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Opera And Broadway At BIG ARTS



Ryan Taylor

BIG ARTS on Sanibel has booked soprano Shana Blake Hill, and baritone Ryan Taylor with pianist Brandt Fredriksen and violinist Peter Winograd for an evening of musical delights from the worlds of opera and Broadway. The group will perform in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall on



Shana Blake Hill

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Hill excites audiences and critics alike as she proves herself a multifaceted performer in both operatic and orchestral repertoires.

She has appeared as a principal artist with the Los Angeles Opera, Savonlinna Festival Opera (Finland), Cincinnati Opera, Opera Pacific, Long Beach Opera, Santa Barbara Opera, San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival Opera, Berkshire Opera and Opera Nova. She has also been featured as a solo artist with orchestras including The Philadelphia Orchestra, The Los Angeles Philharmonic, The

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Community Celebrates Blind Pass Reopening And Renewal



A group gathers to cut the ribbon for the official opening of Blind Pass, six months after the sea broke through to the bay side following the removal of 150,000 cubic yards of material between December 2008 and July 2009

by Anne Mitchell

It cost \$2.5 million to dredge open Blind Pass and restore what Mike Mullins, chairman of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, called “the heartbeat” of the ecosystem.

And to mark the reopening – which occurred last summer – island and county officials, coastal engineers and well-wishers gathered Friday to put the official stamp on the momentous occasion. It was an upbeat event under blue skies with balmy temperatures and even a large pod of dolphins came out to play just offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Bald Eagle Sculpture To Roost At CROW

by Brian Johnson

Islanders Bob Wigley and Wayne Boyd presented an American bald eagle sculpture, carved by Jim Sprankle, to CROW as a gift on January 14.

The eagle carving, appraised at \$42,000, will adorn the entrance of CROW’s Healing Winds Education Center, and enhance the experience of visitors.

“It’s stunning,” said CROW Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel. “We’re so grateful to have such a beautiful sculpture, plus the American bald eagle is such an inspiring creature, and there’s no one better to carve it than Jim Sprankle.”

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Bob Wigley, Dr. PJ Deitschel, Jim Sprankle and Wayne Boyd

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American Legion Post 123 News

Come in on to the Legion Sunday, January 24 for Dougie Fresh's BBQ ribs, chicken and shrimp dinner with all the fixin's from 1 to 8 p.m. There will be live music at 6 p.m. Watch the NFL Championship games on the big screen. Every Thursday night is cards night at 7 p.m. Every Friday the Legion serves a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich with French fries all day. Stop in and check out the entire menu. The public is welcome. Food is served all day, every day. Open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 9 p.m., the American Legion Post 123 is located at mile marker three on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-9979.*

CARD OF THANKS

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club would like to thank everyone for participating in this year's golf tournament. Despite record low temperatures on January 10, the Lions held a successful event. Last year's golf tournament raised well over \$8,000. This year, despite the weather causing some to cancel, there was a great turnout and the tournament was still a success, raising approximately \$8,500.

The Lions are very thankful for all who helped make this happen. Thanks again to the sponsors, the golfers, and, of course, Beachview Golf & Tennis Club for making this all possible.*

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Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

Docent Profile: Barbara Broadhurst

by Ray Buck

This is Barbara Broadhurst's second year as a docent at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. If you listen to her talking to the guests, you soon get the hint that she's had her feet on the island in one way or another for a long, long time... since 1978.

Her parents built their retirement home on Sanibel in 1979. "I've been a visitor to the village for many years. Bringing my guests here and showing them life on the island before the causeway has always been an enjoyable experience. I love all the buildings for different reasons.

"The Morning Glories cottage brings back memories of a family retreat in the Poconos. Although it was not a Sears house, it was built about the same time. The old Bailey store and packing house bring back remembrances of a simpler lifestyle where everyone knows you, your family, and your needs."

Barbara adds that she loves the old, or reproductions, of the food and sundry items (like those exhibited in the Bailey store). "One of my hobbies back in Maryland was to go antiquing in the spring and fall with my husband. He was a collector of 18th century primitive furniture and stoneware. I collected German Christmas ornaments (kugals) from the mid 1800s.

"I once lent the museum several of my ornaments and they ended up featuring them on an antique show on NBC2," she said. "I have also exhibited some old quilts in the spring quilt show at the village. Hooking rungs, the old traditional method, is another hobby I have pursued since retirement. I have created several island themes in my attempt to make an old art new and more reflective of my current interests."



Docent Barbara Broadhurst enjoys the rocker on the Rutland House porch as she awaits visitors

In 1993, she and her husband, a retired Upjohn employee, purchased a house in The Dunes. Four years later, after her early retirement from the U.S. Naval Institute, they had their first extended stay on Sanibel. A year later her husband passed away suddenly.

"It was a tough decision to continue to come back to the island," she said, "but my good friends at BIG ARTS helped me through this difficult time." She worked part-time at BIG ARTS for six seasons and later became a volunteer. In addition to her docent time at the historical museum, she also volunteers at "Ding" Darling and the Sanibel Community Church.

"While Annapolis, Maryland was my home for more than 50 years," she says, "Sanibel has always been the destination of my heart." Barbara also has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland.*

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INSIDE CITY HALL

Council Takes Stand Against Oil Rigs In Gulf

by Anne Mitchell

Some people wondered out loud on Tuesday why the city council of Sanibel Island would even need to debate the question of whether to take a stand against offshore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

But debate they did and it seemed for a while the vote might not be unanimous.

However, in the end, council did vote unanimously to have staff draft a resolution opposing drilling that will be sent to legislators and various organizations such as the Florida League of Cities. Council will get the draft resolution on February 2 for final approval.

Mayor Mick Denham made a statement at the start of the discussion that “despite unsubstantiated rumors floating around, I have not taken a position that I support (drilling).” However, Denham said he and Councilman Jim Jennings have attended many meetings on the topic. “It is clear to me that some of my colleagues may not have as much knowledge of the situation and the pros and cons as myself and Jim Jennings have.

“They may need to get up to speed and clearly understand who is voting for what (in other municipalities and such).” He said the Florida League of Cities, for instance, is not taking a stand until it sees an unbiased study... and has analyzed other options such as bio fuels, natural gas and solar. “This council’s recommendation should be not too dissimilar to the Florida League of Cities,” he said.

“Personally, I think one of the biggest threats to this nation is from oil and gas

that we have to get from outside our own country, particularly from the Middle East, from people who want to do us harm, and if we can rid ourselves of getting oil and gas from that source it would have a significant impact on our security,” Denham said.

Vice Mayor Kevin Ruane said the resolutions of the various municipalities in Lee County are wide and various. “Lee County says (not) within 25 miles and others say ‘not in our waters.’” Ruane noted, “If this moratorium were lifted it only allows them to start the process, not to drill.”

Mike Mullins, chairman of Captiva Erosion Prevention District, which officially protested drilling in April, said, “I am very distressed if Sanibel and Captiva need to be convinced of what seems to be such a compelling argument against drilling. Why shoot craps. If we can’t convince ourselves, we might as well kiss our tourism goodbye.”

Herb Rubin, Sanibel resident, commented that it went against what Sanibel stands for in its vision and principles and mission statement.

Jennings, a longtime advocate of Sanibel taking a firm stand against drilling, said he feared its impact on Lee County’s \$5 billion a year tourism industry, of which Sanibel is considered the lynch pin. “Just because they say three miles doesn’t mean it won’t be 500 feet off our beaches.” On a clear day, Jennings said, rigs as much as 10 miles offshore would be as visible as the condos on Bonita Beach.

“The potential for disaster is great, so I am with Jim on this 100 percent,” said Councilman Peter Pappas.

Councilman Marty Harrity felt it was Sanibel’s duty to stand up. “By the very nature of who we are on Sanibel we have to oppose drilling. Everyone says we need

oil. What we need is energy, some form of energy. There are all kinds. We need to pursue that. More oil is not the solution to our problems.”

Bernie Lubetkin, resident, said having spent much of his career designing and developing oil fields, he could say that “oil rigs require a lot of supplies” such as a terminal and barges going up and down the coast. There would also have to be a storage facility. “Every time you hook one hose to another you have the potential for an oil spill,” Lubetkin warned.

Rob Loflin, Sanibel’s natural resources director, painted an ever grimmer picture.

“From an environmental perspective there is no question we do not need another study. The lubricants they use for drilling and the metal shavings that come off the drills are very substantial. It is estimated that in the life of a single oil drilling platform it produces 90,000 tons of lubricants and shavings. Those are very heavy pollutants,” he said. When a hurricane comes, pipelines are uncoupled and as much as 600,000 gallons of oil can be spilled, Loflin added.*

City’s Party Raises \$43,000

by Anne Mitchell

The City of Sanibel’s New Year’s Eve party was attended by 490 people and raised \$42,930, money that will help pay for after-school programs for island children whose families demonstrate need.

Barry Roth, who organized the festivities, gave a report to the city council Tuesday in which he says he’s not done with fundraising from the event. He plans to approach all the businesses and

individuals who paid \$135 and \$195 to have their signs displayed in the lobby of the rec center, where the party was held. He will tell them that for another \$135 or \$196, their signs can remain on the walls.

Council gave its blessing for Roth’s idea, which could generate \$15,000 or more. That money will go into the program’s 2012 fiscal year.*

Toll Change, Fishing Pier May Be A No-Go

by Anne Mitchell

Two Lee County projects – the plan to construct a fishing pier adjacent to the Sanibel Causeway, and a bid to eliminate the six-month bridge toll program used by winter residents – appear unlikely to materialize.

Sanibel Vice Mayor Kevin Ruane, who sent a letter to Lee County Commissioners regarding the toll change, told the city council on Tuesday that the commissioners “were surprised and they told me not to worry about it whatsoever.”

Mayor Mick Denham said he received a similar response from Commissioner Ray Judah when discussing the matter.

Also, Ruane said at a recent meeting of the Lee County Tourist Development Council, there was a conversation about the planned fishing pier and “Mr. (Jim) Lavender told me they didn’t have the money for it.” Lavender is Lee County’s public works director.

Sanibel City Council members have not embraced the county’s design for a public fishing pier.*



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Section 86-43 Revisions Still Create Dissent

by Anne Mitchell

The issue of how to prevent overly large homes from altering the rhythm and harmony of Sanibel neighborhoods continues to plague city officials. The planning commission spent about 19 months rehashing ordinance 86-43 before passing it to council for a final decision.

Now the council members are tossing this hot potato around and seem unlikely to pass anything close to what the planning commissioners toiled over for so long.

Planning Director Jim Jordan acknowledged when asked that it would be "a weaker ordinance without the trigger."

At its January 8 meeting, council threw out the trigger point for a long form permit and public hearing. Some feared that the amendment – which used the largest house in a neighborhood as the threshold – could be too restrictive in some neighborhoods and in others might encourage more large homes.

At that time, council decided to keep the broader neighbor notification requirements in the amended ordinance but to remove the guidelines relating to size, mass, design and such. Those guidelines would be salvaged for planning staff to use when dealing with applications but would not be part of the ordinance. Those changes passed narrowly on Tuesday in a 3-2 vote with Mayor Mick Denham and Councilman Peter Pappas opposed.

