where lunch is available at waterfront restaurants. Adults \$35, Child \$20

Cayo Costa State Park Beach & Shelling
 Half-day (9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.) and Full-day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Beach and Shelling cruise to premier barrier island state park. Pack a lunch, your swimming gear and adventurous spirit! Full-Day: Adults \$45, Child \$35; Half-Day: Adults \$35, Child \$20

Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Escape to this quaint seaside village with banyan trees, historic churches, lighthouse, unique shops and restaurants. Adults \$45, Child \$35

Dolphin & Wildlife Adventure, 4-5:30 p.m.
 Narrated by the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation. This is an excellent cruise to view dolphins and other wildlife in their natural setting. Adults \$25, Child \$15

Sunset Sightseeing
 Time varies with sunset (call for schedule)
 Enjoy the fresh sea air and live music while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. Adults \$25, Child \$15

Sailing Cruises
 Times vary (call for schedule)
 Two-hour cruises aboard a 40-foot Sailing Catamaran. A spectacular Gulf of Mexico sailing adventure. Adults \$45, Child \$35

Private Cruise Expeditions
 Times are customized to guests needs
 Beach, shelling, lunch or sailing "custom tours." Boats can accommodate groups of 1-6 and 7-48 passengers.

Adventures in Paradise
Port Sanibel Marina
14341 Port Comfort Rd., Fort Myers
Phone: 239-472-8443

Backwater Fishing: Daily 9 a.m. to noon.
 All fishing equipment, bait, tackle and license provided.

Sealife Encounter Excursion:
 Daily 12:30 to 3 p.m.
 Join the marine biologist/naturalist and cruise aboard "Miss Paradise" for a hands-on learning experience for the whole family complete with touch tanks and aquariums! See everything from seahorses to dolphins. Wear your beach shoes and bring your towels.

Shelling the Outer Islands:
 Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Cruise to the Outer Islands for Shelling and lunch at Barnacle Phil's. Cruise through San Carlos Bay, by the rookery and spoil islands while enjoying dolphins, herons, egrets and osprey! Wear beach shoes and bring your towels.

Afternoon Dolphin Cruise:
 Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 3:30-5 p.m.
 Cruise through San Carlos and Pine Island Sound to see and learn about the mangrove islands and estuaries where Calusa Indians once lived. Learn the history, see the dolphins!

Sunset Dolphin Cruise: Daily
 Call for departure time.
 Complimentary champagne is served as you cruise out by Bird Island where all the birds come to roost for the night, along the coast of Sanibel and out by the Lighthouse. Canoe/Kayak Rentals & Eco-Tours: Rentals daily. Tours 9 to 11 a.m. Paddle through Larry's Lagoon, along Stingray Bay through the Mangrove Forest. Discover where manatee visit, dolphins feed, birds flock and eagles nest!

Sanibel Marina
634 N. Yachtsman Drive
Phone: 239-472-2723

Dolphin and Wildlife Cruises
 Tour the islands aboard "The Sanibel Thriller." Not just a boat ride but a narrated seagoing adventure. Call for reservations. Also, enjoy the dolphins aboard "The Stars and Stripes" on beautiful Pine Island Sound. \$15 for adults, \$9.50 for children. Both vessels are available for private parties.

SPEND A DAY
 or spend a season

BARNACLE'S

FISHING CHARTERS
 BOAT RENTALS

ISLAND ADVENTURES

Join us on
Upper Captiva and Pineland
7-Days a Week!

Bicycles and Golf Carts available at the Upper Captiva Location

POWERBOAT RENTALS
(877) 777-7262
www.barnaclesislandadventures.com

KAYAK RENTALS

Barnacle Phil's
 We've completed our renovations
Waterfront Dining on Upper Captiva

Islands Famous **Queenie's Ice Cream**
10% OFF
 With This Coupon

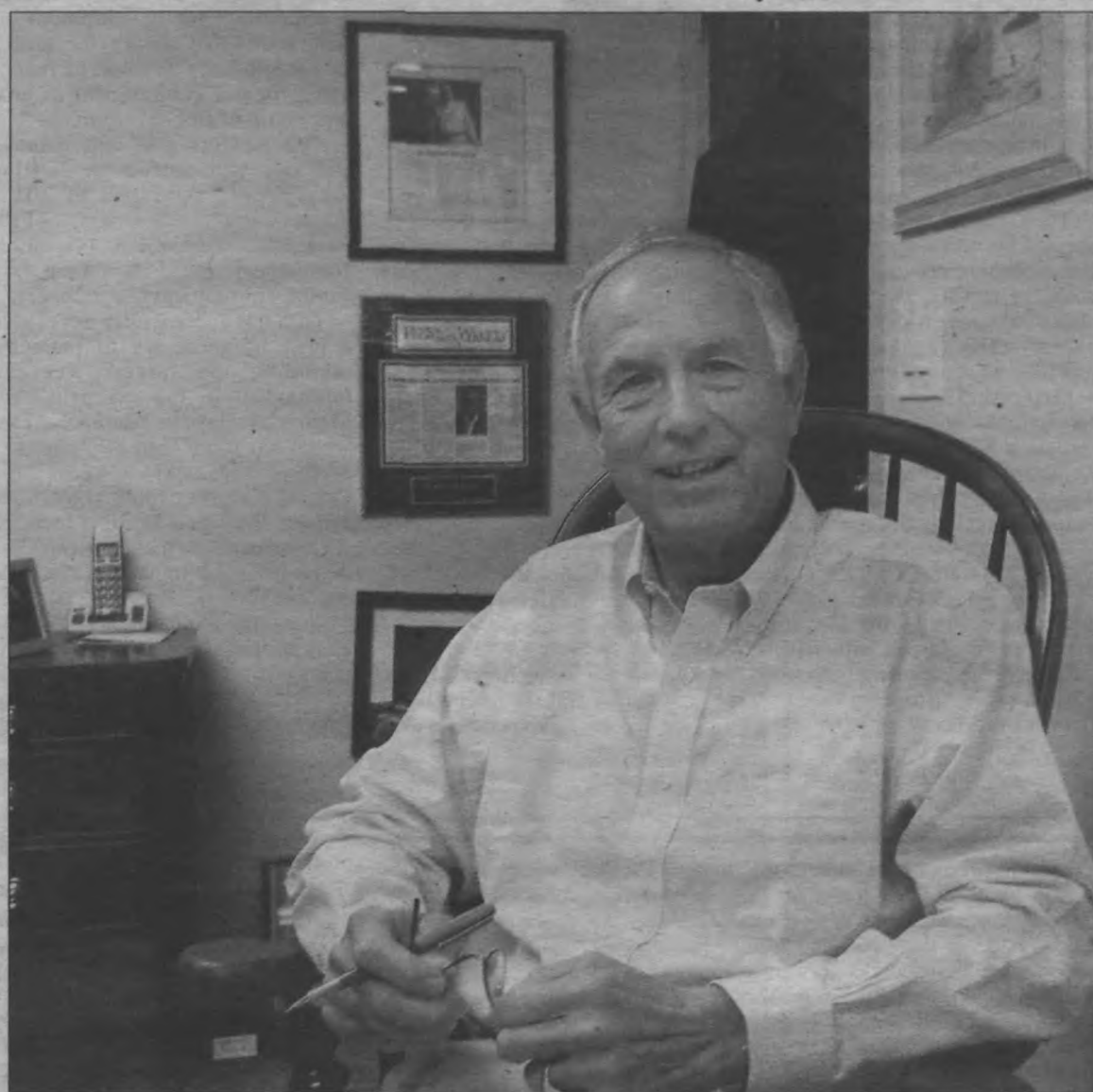
40 new boat slips

Gift Shop and Ice Cream

(239) 472-1200
World famous black beans & rice!
www.barnaclephil'srestaurant.com

Children, boat clubs, dogs and families are welcome
 beach volleyball, basketball, cornhole and fishing.