Pappas called the ordinance amendments "disingenuous to the citizens" and said they "lack efficacy and effectiveness..."

"If we remove the guidelines, what does this do for us?" said Denham. "What recourse do people have other than to prevail on the planning department."

Larry Schopp, resident, said the city would be "hoodwinking the public if you provide notification to them with no meaningful right to participate. Staff will be acting as judge and jury."

Resident Karen Storjohann said council would be throwing out a very important part of the ordinance if there was no trigger on size. She suggested setting an upper limit on size "or" no larger than the largest home in a neighborhood to trigger a long form public hearing.

Council continued discussion to 9:15 a.m. February 2, when staff will present the revised version, as approved in the 3-2 vote.*

Sanibel Dog Club Eyes New Park

By Jim George

After a disappointing but close call defeat of a referendum in 2009 that would have established a dog park on Sanibel, Sanibel Dog Club members are gearing up for a new attempt. At a meeting of the club last week, Club President Dr. Harvey Sugarman and Treasurer Jason LaManna unveiled a new plan to approximately 100 members and the general public. The plan was to

request the use of City Park as the site for the dog park. City Park is adjacent to The Community House, has a new playground, ample parking and enough space to house a park for both large and small dogs. This site is seldom used by residents and was used only once in 2009 for the Fourth of July movie event, according to LaManna.

The club planned to propose leasing the site from the city, underwriting the cost of whatever site modifications are required and all costs of maintaining the site. There would be no cost to the taxpayers. However, after Sugarman and LaManna met with City Manager Judie Zimomra last week it was determined that the site was not feasible because the site was purchased with state funds and would require state approval. "We're back to the drawing board," Sugarman said. Although disappointing, Sugarman said the city park site was only one of several sites the club was considering and they would continue the review of the other sites in an effort to identify one that was "environmentally appropriate." Both public and private sites are under review, LaManna said.

Zimomra added that the city would require a plan from the club before the city could make any determination as to whether a site was appropriate. Sugarman said he and LaManna will communicate a plan to the city manager as soon as they've completed their review of the other sites.

The dog park referendum in 2009 was defeated by only 110 votes which Sugarman said was due to concern that the property, which was located on Island Inn Road, was considered environmentally sensitive, but he added that the closeness of the vote indicated that there was

substantial support for the dog park and support has continued to grow since that time.

Sanibel ordinance requires that dogs must be leashed. A dog park would allow dog owners one place on the island where dogs could run free under the watchful eye of their owners. Surrounding areas such as Fort Myers, Bonita, Naples and Cape Coral all have dog parks. Bonita Springs also has a dog beach where animals are allowed unleashed on the beach. Sugarman emphasized that a park would not be a replacement for walking leashed dogs on the beach. It will instead provide an outlet for those dogs and their owners to reduce the use of the beach and other public areas for running dogs off leash and help mitigate fecal waste on the island, he said, and added that it would also reduce the number of incidents where dogs illegally run off-leash on the beach and in other areas.

The Sanibel Dog Club was founded in 2007. Anyone interested in the project should contact Sugarman or LaManna at 395-6782.

Resident Becky McDaniel, not currently a dog club member, said she was excited about the possibility of a dog park. She walks her dog daily on the beach.

Lisa Williams, a Dunes resident, is also supportive of a park. Williams has two large poodles that require a lot of exercise. "A dog park that would allow dogs to go unleashed would be great exercise for them," she said.*

ABWA's Texas Hold-em Tournament

On January 29 all are welcome to attend the fourth annual American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Texas Hold-em Tournament. This fun-filled event will be held at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the play begins at 5.

The entry fee is \$100 which includes great Texas-style food and two drinks. First prize is valued at \$3,000, second place at \$750 and third place at \$500. Examples of prizes include: exclusive watch from Lily & Co., gift certificates from Ellington's, Greenhouse Grill, Thistle Lodge; three-day stay at Tween Waters Inn; fitness package from Sanibel Health Club; Adventures in Paradise sunset cruise.

Blackjack tables will also be available. The entry fee for blackjack is \$10 (includes food and one drink). Each round will cost \$10.

Advance registration is available. There is a maximum of 80 players for the tournament. For registration, questions or information, contact Lisa Newmeyer-Cochrane at dorado@myexcel.com or phone 472-8875.

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On Saturday, January 30, the River Rats are returning to Sanibel... this time to help raise funds for FISH (Friends in Service Here).

It's going to be a toe-tapping night of fun and fellowship with games for children, Love Boat Ice Cream and live gospel music. All the proceeds for the evening are going to FISH to help those in need on Sanibel.

Kirchner Contracting is the event sponsor. The fun all starts at 4 p.m. and ends around 8 p.m.

Sanibel Community Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle Way, nNext to Jerry's market. For more information call 472-2684.*



River Rat Billy Willer



River Rat Neal McHugh



River Rat Lee Rathbun

Sanibel Resident Earns Degree From Saint Michael's College

Andrew Hamilton Knapp, son of James and Deborah Knapp of Sanibel, earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration in December from Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts residential Catholic college located in the Burlington area of Vermont. Knapp was honored at a celebratory mass on the college campus in the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel.

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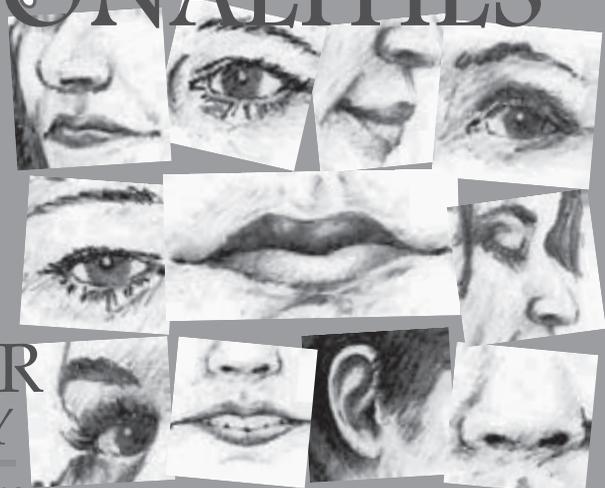
Church Book Sale

The Sanibel Congregational Women in Mission (SCWIM) will hold the popular Recycled Book Sale from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 31 at Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Most books are 50 cents (paperback) or \$1 (hard cover) with many books of

special interest - all well organized by category and author for easy shopping. Also included will be audio books, DVDs, CDs, videos, puzzles and games. Proceeds from the sale will benefit local non-profit agencies.

For more information call the church office at 472-0497.*

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Blind Pass Renewal

Mullins said, "Blind Pass is a celebration of life, renewal... it is teeming with wildlife and it's absolutely fabulous. It is pumping life into our ecology and our economy." He said the current is very strong and there have been a couple of incidents involving swimmers so people have to be careful.

Tony Lapi, president of Rochester Resorts, which owns Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, said years ago he saw fishermen on the Blind Pass bridge at night. He's happy to say the fishermen are now back. "It reminds me how it used to be," said Lapi, who is also a member of the Lee County Tourist Development Council.

Also present were members of the Bayous Preservation Association who pushed the dredging of the pass along with Wulfert Channel and portions of Roosevelt Channel. The cost of the project was shared by Lee County Tourist Development Council (from bed taxes), Captiva Erosion Prevention District and the Department of Environmental Protection. The cost includes maintenance dredging of the pass, which has been unstable for more than 80 years and has closed and opened numerous times in that period.

A 474-acre pole and troll zone has been established in Wulfert Flats to protect the seagrass beds. JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge is responsible for marking the boundaries and enforcing the zone.

Before the speeches, there was a somber moment when Lee County Commissioner Brian Bigelow asked for a minute of silence for the Haitian people who died in the recent earthquake.

After the ceremony, there was music and food on the beach for all-comers.*

Brian Arnold In Church Concert

On Thursday, January 28, Brian Arnold, one of the finest pianist in America today, will tell his remarkable story of faith.

Arnold has faced adversity, including the loss of function of one arm, yet his amazing gift of playing the piano shines through in spite of his loss.

Light snacks will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the concert starting at 7 p.m. A love offering will be received for Brian Arnold's ministry.

Sanibel Community Church is at 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's Market). For more details call 472-2684.*



From left, Commissioner Brian Bigelow; Harry Keiser of Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD); Commissioner Bob Janes; Mike Mullins, chairman, CEPD; Kathy Rooker, CEPD and Rene Miville, CEPD



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Life Model Workshop: Spiritual Families



Bobbie Maybee, LCSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

It's a crazy, unpredictable world out there. How are you holding up under the pressure? Do your relationships give you life or drain the life from you?

A Life Model Workshop at Sanibel Community Church on February 5 and

6 will teach ways to relate to people in giving ways – ways that strengthen us as individuals and as a community so we can deal with that “crazy world.”

The public is invited to learn about the powerful healing and growth that can happen in spiritual families.

The workshop will be led by Bobbie Maybee, licensed clinical social worker, and Charlene Laird, healing minister.

It will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday and (a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Call the church to register: 472-2684.
 Recommended reading: *The Life Model, Living from the Heart Jesus Gave You* by James G. Friesen, et. al (available in the Carpenter's Shop at the church).*

Poetry Series

All are invited to join members of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ for a four-week series exploring a variety of poetry. The program, held on Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 10 to 11:15 a.m., is designed for those who love poetry, but especially for those who think they do not. You will rejoice in the skill of the authors, delight in their fresh images, and perhaps become inspired to try writing your own expressions of the spirit. Jennifer McLean will lead the series for the second year.

The program will be held in the Fellowship Hall at church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. Call 472-0497 to reserve a copy of your free resource.*

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CAROLYN SHANAFELT WELLS

Carolyn Shanafelt "Shanny" Wells, 84, of Fishers, Indiana, reached the conclusion of her long and very full life the evening of January 6, 2010. She peacefully passed on at her home with family by her side, followed by a pure white heavenly snow the following morning.

Carolyn was born in South Bend, Indiana, on January 24, 1925 to the late Wilbur Maxwell Shanafelt of South Bend, and Erma Elizabeth Heckaman of Bremen, and was raised during her formative years by her grandmother Virginia Mae Shanafelt. She graduated from South Bend Central High School and Indiana University with the Class of '49.

She worked at the former Studebaker Corporation in South Bend. At IU, Carolyn met and fell in love with her surviving lifetime partner, William Doman "Bill" Wells. They married on August 21, 1948, and lived in the Indianapolis area ever since. They were joyfully married for 61 years and they shared their most treasured pastime of all, being with their family, as well as a love for boating. Also, they enjoyed traveling to interesting places around the world, being with their many friends, and volunteering.

For 30 years, they spent winters in Sanibel Island, at their home with their boat parked behind, and their friends close by.

Carolyn was a beloved wife, a perfect mother and grandmother, a trusted friend, and a "positive" person, who faced any adversity with a special sense of humor, and only rarely complained about anything. Her perseverance through many health challenges was exemplary to all those around her, with her attitude of "offer it up." She loved to play piano and sing with others, play games, and try new things. She and a childhood friend even created and perfected their own language they called "alphalfa-talk," which she passed on to her children.