N26.36.000 W082.12.875



CONTRIBUTED

Sanibel Captiva Trust Company (SCTC) founder, CEO and Co-Chairman S. Albert Hanser.

Trust founder a true benefactor

Submitted by Kathleen McClanahan-Gruhl

Websters' Dictionary defines Benefactor as "a person who helps people or institutions (especially with financial help). A photo of Sanibel Captiva Trust Company (SCTC) founder, CEO and Co-Chairman S. Albert Hanser should be placed next to the definition.

Along with Amanda Cross, Hanser is chairing the \$10 million fundraising campaign for the Children's Hospital adjacent to HealthPark. Lee Memorial has agreed to name the new emergency department for the Sanibel-Captiva community. The project to build a new freestanding Children's Hospital is expected to cost \$191 million. Through the generosity of individuals and organizations in Southwest Florida, more than \$40 million has been raised so far.

For the past nine years, SCTC has been the master sponsor of Sanibel-Captiva Cares' island celebration to benefit the Children's Hospital. The latest event, held on March 18 at the Sanctuary Clubhouse, raised more than \$475,000 to bring the total raised to \$4 million toward the \$10 million goal.

"We choose to sponsor most events on the islands because we believe that being a major part of the fabric of the community is really important," Hanser said of the on-going commitment. "We believe in giving back generously and supporting events like Sanibel-Captiva Cares that benefit children. It makes us proud

because those children are the lifeblood of the community and the face of the future."

Hanser was a Board member at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, served as Board Chairman for University Hospital in Minneapolis/St. Paul for six years and Chairman of the Cleveland Clinic in Naples for five years.

He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in economics and philosophy from Brown University in Providence, RI. He went on to earn an executive management degree from the Wharton School of Finance, which led him a 50-plus year career in the investment and banking industries. In 2001, he founded the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company after moving to Sanibel with his wife, Sally, in 1997.

He serves on numerous public, private, civic and philanthropic boards in southwest Florida.

The Hansers have four children and eight grandchildren.

"As grandparents, this hospital is so important to both Sally and me because of a wonderful experience we had almost 15 years ago with Lee Memorial when our grandson was born with numerous health issues," Hanser said. "The care and attention all the Hansers received allows us to smile proudly at the outstanding young man our grandson is today. We can never say thank you enough for those blessings."

ROTARY HAPPENINGS...

Snowtarians will be missed

It's happening, season is waning and our Snowtarians are heading back to their residences up North. Sanibel-Captiva Club Rotarians will miss them; they are an important and vital part of our club's success. Snowtarians work shoulder to shoulder with us during season, working on our fund-raising activities and on our on-going club service projects. They bring their vitality and energy to whatever our Club is involved in within the Community and go beyond just attending meetings. We thank-you and hope to see you next season.

Our club is also lucky, that family members and friends of Rotarians and Snowtarians find the Islands a very attractive place to come for vacation. Our speaker line-up has benefited, on more than one occasion, by having either a family member or friend share important and interesting topics with us and agrees to be our featured speaker of the week. That was the case last Friday morning.



Sam Tucker has a very impressive title as Senior Advisor for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation but his other claim to fame is being the son-in-law of Rotarian, Dick Salerno.

Sam explained that the David and Lucile Packard Foundation (David Packard of Hewitt-Packard) is a private family foundation with approximately 6 billion dollars in assets. This foundation contributes approximately 234 million dollars a year to registered charities within the areas of work in: Conservation and Science, Population and Reproductive Health, and Children, Families, and Communities.

Sam Tucker's work involves grant funding with a focus on conservation work within the 73 million acres of the Colorado Plateau concentrating on: Private Land Protection, the Colorado River, Native American Lands, the Southern Utah Wilderness, and Yampa and White Basins.

"Buying of private lands is for the protection and preserving of natural habitat for the many species of birds, animals and plants in this astoundingly beautiful area. The Colorado River (1450 miles) flows from the Rocky Mountains to the Colorado Plateau and through the majestic Grand Canyons; non-profit organization are funded for work evolved in protecting the Colorado River. The River is being threatened by increase demand to supply water to the populous of seven states; this drain on water resources is threatening the river's ability to replenish itself. The Colorado is the home of forty-nine species of Native American fish and they must be protected. Building dams and diversions, with water used and reused, create conditions very unfavorable to native fish species. Not only do dams block fish passage, they also reduce spring flows, trap silt, and alter water temperature, all to the disadvantage of native species. Further, regulated flow destroys inner canyon beaches and is detrimental to spawning habits of native fish. The introduction of exotic fish poses a further threat to native fish. Four species of native fish are endangered in the Colorado River Basin. In the Colorado River valley between the east end of Lake Mead and the international boundary with Mexico, the river is the principal source of water for agricultural, domestic, municipal, industrial, hydroelectric-power generation, and recreational purposes. The Packard Foundation helps our Native American Indian Tribes (12 Tribes in the Colorado Plateau) preserve and protect their Native Lands. The Foundation also is sup-

Galloway returns as triathlon title sponsor

Galloway Automotive, Southwest Florida's leading automotive organization, is returning as the title sponsor for the Captiva Triathlon scheduled for Sept. 15-16. The Fort Myers dealerships also were the title sponsor for the inaugural triathlon in 2011.

"We are thrilled to have them back," said race director Kate Gooderham. "The family has a history throughout Southwest Florida. This is a high quality race that all the athletes love, and Galloway's continuing support is integral to that success."

"We are proud to be a continuing title sponsor," said Galloway vice president Robert Galloway. "Last year's event exceeded expectations, which is what we work to do at our dealerships. This will be a great event for the entire family and we are looking forward to our Galloway team representing us well on Captiva."



The Galloway Captiva Triathlon at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva is a weekend family, fun and fitness event comprised of two triathlons for children on Sept. 15 (ages 6-9: 100 yard swim, 1.5 mile bike, 0.5 mile run; ages 10-13: 200 yard swim, 3 mile bike, 1 mile run) and an adult sprint length triathlon on Sept. 16 (swim 400 yards, bike 10 miles, run 3.1 miles). For more information, visit www.captivatri.org.

Sanibel partners with new soccer club

Global Premier Soccer (GPS) this week launched the Florida Knights Soccer Club to be based at JetBlue Park, which boasts six new Bermuda grass soccer fields.

The Florida Knights are an affiliate of Florida Premier Soccer (FPS), which was launched in the summer of 2010, bringing a full-time professional soccer organization to the state of Florida.