She was, or had been, a member of Holy Spirit @ Geist Catholic Church, Pi Beta Phi Sorority, St. Margaret's Hospital Guild, Alpha Tau Latreian, Meridian Hills CC, Hillcrest CC, and The Bridge Club.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her younger sister, Joan Shanafelt (Maury)

Hawbaker, of Austin, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Bill; her four sons: William Michael (Sue) Wells, Harold Bradley Wells, Scott Douglas Wells, and Stephen Alan (Mary) Wells; her five grandchildren Jeff (Jona), Brian, Lesley, Allison (Levi), and Cara; and her three great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Dylan and Helena. She will be greatly missed by all.

In the last year and a half, Carolyn was assisted in living by her friends from Nursefinders of Indiana, especially Paige and Angie. The entire Wells family is very grateful for their loving, professional care.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Phil Bower on Saturday, January 16 in Holy Spirit @ Geist Catholic Church, Fishers.

You are invited to visit the Web site www.leppertmortuary.com where you may share a personal memory of Carolyn, or sign the guest book. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Spirit @ Geist Catholic Church, IU Foundation or St. Margaret's Hospital Guild. Funeral arrangements were by the Leppert Mortuary. Nora Chapel.*

New Senior Pastor Arrives At Sanibel Church

The Rev. Doctor John Howard Danner, who was elected senior pastor at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ in November, will begin his ministry here the week of January 25. He will conduct his first service on January 31.

Rev. Danner and his wife Linda are moving from Westport Connecticut, where he has been senior pastor of the Saugatuck Congregational Church since 2001. They will live on Sanibel.

Rev. Danner's career spans over 30 years in the Congregational Church, with significant experience in adult education, youth ministry and community outreach.

His arrival on Sanibel brings to a close a 17-month interim period during which Rev. Dr. Dale Kent served as interim senior pastor while the search for a new pastor was underway.

The church currently has a chapel service at 7:45 a.m. and full services at 9 and 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome regardless of church affiliation.*

Locals Teach Course In Siberia

Having experienced Sanibel's recent cold spell, Armand and Beverly Ball departed for Tyumen, Siberia, Russia for two weeks. The Balls will be guests of the Tyumen Region government and camp association to teach a six-day course for children's camp directors. The course encompasses all the areas of camp management from philosophy and program to food service and risk management.

This is the Balls' fourth trip to Russia, where they conducted a course for camp directors at the end of the Cold War as camps emerged from governmental control to entrepreneurial and organizational sponsorship. Their college text in camp management has recently been revised and translated into Russian for its second edition there.

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Shared-Use Path Clean-Up Day



Island residents Nancy and Bob Lynd pose with their haul of trash during the 2009 Path Clean-up Day

Sanibel residents are invited to lend a hand for the annual Shared-Use Path Clean-up Day on Thursday, January 28. Sponsored by the Sanibel Bicycle Club, the event is an opportunity for everyone who uses and enjoys the island's path system to spend a few hours helping to keep the paths clean and safe.

Clean-up activities are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m.

Activities will start at four different points on the shared-use paths:

- (1) East End: Starts at the bike racks at the corner of Periwinkle and Bailey Road;
- (2) Middle Island: Starts at the Holiday Inn at the corner of Donax Street and Middle Gulf Drive;
- (3) West Gulf and Tarpon Bay Road area: Starts at the corner of Tarpon Bay and

Sanibel-Captiva Road;

(4) Sanibel-Captiva Road to Blind Pass: Starts at Doc Ford's parking lot.

Volunteers can choose their preferred area and should arrive at the starting point by 9:30 a.m. Come by bike, foot, or car (cars should be parked in a nearby public parking lot).

Bicycle Club team leaders will provide participants with orange safety vests, trash and recycling bags, and recycling instructions.

Billy's Rentals is again joining with the Bicycle Club to promote Path Clean-up Day with its customers. For those who want to participate but don't have a bike, Billy's Rentals will provide a bike for the day at no charge. Billy's Rentals is also picking up all the bags of trash and recyclables collected by the teams at the end of the event.

Volunteers should bring/wear the following items:

- Helmet (if coming by bike)
- Old shoes (you may get dirty!)
- Gardening gloves
- Bandana or towel
- Drinking water

Orange safety vests and trash and recycling bags will be supplied.

Volunteers are invited to stop by Billy's Rentals for an energy boost before, during, or after the clean-up. Doughnuts and cookies will be available.

For further information, contact George Sousa at 395-1695. Information on the Sanibel Bicycle Club can be found at www.sanibelbicycleclub.org.

Optimist Club Wine Fest

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club announces its second Winter Wine Fest called Sanibel Uncorked.

This year it will be held on February 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery, 520 Tarpon Bay Road (across from Bailey's General Store).

A number of wine purveyors, each with several notable vintages, will offer tastings. A silent auction with many fine prizes and a cooking demonstration are also planned. Tickets will be on sale soon at Bailey's and other island locations. Watch for details.

Proceeds benefit the health and educational needs of children.*

Attention Sanibel-Captiva Gardeners

The 41st Master Gardener Lecture Series will be held on Thursday, February 4 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. Jenny Evans, manager of SCCF's Native Plant Nursery will discuss many of the "newer" (not previously stocked at her nursery) native plants. Many of these Florida certified native plants were not readily obtainable or produced in large numbers by commercial growers. Some produce attractive flowers while others provide bright berries beneficial to wildlife. These additional native plants will add diversity and interest to your yard or garden.

Evans is manager of the Native Plant Nursery - which is celebrating its 31st anniversary. She is an energetic, articulate and knowledgeable professional with advanced degrees, a strong scientific background and a wealth of practical knowledge of Sanibel's ecology. She writes an informative column in our local newspaper, is a consultant to the Periwinkle Partnership, leads an internship program for college students, participates in educational programs and partners with the City of Sanibel Department of Natural Resources.

She will provide specimens of these new and under-utilized native plants and will also use a power point visual presentation.

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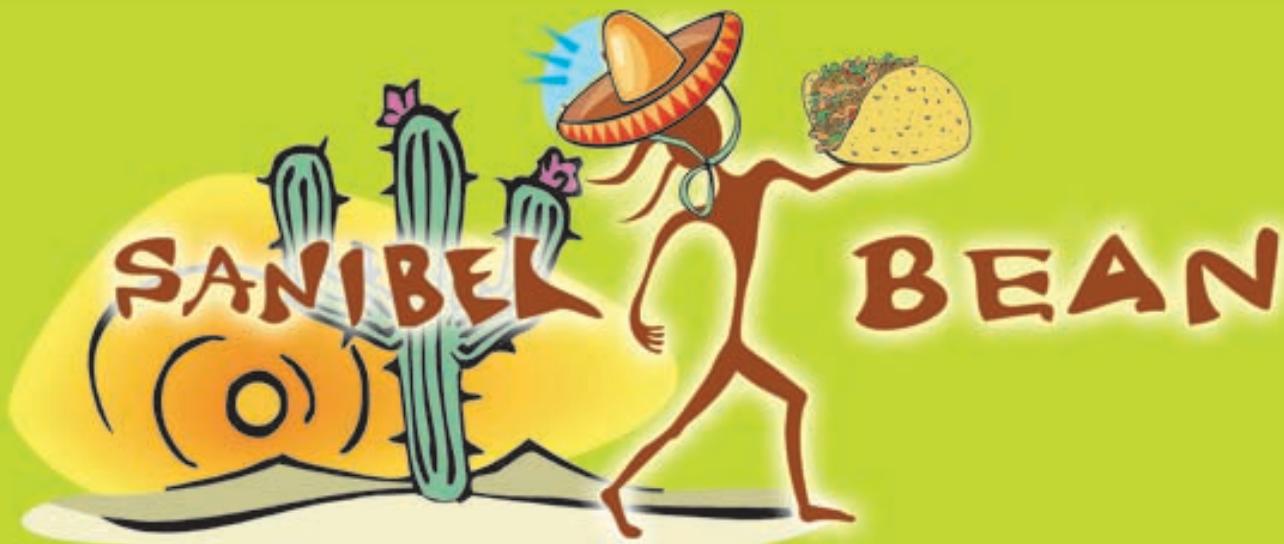
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Although these images seem far away, for some it is much closer to home. There are approximately 50,000 Haitians living in Southwest Florida and quite a few working here on Sanibel. Some of which have children who are still missing or have died in the earthquake. They are an integral part of the community.

The Sanibel School will be hosting a Change for Haiti campaign from Wednesday, January 20 until Wednesday, February 3. The hope is to raise funds for the victims in Haiti and increase global awareness while encouraging a sense of compassion among the children at The Sanibel School.

A collection box will be available in every classroom and children are encouraged to donate their loose change.

Parents and members of the public are welcome to drop off any additional donations at the school office on Sanibel-Captiva Road.*

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A Flip-Flop For You With Clue #2



This week's prize, furnished by Lily & Co., is a sterling silver Larimar flip flop pendant on an 18" chain valued at \$155. To win, you'll have to do a little fipping and flopping too.

Unscramble the list of words and use the numbered letters from each word to make the location of the first clue for this week's prize.

This is week two of Sanibel Sea School's Sea Fandango scavenger hunt. This year, as with last year, Lily & Co. is the master sponsor. Each week a clue will be published in the paper and posted online at sanibelseaschool.org.

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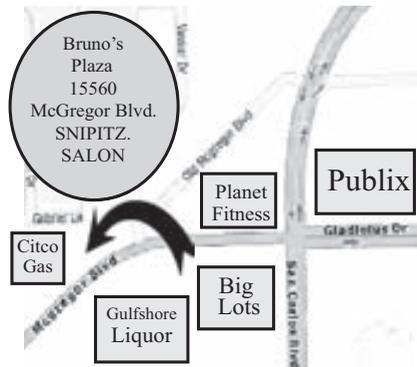


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Zonta Distributes \$52,000 In Grants

submitted by Sue Denham

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva has distributed \$52,000 in grants to its service partners and projects, the proceeds from the 2009 Peek at the Unique home tour, the club's signature event.

President Carolyn Gray noted that this is the largest amount ever made in local grants: "This was made possible by the wonderful support we received from Sanibel businesses, restaurants and individuals, and the Peekers themselves," she said. "We have a rigorous process for determining grants, making sure the funds are wisely spent to improve the quality of life for women on the island, in Lee County and elsewhere." In addition to local grants, the club has pledged \$18,880 to Zonta International for 2010 global initiatives.

This year's grant recipients are:

GRACE (Guatemalan Rural Adult and Children's Education): \$5,000 for workshops in Guatemala to prevent human trafficking; HTAP (Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships): \$1,000 for Web site upgrade and \$3,600 for art/theater projects involving young adults in Lee County; FISH of Sanibel: \$4,500 for client emergency help; City of Sanibel Recreation Center: \$5,200 to fund three children of eligible single moms for after school and summer programs; CHR of Sanibel: \$7,500 toward closing costs on



Zonta members recently hosted a "fashion overhaul" event for women residing in CHR homes on the island, one of many local service projects designed to benefit women

home purchase for below-market rate eligible single moms; PACE Center for Girls Lee County: \$6,000 for co-pays for at-risk girls' health care costs and \$3,200 for computer software; SWFAS (Southwest Florida Addiction Services): \$6,700 to help eligible women to attend college and \$3,300 for two new computers plus software; and Literacy Council of Lee County: \$6,000 for materials for 36 women to gain literacy skills focused on health education.