"The launch of the Florida Knights brings a new and exciting professional youth soccer program to the Fort Myers community," said FPS General Manager Alan Hough. "The multi-million dollar JetBlue Complex provides a world class soccer facility which will be the base of operations for our coaching staff to deliver age appropriate, structured programs."

In partnership with North Fort Myers Knights Soccer Club, FPS will create a new model for a premier club infrastructure by providing full-time coaches, administrative support, technical department and a comprehensive college placement program. The Knights will provide an integrated player development pathway for players aged 3-18 years old and will strive to become the leading player development program in Southwest Florida.



Commencing next fall, Florida Knights will roll out programs which include First Touch Soccer (3-4 years old), School of Excellence (U6-U12), Junior Premier (U8-U12), Premier (U11-U12) & Elite (U13-U18). These programs will complement existing recreational and competitive programs conducted by North Fort Myers Soccer Club.

In addition to the partnership with North Fort Myers Knights, the Florida Knights also have partnered with Gateway Soccer Association & Sanibel Soccer.

FPS has secured the services of John Robinson as technical director of the Knights. Robinson brings a wealth of experience as a

former professional player in the English Premier League and a National Team player for Wales.

"At the Florida Knights, players will be placed in an integrated system from an early age with a clear development pathway aimed at maximizing the development of each individual within the club," said Robinson. "We will be recognized for our commitment to professionalism and development."

The Knights also will manage and run tournaments at JetBlue Park already scheduled in 2012: Soccerween (October), FPS Fantasy Festival (October-November) and FPS Labor Day Junior Tournament (September).

GPS has successfully developed a host of showcase tournaments including the largest weekend tournament in the US held over Memorial Day in Massachusetts, which has more than 800 teams.

Over the next 3 years, the Florida Knights expect to establish JetBlue Park as a national location for tournaments that will translate to a significant impact on the local economy.

For more information on the Florida Knights visit www.floridaknights.net or contact Robinson at 239-849-0283 or jrobinson@floridapremiersoccer.com

Rotary From page 25

porting conservation efforts in the Southern Utah Wilderness and in the Yampa and White Basins.

Sam is really the exploratory arm of the Conservation efforts of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. He works closely trying to establish the areas that satisfy the criteria of funding available to non-profit organiza-

tions whose work will improve the quality of the Colorado Plateau and its regions. Upon occasion Sam plays mediator between opposing groups working on projects in the Colorado Plateau, economics vs. environment. Sam works with these groups to find common ground and find reasonable solutions that satisfy both the economic

needs and protection of the environment. He looks for at least one reasonable person on each side of the effort and from that beginning works forward. One example on this is brokering a resolution regarding the areas within the Plateau of proposed oil drilling on corporate lease holds. Bill Baird Corporation and the Southern Wilderness

Alliance were able to work together for a solution to reduce the number of possible oil drilling sites and preserve a larger portion of virgin wilderness.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation grants are offered to invitees only. Sam does the research and then selects non-profits groups to work

with and provide funding to.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Clubs meets every Friday morning at 7:00am, at the Beachview Bistro, Par View Drive Sanibel. Guests are always welcomed. Upcoming speaker: 4/6 Rotary International Scholar from Russia, Anastasia Gorshkovathe, studying at FGCU.

Saint Isabel Catholic Church Lent & Easter Worship Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Saturday, 5:00 PM
Sunday, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

The Great Vigil of Easter 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

St. Isabel Catholic Church
3559 Sanibel-Captiva Road • Sanibel • (239) 472-2763

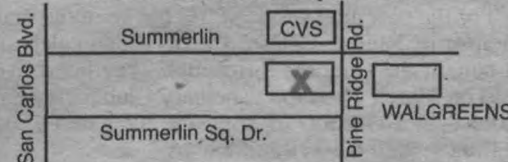
Beach Kiwanis

THRIFT SHOP

GREAT BARGAINS!

Thanks For Voting & Making Us #1!

Come See Us - Corner of Pine Ridge Road and Summerlin.
11050 Summerlin Square Dr.



MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

See Our Website for our Specials.

www.fortmyersbeachkiwanis.org

CALL 454-8090

fertilizing their lawns."

Denham wants to earn regional support for a state bill to take to the next Florida Legislature session.

The idea has roots in fertilizer legislation in recent years as well as the South Florida Water Management District's recent decision to stop all freshwater flow from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River Estuary. SFWMD's decision leads to toxic algae blooms and fish kills in addition to the excessive levels of fertilizer nutrients dumped into our waterways through rainwater runoff.

Denham's details earned preliminary approval of all councilmen as well as several residents who expressed an opinion to the dais.

It is an ambitious undertaking given the fact Denham wants to have appropriate language drafted for the bill by the next council meeting on May 1. With council's backing, he will take it to regional governmental bodies to win their support and line up state bill sponsorship.

"I want this to be a regional thing, not just for Sanibel," Denham said. "The intent is not to make it statewide, but when other regions see and like the idea it surely will spread."

Two proposed trail extensions came before council for approval Tuesday and both the Community Park path at Frannie's Preserve and the Pond Apple Park connection to the Shipley Trail projects will move forward.

The Community Park path is a half-mile long project at a cost of \$5,800. Most of the cost, according to James Evans of the Natural Resources Department, is to construct an information booth and put up signage along the path.

The Pond Apple Park project carries a heftier price tag of \$200,000. Boardwalk

stretches necessary through wetlands areas helps raise the cost of construction. SCCF, however, has stepped up to share the cost 50-50 with the city, confirmed by SCCF Natural Resource Director Rae Ann Wessel before council. The city also has applied for grants to help cover the cost.

"We can't count on the grants," said Ruane. "We will have to put it in our budget, and more likely send it through two budget cycles."

The city has been offered the opportunity to purchase a parcel of land along Tarpon Bay Road between Sanibel Captiva Road and a vacant former restaurant building that adjoins SCCF Sanibel Gardens preserve property.

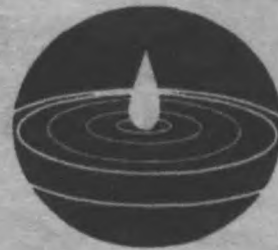
Ruane said city staff will be asked to do its "due diligence" to evaluate and assess the property with regard to development or added to the preservation area before "spending taxpayer dollars" in a tight economy.

Council made several appointments Tuesday, including that of John Talmage to

the Sanibel Planning Commission. Talmage will fill the unexpired term (until January 2014) of Paul Reynolds, who submitted a letter of resignation which the council also approved. Talmage won the appointment by a 3-2 vote of the councilmembers over two other candidates.

With the retirement last month of Public Works Director Gates Castle, council had to appoint a replacement for his unexpired term on the General Employees' Retirement Plan Board of Trustees. Members ratified City Manager Judy Zimomra's appointment of

See WATER, page 28



The Island Water Association

- NOTICE -

The annual meeting of The Island Water Association, Inc., will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 9th, 2012 at the offices of the Association located at 3651 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, Florida.

**Jack Cunningham
Secretary**

All IWA Members are encouraged to attend.

SUPPORT GIVE KIDS THE WORLD AND ATTEND OUR 24TH ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE GALA



SATURDAY, JUNE 2 • THE PEABODY ORLANDO
givekidstheworld.org/gala

Give Kids The World Village is a 70-acre, nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Thank you to our media partners: WKMG Local 6 and Magic 107.7.