The 2009 Peek, a guided tour of four unique island homes, raised almost \$70,000 through the generosity and vision of many donors. The committee which is currently soliciting support for the 2010 Peek (set for Saturday, March 13), gratefully thanks once more these

generous contributors. They ranged from house sponsors at \$2,000 each to small businesses placing ads in the keepsake program book. Other businesses provided Peek Perks coupons offering discounts to those who attended the tour. There were individual donors recognized in Friends of Zonta pages in the program book. The club also received generous in-kind contributions of delicious food and beverages from island restaurants and caterers. Six generous donors gave exciting prizes for the Chance at the Unique raffle, an innovation which raises more dollars each year and which will be repeated in 2010.



Zontian Wendy West at a recent event offering free services by other Zonta members.

For a complete list, visit www.zontasancap.com.

"Now in its ninth year, A Peek at the Unique is truly a community event supported by the entire community," said Orlene Shimberg, 2010 co-chair. Tickets for the tour will go on sale to the general public at the beginning of February and typically sell out fast.

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

Events at The Community House

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Island Jazz & Dance Band - Monday Nights With Dinner

Monday Nights January 25, Feb 8, 22.
Dinner at 5:45pm, Dancing starts at 7pm

This Monday night jazz dancing and dinner Jan. 25, the dinner will include: spaghetti with meat sauce, meat lasagna, green salad and Italian bread. Dinner sponsored by Bailey's Catering. Dance to jazz standards, big band tunes, and pop favorites by Tom Cooley and friends. Tickets dinner and dance \$15. Dance only \$5. Kiwanis Club will host this evening. Reservations for dinner required, please call the office.

Dancing with the Islands' Stars

Major fundraising dance competition with 6 Island celebrities dancing with professional dance partners. Dancers earn your vote (donations) and are judged on their dance ability. Sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Co.

Dress Rehearsal - Friday January 22, 6:30pm

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Captiva Yacht Club Ladies Lunch



Chanel representative (left) with Libby Hanson, luncheon chairs Marlene Donaldson and Andrea Morton



Janice Smart, Liddy Johnson, Nanelle Wehmann, Pam Rambo and Ellen Mayeron

On Tuesday, January 12 the Captiva Island Yacht Club held a ladies luncheon featuring a Chanel makeup demonstration by Carmen and Anne Marie from Saks of Fort Myers. The ladies learned tips and tricks with makeup and what's new for spring.✱



Come explore our natural world

Beach Walk and Talk

The treasures found on our beaches -- shell egg cases, crab exoskeletons, turtle grass -- all tell stories of tides, winds and currents. Meet at SCCF's Touch Tank before carpooling to the beach. *Thursday, Jan. 28 at 10 a.m.*



Birding at the Preserves

Birders -- both new and experienced -- are welcome to join experienced birders on outings to SCCF preserves. Meet at Pick Preserve. (Located across San-Cap Road from the Recreation Center and Sanibel School; meet in parking lot at the Rec Center.) *Friday, Jan. 29 at 8 a.m. (Jan. 22 at Periwinkle Preserve)*

Local Honeybees: How Are They Doing?

Seems everyone has heard that honeybees are in trouble. Local author and entomologist Tom Allen will give an update on what is happening with our local bees.

Friday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m.



Gator Tales

The biology of alligators is an ancient tale of survival. Florida's history of gators and humans is closely intertwined. Learn about these fascinating creatures and what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. *Wednesday, January 27 at 10 a.m.*

Turtle Tracks

Sanibel had one of the first sea turtle monitoring programs in the country. Learn about the life cycle and habits of the sea turtles that nest on our beaches, SCCF's monitoring activities and what we are doing to protect them.

Thursday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m.



Weeds and Seeds

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Shells Found



Jaiden Serrano(6) and Xander Serrano(9) with their junonia

The Serrano family from Canton, Georgia found a junonia on Honeymoon Island in Dunedin, Florida on December 20. There were lots of beautiful shells washed up on the island from the strong waves.*

Shell Found



Linda Wall

Linda Wall from Shreveport, Louisiana, found this horse conch near Sandollar on a recent Sunday morning at low tide. "I didn't know it was white until I started to clean in Clorox," she said. It was her third visit to Sanibel.*

Shell Found



Tom Poole

Tom Poole of Long Island, New York, found this junonia in front of Sanibel Arms while staying there. "Been coming for 28 years and finally have a junonia," he said.*

Native Plant Tours

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is again offering guided native plant tours of city hall grounds, which have been planted solely with native plants, on the following dates:

January 23, February 10, February 27, March 10, March 27 April 14 and April 24.

Vegetation Committee members will provide information on proper planting and care of native vegetation. The City of Sanibel encourages planting of vegeta-

tion that is indigenous to the area as it requires very little maintenance, no fertilizer, and no supplemental irrigation.

The guided tours begin promptly at 10 a. m. Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front

of the main staircase. For additional information contact the Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.*



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Record Low Temperatures Across State Are Impacting Marine Life

submitted by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Generally in the south we get two- to three-day extended cold temperatures that return to more normal seasonal temperatures soon after. Farmers had to deal with low temperatures to try to save their temperate-tropical crops. Record low air temperatures were recorded all over the state.

For example Tampa International Airport broke a record as temperature dipped to 27°F. The previous record low for the day was 30° in 1999. Temperatures at Plant City were at 25°, Clewiston, 27°, Fort Pierce and Immokalee, 29° and Belle Glade was at 34°. Miami hit a new record low as temperatures dipped to 36°, breaking the old record of 37°, which was set in 1927. Key West also set a new record low for the day at 42°.

Water temperatures generally take longer to drop as air temperatures decline, given the unique characteristics of water. For example, water's density in its solid form (ice) is less than its liquid form. Hence, ice floats when frozen allowing lake animals to survive below in its unfrozen depths. Water also has a high specific heat, meaning it can absorb a lot of heat (energy) before its temperature rises or boils. This same process is why water temperatures lagged significantly behind the record low air temperatures, especially near



Image taken by Dr. Richard Bartleson of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation at the Sanibel boat ramp. Species include gulf menhaden, scaled sardine, cowfish, filefish, moharra, penfish, ladyfish, calfish, mullet, pompano, tarpon, spadefish, triggerfish, trip-tail, ocellated moray, mangrove snapper, silversides, grunt, and snook.

the coast where the gulf moderates changes.

The extended cold temperatures we experienced are impacting not only marine mammals, but also large and small fish as well as invertebrates. In St. Joe Bay, Florida they are experiencing a major sea turtle cold-stunning-event and are dealing with finding, collecting, and transporting stunned turtles to a rehabilitation facility. Locally we are dealing with significant impacts to turtles and manatees.

SCCF's Recon shows the extent and tempo of this rapid temperature decline. Water temperatures are lower than they have ever been since it came online in late

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Bald Eagle Sculpture

Sprankle previously carved an American bald eagle for the White House, which President George W. Bush enjoyed so much during his years in the Oval Office that he included it in the select list of items he took back to Texas.

"I feel very honored and fortunate to have a piece of my art here at CROW, and to have Wayne and Linda Boyd and Bob Wigley and Ann Moran make it possible with their generous donation," said Sprankle.

Sprankle joked with Dr. PJ that the bird would not add to her patient load at the clinic. "You will never have to worry about putting this eagle on the operating table!" he told her.

Dan Hahn and Kevin Vertesch of Hahn Construction volunteered to build a large pedestal for the bird.

Wigley and Boyd are both board members at CROW, and have been instrumental in fundraising, and building and maintaining the cages on the property.

"We're very proud and pleased to do this," said Wigley. "The education building is brand new, and when you come out of the elevator the eagle is the first thing you see. It fits very well in here."

"It's awesome," added Boyd. "They work on bald eagles here, and so people can see what they actually look like. It seemed like a natural to have it at CROW!"

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Resident Works On Environmental Reading Program For Kids



Charlotte Cadman reading to her class

by Brian Johnson

After an inspiring trip to Africa this past year, area resident Judy Cadman is attempting to launch a reading program for children on environmental topics for Sanibel and other parts of Southwest Florida.

Cadman, a former CROW volunteer, went to visit her daughter in Malawi in May. She had several exciting experiences. One was visiting the Lilongwe Wildlife Center, where she met the manager, Lee Stewart, and gave him a copy of the book *Amazing Animal Stories From CROW*. Their discussions about wildlife rehab led to his trip to Sanibel in December of 2009 to speak at The Community House and visit CROW.

While in Malawi she visited her granddaughter Charlotte's school, where they happened to be reading *Dear Children of the Earth* by Schim Schimmel. The class was spellbound by the tale, which took the form of a letter.

"They were mesmerized by the drawings, and oohed and aaahed over the story," said Cadman. "On one page the narrator asked, 'Do you know how to save the earth?' and one little girl at the back of the room said, 'Love!' And that was in fact the answer on the following page."

Cadman left Africa with a desire to help promote reading about environmental topics, and has since met with CROW, the Nature Conservancy and other organizations about basing a reading program on *Dear Children of the Earth*. She plans to approach "Ding" Darling as well as Sanibel bookstores.

"It has gorgeous illustrations and a simple yet powerful message that kids can understand about their role and responsibility in taking care of Mother Earth," added Cadman.✧



Judy Cadman

Yard Sales At The Sanibel School

Sanibel School middle schoolers will be having two yard sales again this year to raise money for upcoming field trips. The yard sales will be on January 30 and February 27 from 8 a.m. to noon in the school pavilion. These events are open to the public.

All middle school families are invited to participate. Each family is responsible for their own set-up, clean-up and money collection.

Call Sandy Messinger at 395-9207 for more information. The Sanibel School is at 3830 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✧

Science At Sea Cruise To Help Marine Lab

Captiva Cruises will be offering a special educational program entitled Science at Sea on Thursday, January 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This two-hour cruise will be aboard Captiva Cruise's 24-passenger sailing catamaran and will be a hands-on scientific inquiry suitable and fun for all ages.

If you have ever dreamed or wondered what it would be like to be a marine biologist, this trip will answer those questions. Scientific equipment will be used to measure the salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen and clarity of the water. Crab traps and a plankton net will be hauled in for observation and there will be discussion about some of the inhabitants of the waters surrounding Sanibel and Captiva.

This program is an excellent way to learn about the impacts to water quality and how marine biologists measure the health of the back bay estuary ecosystem. The data and observations recorded on the trip will be added to the cumulative research of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) Marine Laboratory. A portion of the proceeds will help The Marine Lab in its ongoing research. Richard Finkel, environmental educator with Captiva Cruises, will be conducting this program. Space is limited so reservations are required by calling 472-5300.*

Shell Found



Sue Dean

Sue Dean of Powder Springs, Georgia found a junonia past Sea Side Villas, before the light-house, while staying at Sandalfoot Condominiums. She found the shell several feet from the water's edge on the sand. She has been coming to the island since 1993.*

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Program On Nile Monitor Lizards



Nile monitor lizard

Following documented sightings of a Nile monitor lizard on Sanibel, the city of Sanibel implemented the Exotic Lizard Management Program in 2007 to protect bird, gopher tortoise, and sea turtle nests. In 2008 a seven-foot Nile monitor lizard was found dead floating in a Sanibel lake. Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Herpetologist Chris Lechowicz performed a necropsy on the lizard which thankfully was a male, and the cause of death was not determined. There have been no other documented sightings of this invasive lizard on island, but according to best guess estimates, the population of this swimming, tree climbing, egg and bird eating lizard in Cape Coral could be 2,200 plus.

On Friday, January 22 at 10 a.m. Conny Spurfeld will give a presentation about Nile monitor lizards. Spurfeld was the lead in a German documentary, which was filmed in Cape Coral and the lizard's native Africa. She is presently an

intern at "Ding" Darling but previously worked with the Cape Coral Nile Monitor Eradication Program.

The cost is \$5 with SCCF members and children attending for free.*

Gator Tales



Frog hangs onto the jaws of a young gator

The biology of alligators is an ancient tale of survival. Florida's history of gators and humans is closely intertwined. To learn about these fascinating creatures and what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival, attend Gator Tales on Wednesday, January 27 at 10 a.m. in the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation auditorium. Call 472-2329 for more information.

This program is free to all. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

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Learn How Honey Bees Are Doing



Honeybees

Seems everyone has heard that honeybees are in trouble but what is happening with our local bees? Have the Africanized honeybees made it into our local hives? On Friday, January 29 at 10 a.m., local author and Entomologist Tom Allen will be at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation to provide an update on what is happening with local bee populations. Allen has collaborated on this program with local Bee Alert beekeeper, Keith Council who has hives on island but also traps and removes bee colonies without killing them. The cost of the program is \$5 with SCCF members and children attending for free.*

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Program On Human Uses For Native Plants

Seminole Indians traditionally harvested and made an arrowroot-like starch from the underground stem of the Florida coontie plant. Learn how the use of the harvesting grounds of this plant played a role in the Seminole wars on Tuesday, January 26 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF).

Following the Human Uses of Florida's Native Plants program, take a tour of the ethnobotany garden and watch palm frond baskets being made.

The cost of the program is \$5 with SCCF members and children admitted free. Call 472-2329 for more information.*



Seminole herbalist makes arrowroot

Audubon Sponsored Birding Class

Learn How to Bird the Refuge with Dr. Harold Johnstone on Wednesday, January 27 at 9:15 a.m. Johnstone will conduct a one-hour session in Auditorium B at "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center followed by a tour of the refuge to put your new knowledge to work.

The class is limited to 30 participants and is designed to help beginning and intermediate birders learn tips for increasing their bird-watching enjoyment. Bring your binoculars.

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Pine Island Safe Boating Course

The Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron (SCSPS) is a non-profit organization which promotes safe boating through education.

The Bokeelia Boat Club on Pine Island called on SCSPS to provide a safe boating course. Forty Bokeelia boat club members are now trained to be safer boaters.

Subjects covered included: vessel types, boat terms, power plants, VHF

radio, knots, aids to navigation, sound signals, boat handling, government regulations, navigation rules, weather, adverse conditions and emergencies, trailoring, personal watercraft, adequate boat equipment, man overboard, fire and fog.

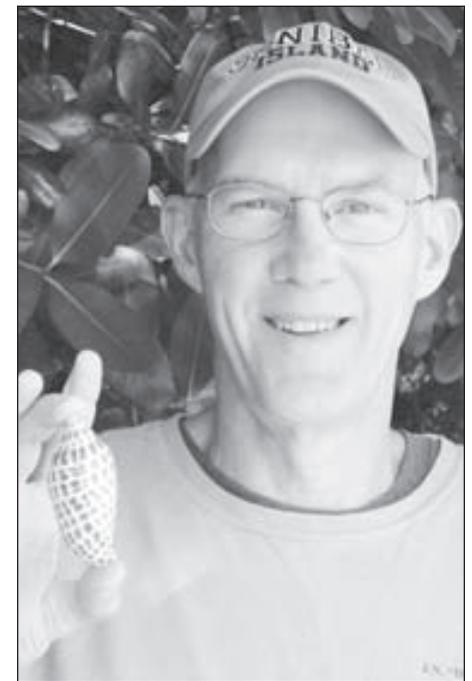
Upon completion of the course a closed book proctored examination was given. Those passing receive a certificate of successfully completing the course. Current Florida law requires anyone born after 1987 to have the certificate to operate a power boat.

The 40 members of the boat club were divided into five groups of eight

boaters. Some were relatively new to boating while others were experienced. Therefore each group of eight was in a position to ask the proctor questions or to discuss an issue. Students indicated that they felt every boater should take the course. The group was very enthusiastic.

The same course will be held for the public on Saturday, February 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Library. To register or for information contact Jeanne at 395-3299 or Joanne at 590-0735.*

Shell Found



Jim Luebbers

Jim Luebbers of Portage Lakes, Ohio found a junonia at Middle Gulf Beach while staying at Clamshell Condominiums. He said, "I love coming to Sanibel and feel lucky to say that this is my second junonia."*

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CROW Case Of The Week: Sea Turtles Part II



by Brian Johnson

The sea turtles continued to arrive at CROW last week during the final stages of a cold snap that brought an estimated 1,800 of the endangered creatures to the attention of officials across Florida. Sea turtle facilities around the state have been maxed out, and sea turtles have had their pictures splashed across newspapers such as the *Orlando Sentinel*.

As of press time, CROW has received a total of 13 sea turtles during this period. Three greens came in on January 12, another green on the 13th, a loggerhead DOA on the 14th, and a green on the 15th. Fortunately they reported no new arrivals for the

next four days; the spigot may have been turned off.

"This cold snap came so fast and lasted so long that it surprised us and them," said Dr. Amber McNamara.

Some may have been trapped before swimming toward the Caribbean later in the winter; others may not have planned to migrate at all.

The turtles have found safe haven at CROW. Staff has set up a MASH unit for the turtles all around the new hospital; in order to gradually warm them up, they have created zones with 70 degrees, 75 degrees, and 80 degrees. McNamara said it takes about three to four days to safely elevate the body temperature of each turtle from a carapace-chilling 50-60 degrees to their normal 78 degrees.

Once they have recuperated for several days in a bin with towels and fleece coverings, they are moved into 900-gallon salt water tanks, which are kept at about 75 degrees. Normally they keep these solitary marine nomads in their own tank, but necessity has forced CROW to put two and three of them together. So far, the arrangement has worked out okay.

"They are doing really well," said Dr. Amber. "We offered them food over the weekend, and they ate smelt and other fish. They are pretty hungry."

All the sea turtles are in good body condition and have no other injuries to worry about. Not much is known about treating hypothermic turtles, so the staff is following existing protocol and watching them closely.

CROW recently sent four turtles up the coast to Mote Marine Laboratory, which had extra space in their tanks.

The influx of turtles has created one of the more "labor intensive" situations seen at CROW in recent memory. Staff is constantly cleaning the tanks and rotating the

turtles through the complex and the hospital; they must also keep up with the extensive paperwork required by the state of Florida for sea turtles.

"Everyone has been pitching in, we've had great teamwork," said Dr. Amber.

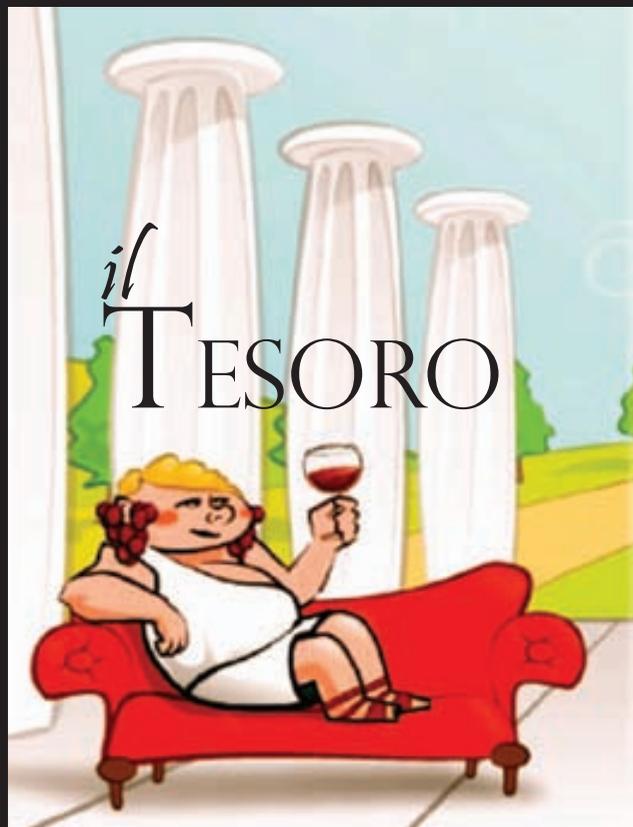
They don't have a timeline for the release, but the remaining greens and hawksbill are now out of danger and steadily gaining strength. With the Gulf of Mexico warming up, they could be ready to go before the end of January.

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(Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: www.crowclinic.org.



Swim lessons are finished and Dr. McNamara and the sea turtle are both satisfied



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Cold Snap Was An Epic Event



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The record prolonged cold snap really did a number on our fishery. Dead or dying fish can still be spotted all over the sound either stunned, floating or lying

on the bottom. With so many different types of fish hit hard by the coldest water temperatures recorded in our area in at least 25 years, I think it's going to take a long time for our fishery to bounce back to what it was.

Living here almost 30 years I have never seen a fish kill caused by the cold like this one before. Ladyfish, mullet, snook, grouper, tarpon, jacks and pompano seemed to be hit the hardest by the record cold. What this big fish kill has done to our snook fishery will only be told as time goes by.

With so many snook killed during this once-in-a-lifetime epic cold snap it's not hard to tell what effect this is going to have on the fishery. Snook fishing will bounce back but how long it will take is anyone's guess. On January 15, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission cancelled snook season and closed tarpon and bonefish season.

Other species did do much better with the cold. Redfish, seatrout and sheepshead were all found in large numbers this week. Schools of trout were easy to locate but not so easy to get to feed. Numerous shallow potholes around the grass flats held large numbers of bigger trout in the 20-inch plus size. The trout seemed to be just laid up sunning in crystal clear water and as conditions warm these fish will begin to feed again.

Redfish fishing was good again, with limits taken every time I fished. There are lots of smaller rat reds around with a few keepers in the mix. The reds I am cleaning for clients have all been really fat for their size and generally filled with small crabs. Finding the reds has not been that easy but once they are located it's been non-stop action. Pulling a dozen or so out from one hole has been the norm. Live shrimp fished slow on the bottom

is all the reds will eat for me right now. All those I caught this week have been on the Sanibel-Captiva side of Pine Island Sound. "Ding" Darling has been a good bet along with the Blind Pass area and Roosevelt Channel. The morning incoming tide worked best for me on the reds with the bite slowing as the tide gets high and then begins to fall out.