Geez Leweez Needlework Shop
complete line of supplies & accessories

TRUNK SHOW
CANVAS • CANVAS • CANVAS!

APRIL
JEAN SMITH TRUNK SHOW
OUR FEATURED NEEDLE POINT CANVAS ARTIST

All Canvases On Sale Through April
Over 1000 Total
SAVE 20% NOW!
Hurry in for the Best Selection

New colors of Starbella and Sashay Lace Yarn has Just Arrived
Great for Spring and Summer!!
NEW YARNS ARRIVING EVERY DAY!

www.GeezLeweez.com Yarn@Geezleweez.com
239-395-2900 - FAN US ON FACEBOOK
2330 PALM RIDGE ROAD • SANIBEL ISLAND • FL • 33957

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH
10-2
Omelet and Carving Stations
Complimentary Brunch Cocktail

18 BEERS ON TAP
HAPPY HOUR
4-6 Every Day

THE bistro
@beachview


Great Steaks and Contemporary Comfort Food Classics
Lunch & Dinner 7 Days a Week

Monday - Turkey Dinner Specials
Tuesday - 1/2 Price Bottled Wine*
Wednesday - German Dinner Specials
Sunday - Brunch Buffet


Early Bird 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
1/2 Price Appetizer or Dessert with Entree*
*See restaurant for details

Catering Available
1100 Par View Drive • Sanibel • 472-4394
Executive Chef Sean Boller


Open Easter 2pm-8pm
Call for Reservations.



Speak softly and order a Great Fish



SEAFOOD • SPORTS • SPIRITS



\$6 Burgers & Quesadillas! Before 5 PM (Dine in only)
Friday is still LOBSTER NIGHT!

Happy Hour Daily
4-6
10 - Midnight

13 Dinners for \$13.
before 5:30 PM 7 days

34 Years of Fresh Fish on Sanibel Island!

Fish Market Open at 11 am (2 pm Sunday) Restaurant Open 4:30-9:30 pm 7 days
472-3128 703 Tarpon Bay Rd www.prawnbroker.com

Fire personnel make sure the fire break adjacent to residential homes is secure.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY USFWS



Burn From page 15

"There were 35 to 40 firefighters on site with a lot of the same crews that took part in the North Unit burn getting to work together again," said Westland.

The fire was out by 5 p.m., but crews remained at the site throughout the night and several days after to guard against rekindling. Smoke lingered in the area

through the weekend and was noticed by residents in Cape Coral.

There are no more prescribed burns planned in the Refuge this year. There were just two prescribed burns in the Refuge over the last 10 years, according to Westland. The last one was in 2008 on the Bailey Tract.

Water From page 27

Harold Law to that board seat.

Council proposed to expand the Financial Assistance Committee by adding two members, bringing the total on the committee to seven. Nancy Bender and Richard McCurry were appointed by council to serve on the Financial Assistance Committee. In addition, Ann Talcott resigned from the Vegetation Committee and Denny Jones stepped down from the Parks & Recreation Committee.

The paving of Nerita Street will move forward since council approved a resolution for the creation of a special assessment to res-

idents to fund the public improvement of the dusty conditions of the unpaved roadway. The project first came to light in the mid-1990s. It was brought up and stalled several times since. The City of Sanibel will pay one-third the cost of the project with the residents being assessed for the remainder.

Residents along the road have spoken out both for and against the paving many times and did so again before council Tuesday. In the end, council approved the project to go forward.



Warnky

Heating & Cooling

Serving SWFL Since 1995

A Division of RICHARD WARNKY LLC

SALES • 24 HOUR SERVICE • INSTALLATION • MAINTENANCE

FINANCING AVAILABLE!

0%

for 6 Months on All 13 & 14 SEER Systems
for 12 Months on High Efficiency Systems
for 5 Years on 2-Stage Communicating Systems

*Financing is based on approval of qualified customers. Financing promotions cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion, ie. price match or coupons. Financing terms are specific to type of systems purchased & require minimum payment.



FREE

SERVICE CALL

w/Repair

(must mention coupon)
Available to New Customers Only.
Must Mention Coupon.

14 SEER Rheem SPLIT A/C SYSTEMS*

	2 ton	2.5 ton	3 ton	3.5 ton	4 ton	5 ton
2-year Labor	\$2,350	\$2,485	\$2,720	\$2,995	\$3,270	\$3,708



16 SEER Rheem SPLIT A/C SYSTEMS*

	2 ton	2.5 ton	3 ton	3.5 ton	4 ton	5 ton
2-year Labor	\$3,150	\$3,300	\$3,500	\$3,695	\$4,400	\$4,995

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF A WARNKY A/C SYSTEM??

- 10-Year Parts and Compressor Warranty
- Complimentary Clean & Check
- Float Switch
- Digital Thermostat

- Local Permit
- 2 Year Labor Warranty
- Removal of Old Equipment
- Hurricane Tie-Downs

Ask us about Rebates starting April 1st, 2012

FREE ESTIMATES!

239-940-1500

www.WarnkyAC.com

*After Rebates & Incentives



CHECK US OUT ON THE BBB



A+ RATED BY THE BBB

Letters to the Editor

From page 19

According to those minutes, "Chair [Carla] Johnston asked Mr. Lindblad what he suggests the City should do to move forward to conduct a [beach] carrying capacity study and what can be done in the interim to address this issue. Mr. Lindblad said that the City,

SCCF and Ding Darling could cooperate on a capacity study and the first thing to do is establish parameters to use for benchmarks. Mr. Lindblad said the SCCF [Marine] laboratory [and Wildlife Habitat staff] has started this work."

However, although the beach carrying capacity study was subsequently established by the City

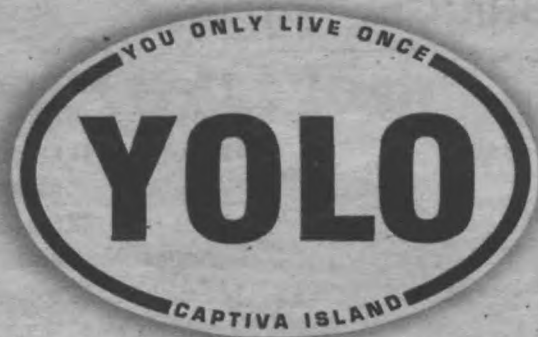
Council as a "goal," minutes from city council's goal setting workshop on April 13, 2006, indicate that the City "did not get a lot done" on the prior year's goal of establishing such a consortium to evaluate beach carrying capacity.

Thanks to the many Sanibel citizens who attended the March 27 planning commission meeting, the City of Sanibel has been reminded of how very important a healthy beach environment is to our sanctuary island and its residents. During the course of the meeting, it became clear that expert volunteer help is available to assist in the study, and that the study is most likely quite affordable.

SCCF and the City have gathered good data over many years regarding wildlife utilization of our beaches but the human-use aspect needs to be assessed. As the City prepares its goals and budget in the coming months, it should find a way to finally make the much-needed beach carrying capacity study happen. After that, annual reporting on the status of the beach environment can help guide decision-making to protect this important environmental and economic resource.