Sheepshead fishing has been the best action in town with these fish just loving the cold temperatures. With so many around they have been the go-to species for me when redfishing has slowed. I like to use small chunks of shrimp double-hooked on small, very sharp hooks. Look for sheepshead anyplace close to structures with good moving current. Docks and structures around the passes are always holding fish along with deeper mangrove shorelines.

Not only can these fish be found all over inshore right now, they are also loaded on the nearshore wrecks and reefs. Some of the bigger sheepshead of the year will be caught in big numbers out in the 20- to 30-foot depth range.



Blake Desantos with a nice sheepshead caught last week

State cancels snook season, see page 33 in the *Island Sun*.

Capt. Matt Mitchell moved to Sanibel in 1980 and has fished local waters for more than 25 years. He now lives in St. James City and has worked as a back country fishing guide for more than 10 years. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.*

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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









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Refuge Lecture Series Kicks Off With Butterflies

The eagerly awaited eight-week "Ding" Darling Bookstore Lecture Series kicks off January 28 with Tom Allen, a biologist for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and wildlife author, who will speak on Butterflies Around Us.

Other highlights this season include Theodore Cross, whose waterbirds photographic study has won notice in *The New York Times* and on NPR's *All Things Considered*; and an evening lecture at BIG ARTS starring presidential biographer Douglas Brinkley. The season's complete schedule is listed below.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) sponsors the series. Visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org for lecture updates or call 472-1100 ext. 241.

- January 28 - Tom Allen - Butterflies Around Us
- February 4 - Mark "Bird" Westall - Exploring the Backwaters of "Ding"
- February 11 - Theodore Cross - Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding Adventures*
- February 18 - Gary Schmelz and Glen Stacell - A Guide to Native Wildflowers of Southwest Florida*
- February 25 - Tom Allen - Owls of Florida



Biologist Tom Allen will talk about butterflies at the refuge's Lecture Series kick-off

- March 4 - No afternoon program - Douglas Brinkley - Wilderness Warrior; Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* Program is at BIG ARTS, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 at BIG ARTS box office
 - March 11 - Charles Sobczak - Living Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands*
 - March 18 - Rick Bonney - Citizen Birding, Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- All lectures begin at 1 p.m. in the refuge Education Center auditorium, and admission is free with the exception of the March 4 special evening program.

Book signings follow all of the starred (*) lectures. Seating for the 1 p.m. lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis.

DDWS is a non-profit, friends-of-the-refuge organization that supports the Education Center, "Ding" Darling Days, and other educational programs at the refuge.

To join DDWS and become a friend of the refuge, stop in at the refuge Education Center or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

Native Plant Tours

The City of Sanibel Vegetation Committee is again offering guided native plant tours of city hall grounds, which have been planted solely with native plants, on the following dates:

January 23, February 10, February 27, March 10, March 27 April 14 and April 24.

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

The guided tours begin promptly at 10 a. m. Registration is not required. Attendees meet at the main entrance to City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, in front of the main staircase. For additional information contact the Sanibel Natural Resources Department at 472-3700.*

SCCF Day Trip To Sugarland

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) is pairing up with the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce for a Sugarland Tour on February 17. The trip includes a walk through sugar cane fields, a view of the sugar processing mill and also a view of one of the world's most advanced citrus plants. Lunch at the Clewiston Inn is also included.

From the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, people will be transported in a 24-passenger bus. This trip presents a very rare opportunity to actually see the inner workings of an operational sugar refinery. Because you will actually be inside the mill while it is in operation, the wearing of hairnets is required. The hairnets will be provided. Close toed shoes are required, as well of removal of all jewelry with the exception of wedding rings. Inside the refinery gum, tobacco, food, drink, cameras and clothing with sequins and glitter are all prohibited.

After the four-hour bus tour, SCCF participants will meet Mary Ann Martin at the Roland Martin's Marina. Martin has been featured in local PBS television programs, serves on the Water Resources Advisory Board for the South Florida Water Management District and assists in the management of the famous Roland Martin's Marina. The lake she loves is famous for bass fishing.

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Kiwanis News



Milissa Sprecher



Mike Cuscaden

submitted by Eric Pfeifer

Kiwanis was proud to present a check last week to The Sanibel School's annual Seahorse Festival. Milissa Sprecher joined us last week to accept a donation to the school to support their annual fundraising efforts. The Seahorse Festival raises money to help support the art and music classes as well as after school programs. Although Milissa tried to sneak in and out quickly, she had to endure the unharmonious *Happy Birthday* serenades to Tom (Meatball) Sharbaugh, Chuck Budreck, Dick McNeill, and our newly appointed planning commissioner, Chris Heidrick.

This week there were no birthdays admitted to by the members, but Barry Roth gave us his 34th follow-up to the successful New Year's Eve party at the recreation center by using his old "ambu-

lance chasing wear 'em down 'till they cave" technique. If you happened to sponsor the party and still have a sign hanging up at the Rec. Center, watch out for Barry.

Mike Cuscaden was our guest speaker this week, talking about Community Housing & Resources, Inc. CHR has been a non-profit on Sanibel for 30 years. It provides below market rate housing to those who qualify based on their income. There currently are individuals or families in 79 units and the goal on Sanibel is to have 104 units occupied. These units are houses, apartments and duplexes, and they are situated on 14 different sites around the island.

Did you know that Francis Bailey donated the first site and Mariner Properties donated the first dwelling units to CHR? Qualified candidates can acquire the properties through a rental, lease-purchase or purchase, but when they sell, they must sell back to CHR. Kiwanis is proud to support Mike and his staff in helping families find housing on the island.

Please start your training now for the Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner on February 27. Hope to see you there.*

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is located on the southern rim of Lake Okeechobee which connects to the Caloosahatchee. Improving the health of the lake will contribute greatly to improving conditions in Pine Island Sound during and after tropical storms and hurricanes. Building a greater understanding of the challenges faced upstream strengthens broader-based greater Everglades restoration efforts.

After the 2004-2005 water releases down the Caloosahatchee, most people looked upstream and blamed the lake and the surrounding agricultural activities for the precipitous decline in water quality. Since then, although there are problems with water quality in the lake, there are also problems in our own backyard – the 700,000-acre Caloosahatchee watershed that straddles and flows into the river. Consider the fact that there are over 70,000 septic tanks in this area and that street runoff eventually finds its way into the estuary.

Five years ago, Clewiston, La Belle, Moore Haven and other communities were blamed for all the troubles. SCCF is working to build relationships to find commonalities. This is an opportunity to get to know your upstream neighbors in their own element.

Call SCCF for more information or to reserve your place. Prepayment is required 10 days in advance. Call 472-2329. The trip is being coordinated by Kristie Anders.*

Style Show And Auction To Benefit Museum



Stepping Out for the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

Sanibel Then and Now will be the theme of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village's gala luncheon, style show and auction set for February 16 at the Captiva Island Yacht Club.

Fashions from the 1800s to the present will be highlighted, while Chico's, Eileen Fisher Boutique, and The Lucky Dog will show off the latest in island wear. Lily and Co., Inc. Jewelry Gallery will showcase one of their designers, Marya Dabrowski, who will be in attendance and offer one of her pieces for the auction.



Volunteers Nancy McNeil, Dottie Miller, Gayle Pence, Blair Wyatt and Nanette Laurion gathered to select vintage outfits for the Historical Museum's luncheon, style show and auction

Other items up for auction will include a lunch with Sam Bailey at the village, a child's Adirondack chair and table hand-painted by artist Jaye Boswell and an original oil painting, *The Old Village*, painted onsite at the village by artist Peter Zell. A silent auction, featuring gifts and services from island merchants and resorts, will continue during the event, with the lucky winners being announced at the end. Artist JoAnne Bedient's delightful ceramic shoes, which will be available for purchase, will serve as whimsical table centerpieces.

Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation formed to preserve and promote island history. The village is open on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). For more information call 472-4648 during business hours.*



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Florida Rep Opens BIG ARTS Live Theater Season with *Opus*



Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo

Florida Rep cast of *Opus*

The Florida Repertory will perform the play *Opus* on Thursday, January 28 at 8 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

Opus, a play by violist-turned-playwright Michael Hollinger, tells a story in a world he knows well – an insider’s look at a high-strung string quartet going through changes in program and personnel.

The tension in the play unfolds as a fictional world-renowned string quartet struggles to prepare for its highest-profile performance, a televised ceremony for the President of the United States. The violist, and founder of the quartet, mysteriously disappears. When a young woman is hired as the replacement, her musical gifts inspire the musicians and they decide on short notice to abandon their friendly Pachelbel *Canon* program and to replace it with Beethoven’s difficult *Opus 131*. The rehearsal room becomes a pressure cooker as passions rise, personalities clash, and the musi-

cians are forced to tackle the ephemeral nature of their life’s work.

Opus was awarded the 2006 Barrymore Award for Outstanding New Play and Outstanding Direction of a Play by Terrence J. Nolan for its world premiere in Philadelphia. The play has adult content.

Florida Repertory Theatre is a not-for-profit theatre group headed by Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo. Formed in 1998, the ensemble-based company is a continuation of the troupe that Cacioppo developed for more than a decade on Sanibel and Captiva, chiefly at the Pirate Playhouse.

Tickets for general seating are \$35, student \$15. To purchase tickets call Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*

Actor Gives Insight Into Play

by Di Saggau



The On Stage Committee for BIG ARTS is bringing an encore Florida Repertory Theatre performance to Schein Hall on January 28. *Opus* is a play that allows the audience inside the world of classi-

cal music along with the five musicians. It’s an elaborate game of musical chairs with an unanticipated twist. I had the opportunity to talk to one of the actors, Chris Clavelli, about the show. He told me the strongest message to the audience is that life is meaningless without passion.

“Whatever it is in your life that is your passion, pay homage to it and respect it. That’s what elevates humanity, to apply

ourselves to something that is worthy. In this play it happens to be Beethoven.”

One of the remarkable things about the actors is the choreographic precision used as they mime their instruments. As the music swells you can feel the emotion within them. Clavelli said that took a lot of work. “It took as least 30 hours of practice for everybody. We had instructions for an hour from a professional and then we just went to work on it.”

In one scene a violin is smashed. Clavelli said to do this, “You pay for it, you buy a new violin for every performance.” The relationships between the five musicians are fascinating and sometimes volatile.

Their intense rehearsals give us insights into what musicians go through as they strive for perfection.

In addition to being a classy and sophisticated study of group dynamics, the play is also very funny with incredibly witty dialogue.

If you missed *Opus* at Florida Rep, be sure to see it Thursday, January 28, when On Stage brings it to BIG ARTS.*



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Snook Season Cancelled, Tarpon Season Closed

Florida anglers eagerly anticipating snook season February 1 are facing disappointment. The state has cancelled snook season until September to protect the popular gamefish.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has issued executive orders to protect Florida's snook, bonefish and tarpon fisheries from further harm caused by the recent prolonged cold weather in the state, which has caused widespread saltwater fish kills.

The orders also will allow people to legally dispose of dead fish in the water and on the shore

The order also establishes a temporary prohibition on the harvest and possession of bonefish and tarpon from state and federal waters off Florida through March 31, unless these fisheries are opened sooner or the closures are extended by subsequent order.