Sincerely,

Barbara Joy Cooley
Sanibel



Waverunners-Parasailing-Yamaha Scooters-Bicycles-Beach Chairs & Umbrellas-Sailboats
Skimboards-SUPs-Golf Carts-Banana Boat Rides-Scoot Coupes-Cayo Costa WR Tours
No-See-Um Repellent-Sunglasses-Freestyle & Momentum Watches-YOLO Gear-GoPro HD
Sector 9-Arbor-Kahuna-Dregs-Gravity & Krown Longboards-Kahuna Big Stick-Beach
Accessories-Indo Boards-Slackline-Kids Clothing-Waboba-Zap Skimboards-Cool Hats

YOLO Watersports, Inc.

11534 Andy Rosse Lane Captiva Island 239.472.9656 239.472.1296

YOLOWatersports.com YOLOWatersports@Gmail.com



Go Painlessly with THERA-GESIC.

Maximum strength analgesic creme for temporary relief from:

- Back pain
- Muscle pain
- Arthritis pain
- Joint pain

Southwest Florida Properties Riverfront Custom Home Packages



911 Aqua Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33919

\$850,000



1622 Edith Esplanade
1626 Edith Esplanade
Cape Coral, FL 33904

\$645,000 & \$745,000



CUSTOM HOME DIVISION

Steve Wolfson

Michelangelo Homes LLC

239 273-1417 or 239 444-6200

www.michelangelohomes.com

swolfson@michelangelohomes.com

MICHELANGELO
HOMES, LLC

Prices are subject to change and are for home sites only

April fishing should be good in the area

April is a month that signals great fishing opportunities on the waters surrounding Pine Island, Sanibel and Southwest Florida for both the inshore and offshore anglers. With sunny skies and warm weather, the month is already off to a good start.

Offshore, anglers are hooking into a variety of fish including snapper, grouper, kings and cobia. King mackerel or kingfish were reported in 60 to 80-foot depths west of Boca Grande, taken while drift fishing with live thread herring and blue runners for bait. No schools were reported just singles spread out around bait pods. Bottom fishing was consistent in the 40 to 60-foot depths west of Captiva and Sanibel for a mix of fish including grunts, porgies, snapper, flounder and grouper. The best bet was to anchor up tide of structure and toss out a chum bag during times of day with a decent tide flow. The best baits were live shrimp and



Capt. Bill Russell

On the Water



Pictured are Hailey & John Burbage, Brenden & Jennifer Faulkner and Capt. Bill Russell, plus Laurie Russell behind the camera, with a 23-inch redfish that helped the team to a 2nd place finish in the "Little Bobbers" division of the Bobby Holloway Memorial Fishing Tournament held on Saturday.

PHOTO PROVIDED

See FISHING, page 32

STOP PAYING TOO MUCH!
CABLE • INTERNET • PHONE • AND MORE

TRIPLE PLAY BUNDLES \$100/mo
Starting at less than

HIGH SPEED INTERNET \$20/mo
Starting at less than

PLUS GIFT CARD REWARDS!

Find the Best Deals In Florida Now!
800-348-9854 www.DLDeals.com

Visit **FAMILYPOOLFUN.COM**

FAMILY POOL FUN

- Our pools create Generations of Memories everyday, vacations never end!
- Aboveground & Inground pools at WHOLESALE PRICING
- SIMPLE DIY Pool Kit Assembly
- SAVE MONEY on All Pool Supplies & Accessories. Ships Fast.

Call Today! **800-950-2210**

We're Seafood Savvy, are you?

YOUR LOCAL SEAFOOD SAVVY RESTAURANTS AND MARKETS:

Sweet Melissa's Cafe
Bailey's Market
Doc Ford's Sanibel
Rum Bar and Grille
Lighthouse Cafe

The Timbers Restaurant
and Fish Market
Traders Store and Cafe
The Island Cow



"There are plenty of fish in the ocean"

You may think so, but the reality is that our oceans are being overfished. The choices we make today will determine the fate of tomorrow's seafood.

The goal of Seafood Savvy is to help ensure that we have seafood for the future by educating consumers, chefs, restaurant and market owners about Ocean-friendly seafood.

WANT TO BE SEAFOOD SAVVY?

Here's what you can do to help protect our Gulf waters and ensure that we have fish for the future:

- Visit your local Seafood Savvy Restaurants and Markets supporting Ocean-friendly fishing and environmentally responsible aquaculture
- Ask your server or counter person which items are sustainable choices
- Visit Seafood Savvy at SeafoodSavvy.org and see the initiatives that are being taken to protect our oceans and future seafood
- Download and use the Seafood Watch mobile app by Monterey Bay Aquarium, a Seafood Savvy partner, which can help you buy sustainable fish when you are shopping or dining out. (App is available in the iTunes App Store and Android Market)



Seafood Savvy is an initiative of the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of START, supported by funds raised from the San-Cap Cracker Fest.

Fishing From page 31

shrimp tipped jigs, plus live thread herring dropped back into the chum. A few hog fish up to 5 pounds were also caught west of Captiva on live shrimp fished on bottom.

Grouper season opened on April 1, the grouper regulations are pretty confusing for those of us who don't fish offshore, so if you aren't sure on what is in season or where you can catch and keep them, go online to <http://www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/regulations>, before hitting the water. If you are still confused, consult one of our great local tackle shops.

Inshore, weather was great, fishing was good at times and pretty slow at times. That's to be expected during the days each month that we have two tide

changes a day resulting in periods of very slow water movement rather than our four tide changes per day (24 hours) that are the normal.

As we move into another month, trout fishing continues steady with fish reported pretty much anywhere there has relatively clear water and a grass bottom. Capt. Gary Clark reports plenty of slot trout from the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River west to Tarpon Bay over grass flats in 4 to 6-foot depths. Fishing live thread herrings under popping corks over grass bottom with sand breaks took fish up to 20 inches. The fish are moving each day so it is often necessary to spend some time moving around to locate the fish each day. Capt. Clark also reports several

flounder with one measuring 20 inches, a 23-inch cobia, plus snook to 14 pounds near the mouth of the river.

Capt. Cliff Simer reports periods of slow fishing and periods of good fishing over each day. Live pilchards hooked both snook and trout in Pine Island Sound, plus a few big Spanish mackerel. The snook and trout were taken on the western side near Captiva Pass with the largest trout measuring 25 inches and the mackerel taken at the western end of Captiva Rocks. Redfish were a challenge with a few up to 23 inches caught in south Matlacha Pass under the mangroves on the rising tide.

Fishing the perimeter of Charlotte Harbor, Capt. Ken Honc caught redfish just shy of 27 inches plus trout to 19 inches. The redfish were tucked deep under the mangroves and the trout were along the bar edges in 3 to 5-foot depths.

On my boat we had a decent week but the tide, or lack thereof, definitely played a role. At periods each day the

water was moving and fishing was good and at times the water was almost stagnant and fishing was slow. With a sea breeze each afternoon this helped push the incoming water and jump start the bite. We found trout both in Pine Island Sound and Matlacha Pass with our largest measuring just over 24 inches. With a little effort a limit of fish averaging 16 to 20 inches was accomplished in the morning then we attempted to play with snook or reds.