One of the executive orders temporarily extends closed fishing seasons for snook statewide until September. It also establishes temporary statewide closed seasons for bonefish and tarpon until April because of the prolonged natural cold weather event that caused significant, widespread mortality of saltwater fish in Florida. The other order temporarily suspends certain saltwater fishing regulations to allow people to collect and dispose of dead fish killed by the cold weather.

"A proactive, precautionary approach is warranted to preserve our valuable snook, bonefish and tarpon resources, which are among Florida's premier game fish species," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto. "Extending the snook closed season and temporarily closing bonefish and tarpon fishing will protect surviving snook that spawn in the spring and will give our research scientists time to evaluate the extent of damage that was done to snook, bonefish and tarpon stocks during the unusual cold-weather period we recently experienced in Florida."

Snook season currently is closed in Florida under regular FWC rules, and there are also regular closed snook seasons that occur in the summer. However, the FWC executive order extends the statewide snook closed seasons continuously through August 31 and provides that no person may harvest or possess snook in state and federal waters off Florida during this period unless the fishery is opened sooner or the closure is extended by subsequent order.

The orders took effect January 16

The state has also temporarily removed specific harvest regulations for all dead

saltwater fish of any species that have died as a result of prolonged exposure to cold weather in Florida waters. It also modifies methods of taking dead fish from Florida's shoreline and from the water to allow the collection of saltwater fish by hand, cast net, dip net or seine. In addition, people taking dead fish are not required to possess a saltwater fishing license.

However, these fish may not be sold or consumed, but must be immediately be disposed of in compliance with local safety, health and sanitation requirements.✪

COTI Opposes Expansion Of Offshore Drilling

The board of directors of the Committee of the Islands (COTI) has unanimously approved a resolution opposing expansion of offshore oil drilling in the coastal waters of Florida.

President Jim LaVelle said the COTI board feels strongly that the environmental risks of such drilling are incompatible with the vision statement of the City of Sanibel, which is to guard against activities which have the potential to harm sensitive habitats on and around the islands. The potential also exists to injure tourism, on which our island's economic health is dependent, LaVelle said.

"The risks of oil spills in our coastal waters which are subject to hurricanes are significant," according to the board's statement. "COTI does not believe that claims that spills will not occur are valid;

in fact spills did occur during Hurricane Katrina. Further, a major risk from drilling platforms is wastewater, produced in large amounts and containing heavy metals including mercury, known to affect human health.

COTI, an organization with over 500 members, active on Sanibel for the past 35 years, urges citizens to contact their elected representatives – city, county, state and federal – to oppose efforts to expand drilling off the coast of Florida.✪

SCCF Trail Walks

On Monday through Friday at 11 a.m., you can take a guided walk where the bobcats and otters roam at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The walk is also offered on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Climb the tower that overlooks the Sanibel River and the everglades-like grasslands SCCF has preserved for wildlife.

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- Thursday, January 28 • 8 PM
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- Friday, January 29 • 8 AM
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- Monday, February 1 • 7 PM
Film Series: Every Little Step

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Opera And Broadway

Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, The Pacific Symphony, Berkeley Symphony, The New West Symphony, The Florida Philharmonic, The Naples Philharmonic, and The Durham Symphony.

Hill was chosen by legendary film composer Jerry Goldsmith to record the title track *The Mission* which opens Paramount's Blockbuster film *The Sum of All Fears*.

Baritone Ryan Taylor recently performed the role of Sharples in *Madame Butterfly* and in Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* in Fort Worth Opera's Inaugural Festival Season, celebrating the company's 60th Anniversary. He has previously sung Germont in *La Traviata* with the Bar Harbor Music Festival, Dandini in *La Cenerentola* with Opera Carolina and Opera San Antonio, Marcello in *La Bohème* with Jacksonville Symphony and Dayton Opera, Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte* with Piedmont Opera, and the Bar Harbor Music Festival.

On the concert platform, he has appeared in the *Holocaust Cantata*, *Songs and Dances of Death*, Handel's *Messiah*, Mahler's Symphony No. 8, Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*, Schubert's *Mass in G Major*, Saint-Saëns' *Oratorio de Noël*, and the *Fauré and Duruflé Requiems*.

The concert is sponsored by FineMark National Bank and Trust.

Tickets are general, \$36; loge, \$41;

students, free. They are available at the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*

Local Art Gallery To Help Haitian Man Get Home

Sanibel Art & Frame has 10 original Haitian paintings on canvas to sell. They will donate half of the proceeds to Odiles Desamours "DEDE" to help fund his trip back to Haiti. He has a wife and children which are alive but he has lost many family members. He plans to bring food and supplies to his family. Odiles has lived in Southwest Florida and worked on Sanibel for 12 years in several restaurants.

The paintings are very colorful and cheerful. Own a bright piece of art and help someone at the same time.

Sanibel Art & Frame is located 630 Tarpon Bay Road, next to Over Easy Cafe. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for more information, 395-1350.*

Our E-Mail address is
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Call To Artists For Recycle It Exhibit

BIG ARTS invites visual artists to submit entries for its February Recycle It exhibit. Entries must be hand delivered to BIG ARTS Tuesday, February 2. More information and prospectus is available at BIG ARTS offices, or at www.BIGARTS.org.

A Juror's Talk with Jo-Ann Lizio, artist and Naples gallery owner will be held in Phillips Gallery, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 2.

Entry fee for up to two submissions is \$25 for current BIG ARTS members, \$30 for non-members.

The artwork must utilize recycled materials. No mechanically produced reproductions will be allowed. All wall artwork must be wired and ready to hang. Wall art must not exceed 42 inches in any direction. All work must have been created within the last two years and not previously exhibited at BIG ARTS.

Awards will be given to first place (\$800), second place (\$500) and third place (\$300). All works must be available for purchase. The exhibit will remain open from February 4 through March 1.

Recycle It is supported by Visual Arts Patron Season Sponsors June Rosner and Russ Bilgore.

For further information about this exhibit, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*



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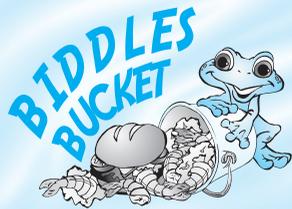





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International Performing Arts On The Island



Wynton Marsalis, Willie Nelson and Norah Jones in concert

BIG ARTS has penned a partnership agreement with DigiScreen Corporation to bring international performing arts companies to the big screen in Schein Performance Hall.

Chuck Bonser, BIG ARTS president, has recruited volunteer Meri Kulina to help roll out the new program. Bonser said, "This new effort is made possible by our recent agreement with DigiScreen Corporation. Our new technology, and their extensive digital programming base, will enable us to bring a whole new dimension of quality entertainment to our community. We are grateful that such a talented leader as Meri has accepted this important new responsibility for BIG ARTS."

"This is pioneering a new direction for BIG ARTS," said Kulina. "Being at the forefront of the burgeoning digital platform will allow us to bring ballets, operas, Shakespeare and selected concerts from Covent Garden, La Scala, Paris Opera, Sidney Opera, the Globe Theater and even Jazz at Lincoln Center, to our island audience."

"BIG ARTS is embracing this new opportunity as it enables us to reach a wider and more diverse audience from the community, as well as opening the minds of people to new creative experiences. This agreement signifies how digital cinema is dramatically changing the viewing experience, enabling audiences to enjoy alternative entertainment that previously was only accessible in live venues," said Lee Ellen Harder, BIG ARTS executive director.

BIG ARTS will kick-start the DigiScreen program with a concert featuring Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis, along with the stunning songstress Norah Jones, performing Ray Charles' hits. The concert event, captured live in 2009 from Jazz at Lincoln Center, includes backstage interviews and rehearsal footage. The concert will be shown in high definition video and digital sound in Schein Performance Hall on Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15.

The concert explores the legacy of Ray Charles, cleverly sequencing the songs to tell the story of a love affair from beginning to end and beyond. The program begins with *Hallelujah I Love Her So*, played with a New Orleans feel. Other favorites, *Hit the Road Jack* and *You Are My Sunshine, That's All, Unchain My Heart*, and *Here We Go Again*, are some of the classic Ray Charles favorites performed by this iconic trio of musicians.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Mixed signals could create problems. Make sure your views are presented clearly, and insist others do the same. Don't let an unanswered question go by without a full explanation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial pressures ease, allowing for more budget flexibility. But as the money-wise Bovine will appreciate, thrift still beats out splurging. Expect news from someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting things done is what you do so well. But be careful not to overtax your energy reserves. Take time out to relax or to do something different to help keep them at optimum levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is a good time to satisfy the Moon Child's growing sense of wanderlust. Choose a really special place to go to, with a very special person to share it all with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being in the spotlight. But be careful it doesn't blind you to the truth behind a seemingly wonderful opportunity. Look closer and you might be sadly surprised at what you find.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Isn't it time to take a break from your hectic schedule? Sure it is. And the sooner you do, the sooner you can return fresh and more than ready to take on all those new projects.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family incident can help bring everyone closer, and there's no one who's better at making that happen than you. Accept (indeed, insist on!) help from others to get things off and running.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Long-held habits are often difficult to break.

But the change from how you always did things to how you can do them now can be liberating. So, be flexible and give it a try.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone you met in your professional world last year and thought you would never hear from again could make a sudden reappearance in your life, along with an interesting job offer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, you delight everyone by coming up with a solution for a problem that actually works. On another note, it's not too early to get started on those travel plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Before you go ahead with finalizing your plans for your new project, check them over to see if you can make some improvements or if you can find ways to cut costs.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Fabulous Fish might have been out of the social swim for too long, and it's time you plunge back in. Reinforce your old friendships and be open to starting new ones.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your creative talents help bring beauty to the world and the people in it. On their behalf, thank you.

• On Jan. 30, 1835, Andrew Jackson becomes the first American president to experience an assassination attempt. Richard Lawrence, an unemployed house painter, shot at Jackson, but his gun misfired. A furious 67-year-old Jackson confronted his attacker, clubbing Lawrence several times with his walking cane. A second shot also misfired.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Jan. 27, 1888, the National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C., for "the increase and diffusion of geographical knowledge." Readership of the magazine did not grow, however, until it changed the format to

articles of general interest accompanied by photographs.

• On Jan. 25, 1924, the first Winter Olympics takes off in style at Chamonix in the French Alps. Spectators were thrilled by the ski jump and bobsled, as well as 12 other events involving a total of six sports. The United States came in third, winning its only gold medal in the 500-meter speedskating event.

• On Jan. 26, 1934, producer Samuel Goldwyn buys the film rights to "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum. Goldwyn had intended for Shirley Temple to play Dorothy in the film, but 17-year-old Judy Garland got the part instead.

• On Jan. 31, 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik becomes the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion -- and the only one who suffered such a fate during World War II. Slovik claimed he was "too scared and too nervous" to be a rifleman, and threatened to run away if forced into combat. He deserted the next day.

• On Jan. 29, 1964, Stanley Kubrick's black comic masterpiece, "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," opens in theaters. The movie's popularity was evidence of changing attitudes toward atomic weapons and the concept of nuclear deterrence.