Snook are showing up in decent numbers along shorelines throughout the area with some large ones as well. Our biggest of the week measured 37 inches and was caught and released on a live shiner in north Matlacha Pass. We had to work to catch a redfish with only one or two boated each day averaging 21 to 24 inches in length. The reds were caught either under the mangroves or on sand bottom along the shoreline. Some really nice flounder also showed up this week around Bokeelia. We caught one early in the week that measured 21 inches — that doesn't sound like much on paper, but let me tell you that was one big and hard fighting flounder.

Tarpon and shark reports are beginning to filter in as tarpon were either sighted or hooked in Charlotte Harbor near Bokeelia, in the southern sound east of Chino Island, and just off the

See FISHING, page 33

FREE SEMINAR

Advances in Cataract Treatment

Monday, April 16 • Noon
12731 New Brittany Blvd. • Fort Myers

If you have been diagnosed or think you may have cataracts, join Dr. Frantz for this informative seminar and find out about:

- cataracts and their symptoms
- no injection, no patch cataract surgery
- the latest CustomLens Implants that allow you to enjoy a full range of vision
- FREE cataract screening following seminar



FRANTZ
Cataract Center
AT FLORIDA EYE HEALTH

Call for a reservation:
418-0999

www.bettervision.net



Jonathan M. Frantz, MD, FACS
Cataract & LASIK Specialist

THE PATIENT AND ANY OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT HAS A RIGHT TO REFUSE TO PAY, CANCEL PAYMENT, OR BE REIMBURSED FOR PAYMENT FOR ANY OTHER SERVICE, EXAMINATION, OR TREATMENT WHICH IS PERFORMED AS A RESULT OF AND WITHIN 72 HOURS OF RESPONDING TO THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FREE, DISCOUNTED FEE, OR REDUCED FEE SERVICE, EXAMINATION, OR TREATMENT. THE RISKS, BENEFITS AND ALTERNATIVES WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE PATIENT'S CONSULTATION.

LOOKING TO ADVERTISE TO A LARGE AUDIENCE?

LOOK NO FURTHER...
Advertising Networks of Florida has the solution!

- Affordable rates
- Large Circulations
- Frequency discounts
- Statewide or Regional
- Nationwide coverage also available



For more information call this newspaper or
1-866-742-1373

captivasanibel.com

Island Reporter

LAW OFFICES OF JASON R. MAUGHAN, P.A. ATTORNEY AT LAW

REAL ESTATE • CONSTRUCTION CORPORATIONS & COLLECTIONS LAW

Tree Top Centre
1101 Periwinkle Way • Suit 103 • Sanibel, Florida 33957

239.472.2424 • Fax 239.472.2924

jrm@sanibellaw.com



TRANSACTIONS & LITIGATION



Sports Calendar



Kevin Vertesch safely releasing a 70-pound tarpon.

CONTRIBUTED

Kevin Vertesch to speak at Sanibel Fish Club meeting

Submitted by Charles Sobczak

On April 10, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 10 in the north room of Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public (especially tarpon anglers) is cordially invited to attend.

This month's featured speaker is the club's very own Kevin Vertesch, who will be giving an in depth presentation on the do's and don'ts of tarpon fishing. His talk will cover topics such as his favorite baits, rods, reels, hooks and all the techniques he uses to catch the elusive silver kings.

He will also discuss where the best locations are to find these fish, from inshore spots off of Picnic Island to Knapps Point, where the tarpon are most plentiful. With the upcoming Doc Ford's

first annual tarpon tournament just around the corner, this presentation offers local tarpon hunters a rare opportunity to learn angling techniques from an experienced fisherman who knows how to catch, and safely release, these magnificent game fish.

After his presentation Vertesch will be on hand to answer any questions from the audience regarding tarpon hunting. If you've ever wanted to catch a tarpon, this is your program.

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



Sanibel Rec Center Calendar

Monday Hours 6:30am-8pm

- 6:45 am Power Sculpting
- 7:15 am Low -Impact Aerobics
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Hi-Low Impact aerobics
- 10:30 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 pm Hatha Flow Yoga
- 5:15 pm BOSU Pilates
- 6:30 pm Zumba

Tuesday Hours 6:30am - 8:00pm

- 6:45 am Flow Yoga
- 7:15 am Cycle Zone
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Power Sculpting
- 10:30 am Water Pilates
- 12:00 pm Aquaritis
- 12:00 pm Zumba Gold
- 4:15 pm BOSU Ball & Strength
- 5:30 pm Cycle Zone
- 6:00 pm Flow Yoga

Wednesday Hours 6:30am - 8:00pm

- 6:45 am Power Sculpting
- 7:15 am Low -Impact Aerobics
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Hi-Low Impact

Aerobics

- 10:30 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 pm Hatha Flow Yoga
- 1:00 pm Weight Room

Orientation

- 4:15 pm BOSU Pilates
- 5:30 pm All-Level Yoga
- 6:30 pm Zumba

Thursday Hours 6:30am - 8:00pm

- 6:45 am Flow Yoga
- 7:15 am Cycle Zone
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Aqua Jogging

- 10:00 am Power Sculpting
- 10:30 am Water Pilates
- 12:00 pm Aquaritis
- 12:00 pm Zumba Gold
- 5:30 pm Flow Yoga
- 5:30 pm BOSU Ball & Strength

Friday Hours

6:30am - 6:30pm

- 7:15 am Low -Impact Aerobics
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Hi-Low Impact Aerobics
- 10:30 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 pm Hatha Flow Yoga

Saturday Hours

8:00am- 5:00pm

- 8:15 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 9:30 am Power Sculpting
- 10:00 am Flow Yoga

Sunday Hours

noon - 5:00pm

Beginning April 8, the Rec Center will be open noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays for weight room, tennis courts, gym, water slide, features pool, splash pad and lap pool use.

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 our web site at www.mysanibel.com



Lobster season closes April 1 as grouper, vermilion snapper season opens

Atlantic vermilion snapper and several species of Gulf of Mexico grouper are back on the list of fish recreational anglers in state waters can take home for dinner starting April 1. It's also the first day of closing for the spiny lobster season.

Vermilion snapper larger than 12 inches are open to recreational harvest in state waters of the Atlantic through Oct. 31. State waters in the Atlantic are from shore to three miles out. Anglers may take up to five fish per day in Atlantic

waters. However, the captain and crew of for-hire vessels may not keep the daily limit.

Gulf of Mexico grouper species open to harvest in state waters include red, black, yellowfin, yellowmouth, rock hind, red hind and scamp. This harvest season will remain open through Jan. 31. State waters in the Gulf are from shore to nine miles out.

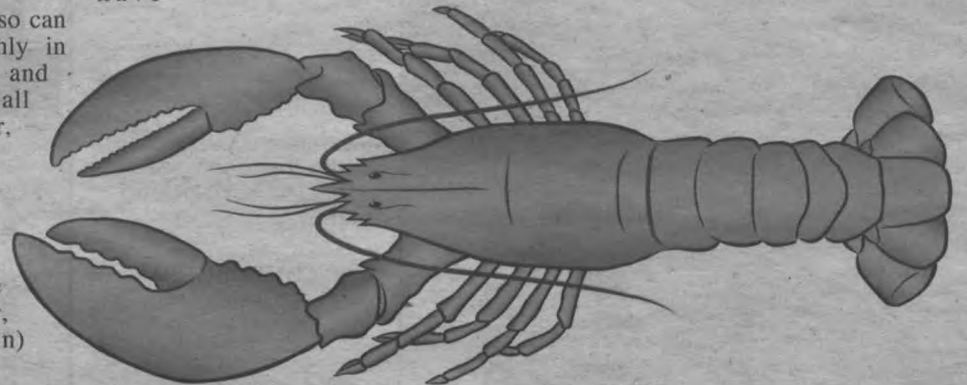
Gulf of Mexico gag grouper also can be harvested in state waters only in Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin counties, including all waters of the Steinhatchee River, Apalachicola Bay and Indian Pass. This season is for 2012 only and will remain open through June 30. Gag grouper are open to recreational harvest in Gulf of Mexico federal waters and the rest of state waters (not including Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin)

from July 1 through Oct. 31. To learn more about the gag grouper season in the Gulf of Mexico, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing.

Anglers targeting Gulf grouper must use circle hooks and have dehooking devices and venting tools aboard their boats. Anglers targeting vermilion snapper in Atlantic state waters must also have

dehooking devices aboard their vessel. Use of these devices helps increase the chance of survival for a fish that is caught and released.

The spiny lobster recreational and commercial season is now closed to harvest in state waters through Aug. 6. A two-day sport season is July 25 and 26.



BMGA hands out season awards

On Thursday, March 20, was the annual awards cocktail party for the Beachview Men's Golf Association. President Jay Allen and pro Gene Taylor presented the awards.

Bill Blankenship won the prestigious President's Cup, awarded for the most points accumulated during the year for the Tuesday and Saturday events; the season low net trophy went to Dick Waterhouse with a 55; season low gross went to Rich Rompala with a 73; match play winners were Dave Bugby from the Gold Tees and Bruce Cutler from the White Tees.

There were also some fun awards for special events such as the Aqua Man award of a mask, snorkel, water wings, and flippers to Tony Baldino for his water shot and plunge into a pond at the Dunes tournament. The season ends on Saturday, April 28.

On Tuesday, March 27, the men played a foursome variable better ball format. The winners were Fred Zimmer, Guy Tober, Bob Byrne, and John Kilkenny with a 118 score.

When asked how they did it, Zimmer said, "We all played really well." Roger Cogswell, Bill Stell, Dave Lewis and Bill Fetherston were a close second with 119. Skip Tutor, Dick Arnould, Jay Allen and Al Krause were third with 120.

On Saturday, March 31, the men played a foursome scramble. The winners were a threesome (and a blind draw) of new president for next year Jerry Mader, Roger Cogswell and Tom Golatzki with a score of 59.3. Wayne Turner, Roger Triftshauer, Al Krause and Jack Tukey were second with 61. A close third was the foursome of Mike Mackay, Jim Mulka, Guy Tober and Bob Byrne with 61.25.

The Dunes crowns club champions

Congratulations are in order for all of the 2012 men's club champions in the three-round championship tournament at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Rounds were played March 23, 26 and 27.

In the championship flight, Bob Rohl defeated Noel Davis 4 & 3 to win his second title in

three years. Rohl is now exempt from qualifying for all Interclub events until the next Club Championship is held.

In the white tee flight, Bill Hotchkiss was victorious over Terry Finzen 2 & 1 in a close match. He came through the bracket as the No. 4 seed.

In the gold tee #1 flight, Bill

Swain won his match over Bob Schoen 4 & 2. Swain had the low score in the gold tee qualifier and went straight through to the title.

In the gold tee #2 flight, Hank Humphrey beat Don Weymouth 1 Up in the closest match of the day that went down to the final putt on the

18th green.

In the gold tee #3 flight, Olivier Perrotte overcame Jack Roberts 6 & 5 as the No. 5 seed.

The Dunes Men's Golf Association annual awards dinner celebrated all the champions on April 2.

Mixed Golf results

Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Sunday Mixed Golf

April 1 results

Foursome, Two-Pin Scramble

1. Roger Blouin, Barbra Chappell, Jerry Nichols, Gay Nichols 34.5; 2. Bill Hotchkiss, Valerie Hotchkiss, Felix Curcuro, Carol Curcuro 34.75; 3. Bob Rohl, Roberta Rohl, Gordon Rains, Maureen Rains 37.75.

Closest to the Pin - #9, Roger Blouin; #2, June Muench



Nifty Niners Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club

March 29 Results

Two-Person Scramble

1. Trudy Burkholder 20.75; 2. Joan Dyke, Nancy Hopkins 22.5; 3. Jeanne Mallon, Gerri Perkins 23.0

BIA Bricks & Sticks fishing tournament set for May 5

It's time to sign up for the annual Bricks & Sticks inshore fishing tournament set for May 4-5 based at Tarpon Point Marina in Cape Coral.

The entry fee is \$180 per angler until April 20 when the registration fee increases to \$250 per angler. Junior anglers, children 12 and younger, are just \$75.

The Lee Building Industry Association (BIA) hosts the two-day event that offers \$10,000 in cash



prizes. The fun begins with a captains meeting 6-8 p.m. on May 4 at Tarpon Point that includes a dinner provided by Hooters. Boats launch at 7:30 a.m. May 5.

Anglers fish for two snook, two red-

fish and two ladyfish with the winner determined by total length. Fish are photographed and released. The awards banquet follows 5-9 p.m. at Tarpon Point with dinner served by Outback Steakhouse.

Marketing sponsorships are still available. For more information about sponsorships or registering to fish in the tournament contact Lee BIA at (239) 936-5525; visit www.bia.net/fishing.html or email requests to info@bia.net.

Sports Calendar



Kevin Vertesch safely releasing a 70-pound tarpon.

CONTRIBUTED

Kevin Vertesch to speak at Sanibel Fish Club meeting

Submitted by Charles Sobczak

On April 10, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 10 in the north room of Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public (especially tarpon anglers) is cordially invited to attend.

This month's featured speaker is the club's very own Kevin Vertesch, who will be giving an in depth presentation on the do's and don'ts of tarpon fishing. His talk will cover topics such as his favorite baits, rods, reels, hooks and all the techniques he uses to catch the elusive silver kings.

He will also discuss where the best locations are to find these fish, from inshore spots off of Picnic Island to Knapps Point, where the tarpon are most plentiful. With the upcoming Doc Ford's

first annual tarpon tournament just around the corner, this presentation offers local tarpon hunters a rare opportunity to learn angling techniques from an experienced fisherman who knows how to catch, and safely release, these magnificent game fish.

After his presentation Vertesch will be on hand to answer any questions from the audience regarding tarpon hunting. If you've ever wanted to catch a tarpon, this is your program.

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



Sanibel Rec Center Calendar

Beginning April 8, the Rec Center will be open noon to 5 p.m. for weight room, tennis courts, gym, water slide, features pool, splash pad and lap pool use.