• On Jan. 28, 1978, "Fantasy Island" is created as a follow-up to "The Love Boat" TV series. "Fantasy Island" became a hit and ran for six years. Screen actor Ricardo Montalban played the mysterious host Mr. Roarke, and his diminutive sidekick, Tattoo, was played by dwarf Herve Villechaize.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was American cartoonist, humorist and journalist Kin Hubbard who made the following sage observation: "There's no

secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn't tell you about it?"

• Next time you're in Iowa, you might want to stop by the rural town of Riverside, which touts itself as the future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk. Yep, the *future* birthplace. It seems that "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry asserted that the character of James Tiberius Kirk was born in Iowa, but he didn't specify exactly where. In 1985, the Riverside City Council voted to declare their town the future birthplace of the character, later writing to Roddenberry and receiving his approval. In honor of its newfound claim to fame, the city began hosting an annual Trek Fest, complete with a Spockapalooza battle of the bands.

• If you enjoy cooking, you might have heard of some of the following cookbooks: "Kill It and Grill It," "The Joy of Pickling," "Full of Beans," "The Stinking Cookbook" and "I Can't Believe It's Not Meat!" Then again, maybe not.

• The term "bric-a-brac," usually used to refer to a collection of tawdry trinkets, comes from the French, where its original meaning was "at random."

Most parents of small children know that trampolines can be dangerous, and they are. Every year, nearly 100,000 people receive emergency-room treatment for injuries sustained while using trampolines. Those injuries are hardly ever fatal, though. Pools, on the other hand, are far more deadly; more than 1,000 people in the United States die in swimming pools annually

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If living conditions don't stop improving in this country, we're going to run out of humble beginnings for our great men. -- Russell P. Askue

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Dr. PJ with a burrowing owl in 2005



Bald eagle adult from Useppa Island

Dr. PJ, as she prefers to be called, obtained her veterinary degree from Colorado State University in 1996 and then served as CROW's first annual veterinary intern. After a year in South Africa working at the world-famous Kruger National Park and at a wildlife clinic in Durban which also was called CROW (Center for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), she returned to Sanibel's CROW in 1998. She continues to put in a 60- to 75-hour work week in her ongoing "reverence for life." In 2005 Dr. PJ was recognized by the Florida Wildlife Federation as Wildlife Conservationist of the Year, the first wildlife rehabilitator to receive this award.

Whether the tale is about a feisty hawksbill sea turtle with a hook in her left flipper and filament wrapped around her body, baby mallards spotted crossing

four-lane Summerlin Road or a miniscule newborn river otter along a river bank, Dr. PJ's stories and photos will remain with you for a very long time. Since her last San-Cap Audubon program three years ago, Dr. PJ has seen CROW add sea turtle and otter complexes and a mammal compound. In addition, an extraordinary new visitor center has opened providing the clinic with a state of the art reception center where visitors will find exhibits, films, interactive displays, a deluxe gift shop and live footage of a select number of animals in their outdoor enclosures. All this was accomplished with private donations as CROW does not receive any local, state or federal funding. All proceeds from this event will



First orphaned otter at CROW

be donated to CROW. This is the fourth of eight lectures to be held at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. As always, all are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and parking is available at The Community House and across the street at The Schoolhouse Theater. A \$5 donation is appreciated. For additional information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit www.sancapaudubon.org. As a bonus, Brian Johnson's new book, *Amazing Animal Stories from CROW*, will be available for purchase at the lecture.✧

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Taylor 2 Dancers Perform *Esplanade*

BIG ARTS on Sanibel presents Taylor 2 Dance Company on Saturday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. Established in 1993, the six-member company is known for expressing Paul Taylor's signature blend of athleticism, humor, and range of emotion.

Taylor believes "in the power of contemporary dance, its immediacy, its potency, its universality." Few artists of our time have had the profound impact in their art form that Taylor has had on dance for more than six decades. People in cities and towns throughout the world have seen and enjoyed live modern dance performances largely due to the far-reaching tours the virtuoso dancer pioneered in the 1950s. Hallmarks of his style include everyday gestures and collaboration with visual artists such as Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns. *Time* magazine said, "Paul Taylor is the reigning master of modern dance."

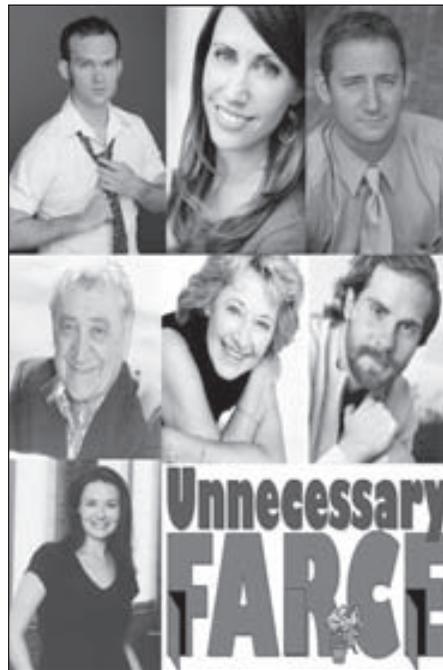
The Taylor 2 Dance Company was formed to ensure that his works could be seen by audiences all over the world.

BIG ARTS will present pieces from Taylor's ever-growing repertoire of dances including *Company B*, Taylor's evocation of American sentiments during World War II set to the beloved recordings by the Andrews Sisters, and *Esplanade*, a piece that has critics hailing it as "the most endlessly rewatchable and heart-catching work Mr. Taylor has ever made."

Tickets are \$41 loge, \$36 floor, and \$15 student. BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. The performance is supported by Grand Patron Series Sponsor The Ferguson Foundation and Sponsor Scot's Fine Jewelry.

To purchase tickets call Marks Box Office at-395-0900.✱

Farcical Fun At The Schoolhouse



by Di Saggau

If you like farce, you'll have a great time watching all the antics during *Unnecessary Farce* now showing at The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel. Opening night the full house was laughing their heads off as the cast took them on a wild and crazy trip from one bedroom to the next in a hotel where the cops are trying to videotape the mayor for suspicious goings on. The cast consists of James Lane, Jennifer Smith, Mindy Montavon, Dave Yudowitz, Marcus Keil, Matthew Edwards and Kay Francis. I can just imagine how much fun they had putting this show together.

Lane and Smith are the cops trying to trap the mayor, played by Yudowitz, by arranging a meeting with a sexy accountant, played by Montavon. Their plan is to get the goods on the mayor by taping what takes place in the hotel room. Problem is, the tape keeps running when the mayor leaves the room and ends up capturing memorable moments of everyone else.

A tarnished law enforcement agent, played by Kiel, and a Scottish hitman played by Edwards, really add some spice to the plot. Seeing Edwards run around in a kilt with bagpipes and a thick Scottish brogue is really a hoot. When he gets excited he delivers a rapid-fire stream of verbal nonsense that passes for dialect, with admirable speed. Smith's character is the only one who repeats it all in English, giving her a round of applause mid-performance for her riotous translation.

Also in the cast is Kay Francis as the mayor's wife. She doesn't appear until the second act when she reports her husband missing. Like most farces there is a lot of door slamming, and compromising positions.

There's also a twist in the tale that isn't predictable. The final scene is well choreographed with everyone pointing a gun at everyone else. *Unnecessary Farce* is a well written farce with lots of laughs.

It plays through February 6 at The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel. For tickets call the box office at 472-6862 or log onto www.TheSchoolhouseTheater.com.✱

Steve Lippia Performs Simply Sinatra With Band



Steve Lippia

Steve Lippia and his Big Band will transport the audience back to the days of the Rat Pack as they perform Frank Sinatra's pop standards on Saturday, January 23 at 8 p.m. at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall.

Lippia's *Simply Sinatra* is a glamorous evening of jazz, swing, and Sinatra-style big band sound.

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Estates horticulturist and Lee County Extension educators will present a unique approach on uses and construction of rain barrels on January 23, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Participants will learn how to construct and install a recycled 55-gallon barrel to collect rain water. In addition, Southwest Florida artist, Marie Dyer will give a demonstration on painting rain barrels to create beautiful additions for any landscape. Both demonstrations will be held in the estates museum.

After the workshops the horticulturist will lead a sustainable landscape tour of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

Registration is required by calling 334-7419. Cost for the workshop is \$50 for estates members, \$55 for non members and includes a rain barrel and guidebook.*

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ArtFest Fort Myers Is February 6-7

Every year, Fort Myers' waterfront and green spaces are transformed into a beautiful, stress free, open air art gallery overflowing with exceptional artwork, great entertainment and fun children's art activities.

Over 200 artists will gather from across the country and around the world for ArtFest Fort Myers Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Edwards Drive between Heitman and Lee streets.

Majestic palms, continuous background music and savory food are components of this fine art festival. Convenient and well-marked patron parking is abundant in adjacent city streets, parking lots and multi-story garages.

The juried festival will feature 200 national artists, high school art competition, interactive arts, children's crafts, fine food and entertainment

A preview party is planned for February 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. This is a ticketed event.

Admission to the festival is free.

Components of ArtFest Fort Myers include:

- Art Under 20, the largest Lee County high school art competition and exhibition, provides talented student artists the unique opportunity to exhibit their work to 60,000 ArtFest Fort Myers patrons. \$6,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to the best student artists.

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Richard Cooper

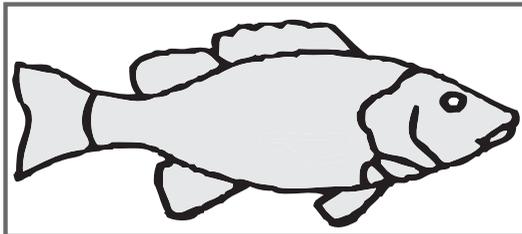
Gershwin And Cole Porter Concert

Richard Cooper will be performing the songs of George Gershwin and Cole Porter in a special afternoon concert at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Friday, February 5.

An Afternoon of Gershwin and Cole Porter pays tribute to some of the greatest music of the last seven decades. During this impressive Gershwin and Porter tribute, Cooper, who hails from London, England, will use his smooth and powerful vocal style to songs such as *Anything Goes*, *It's De Lovely*, *S'Wonderful*, *Summertime*, *I Get a Kick Out of You*, *Don't Fence Me In*, and *Our Love is Here to Stay*.

Lunch is at 11:45 a.m. and the show starts at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$47 for lunch and the show and \$32 for the performance only. For tickets, call 278-4422, log onto www.BroadwayPalm.com or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

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Preview Reception Of Art Of The Olympians At Oerter Center

The board of directors and staff of the Art of the Olympians Al Oerter Center of Excellence invites the community to a preview reception and ribbon cutting at the center in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, January 29 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The Art of the Olympians Al Oerter Center of Excellence is located in the former City Pier building directly on the Caloosahatchee at the north end of Hendry Street next to the Fort Myers Yacht Basin.



The opening reception for Art of the Olympians Al Oerter Center of Excellence opens to the public on Saturday, January 30

The preview event is free to the public. A grand opening celebration with related international events and activities is being planned for the spring of 2010, when further exhibits and programming will be in place.

The preview reception will be catered by Hotel Indigo's Vino de