Monday Hours 6:30am-8pm

- 6:45 am Power Sculpting
- 7:15 am Low -Impact Aerobics
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Hi-Low Impact aerobics
- 10:30 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 pm Hatha Flow Yoga
- 5:15 pm BOSU Pilates
- 6:30 pm Zumba

Tuesday Hours 6:30am - 8:00pm

- 6:45 am Flow Yoga
- 7:15 am Cycle Zone
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Power Sculpting
- 10:30 am Water Pilates
- 12:00 pm Aquaritis
- 12:00 pm Zumba Gold
- 4:15 pm BOSU Ball & Strength
- 5:30 pm Cycle-Zone
- 6:00 pm Flow Yoga

Wednesday Hours 6:30am - 8:00pm

- 6:45 am Power Sculpting
- 7:15 am Low -Impact Aerobics
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Hi-Low Impact Aerobics
- 10:30 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 pm Hatha Flow Yoga
- 1:00 pm Weight Room Orientation
- 4:15 pm BOSU Pilates
- 5:30 pm All-Level Yoga
- 6:30 pm Zumba

Thursday Hours 6:30am - 8:00pm

- 6:45 am Flow Yoga
- 7:15 am Cycle Zone
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Aqua Jogging
- 10:00 am Power Sculpting
- 10:30 am Water Pilates
- 12:00 pm Aquaritis
- 12:00 pm Zumba Gold
- 5:30 pm Flow Yoga
- 5:30 pm BOSU Ball & Strength

Friday Hours 6:30am - 6:30pm

- 7:15 am Low -Impact Aerobics
- 8:30 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Shallow Water Aerobics
- 10:00 am Hi-Low Impact Aerobics
- 10:30 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 12:00 pm Hatha Flow Yoga

Saturday Hours 8:00am- 5:00pm

- 8:15 am Cycle Zone
- 9:00 am Deep Water Aerobics
- 9:30 am Power Sculpting
- 10:00 am Flow Yoga

Sunday Hours 8:00am- 5:00pm

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 our web site at www.mysanibel.com



ISLAND FACES

Red Sox help raise new record

Lee Memorial Health System received a record \$1 million-plus in donations through the Boston Red Sox this spring from the team's Celebrity Classic golf tournament at The Forest Country Club and Diamond Dinner at the new JetBlue Park.

The \$1,016,576 in funds go toward the building of the new Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine served as Honorary Chair with all funds raised matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by long-time Children's Hospital donors.

"Everyone involved, The Boston Red Sox, Jack & Shelley Blais, Bobby Valentine, Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers, The Forest Country Club - to name a few - went the extra mile to push the event over the \$1 million mark," said Ken Shoriak, event director.

Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers again sponsored the Diamond Dinner on March 27. Along with donating dinner for more than 500 guests, Outback chipped in \$5,000 raised at their Grand Re-opening event.



ALL PHOTOS BY CAROL HARTMAN
Catcher Ryan Lavarway and Manager Bobby Valentine helped put the shy children at ease when their turn came up in line to get an autograph.



The Heuther family are generous long-time supporters of Lee Memorial Hospital System.



You always see staff of the Hospital cheering and supporting the fundraising efforts. Michelle Waddell, Director of Neonatal Services at the hospital, is one of the departments that benefits from the fundraising efforts.



Tom Buckley, retired Florida Everblades hockey player and owner of McWilliams and Buckley, has supported the Children's Hospital for many years. Tom and Natalie Davis had a great time at this year's event.



Kristie Lacell, Managing Partner of the Fort Myers Outback, presents a donation from Outback to Lee Memorial Health System Foundation Chief Foundation Officer Sharon MacDonald.



Jack and Shelley Blais, matching donors for funds raised at Red Sox events, receive a plaque of appreciation from the Hospital.



Pitcher Mark Melancon takes some good natured ribbing from Manager Bobby Valentine.



Most Valuable Patient Ben Klassen receives an autographed plaque from the hospital with the support of his family.



Players answered questions that had been asked, some with a great deal of humor. Pictured are Jenny Dell, Ryan Lavarway, Bobby Valentine, Mark Melancon and Michael Bowden.



Ryan Lavarway, catcher, listens to a question thrown his way by a fan.



Francis Bailey and Bruce Shaw take a moment to smile for the camera at the Diamond Dinner.



Francis Bailey, who has attended many Diamond Dinner events brought some friends with him from Sanibel, some for the first time. Pictured are: Francis Bailey, Joanne O'Neil, Nancy Gordon, June Bailey, Barry Gordon, and Ralph Woodring.



SUNSTREAM REALTY, LLC

SCAN ME!



FORT MYERS BEACH Starting at \$399,900
Bella Lago Condominiums

Tuscan style 2 and 3 bedroom condos with beautiful lake or partial Gulf views. Weekly rentals allowed. Located just across from the beach!



FORT MYERS \$159,900
17100 Bridgestone Court

Lakes Village 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom lakefront condo with beautiful sunset views and pay as you play golf. MLS# 201139997



FORT MYERS BEACH Starting at \$499,000
6640 Estero Boulevard

Pointe Estero beachfront, direct Gulf views, beautifully decorated 2/2 spacious condos! On-site rental program. Relax after a day on the beach in your master suite Jacuzzi tub!



FORT MYERS BEACH \$489,900
220 Donora Boulevard

Charming 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom canal front pool home with dock and 7,000 lb boat lift. Features include a spa with waterfall and two fountains! MLS# 201142339



FORT MYERS BEACH \$339,000
2650 Estero Boulevard #45

Estero Beach Club East 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom with a Gulf view and community features a huge beachside pool. Own your piece of paradise! MLS# 201143799



FORT MYERS BEACH \$299,000
Casa Marina

Furnished 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom, plus den corner unit open to golf course to the south. Fantastic water views on widest part of the canal! MLS# 201106326



FORT MYERS BEACH \$450,000
8061 Lagoon Road

2 bedroom / 2 bathroom lagoon front home in Laguna Shores is located on a deep water canal with a dock on the south end of the island. MLS# 201118655



FORT MYERS BEACH Starting at \$419,000
GullWing Beach Condominium

Spacious and designer quality condominiums directly on the widest point of the south end of the beach! Resort style amenities and on-site management!



FORT MYERS BEACH Starting at \$385,000
Waterside Condominiums

We specialize in sales at this newest and one of the finest condominium complexes in Fort Myers Beach! Luxury upgrades, spectacular views and amenities galore!



FORT MYERS BEACH Starting at \$399,000
7146 Estero Boulevard #111

Ceciente! Beautiful 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom corner unit with great views, large wrap around lanai, under building parking and pet friendly! MLS# 201138060



FORT MYERS BEACH \$1,299,000
8088 Estero Boulevard

Spacious south end Gulf front 4 bedroom / 4 bathroom home with two master suites, vaulted ceilings and great Gulf views from almost every room! MLS# 201143903



FORT MYERS BEACH \$299,000
319 Madison Court

Build your dream Island home on this canal front .172 acre lot located within the Shell Mound Park subdivision! MLS# 201052300

PROFESSIONAL AND EXPERIENCED, FRIENDLY AND INFORMATIVE

Experience SW Florida... An Ideal Place to Live, Work & Play!

SUNSTREAM SALES • 239-765-0077 • 800-362-3289 • SUNSTREAMREALTY.COM

WE'RE RECRUITING! CONTACT US TODAY - EXTENSION #246

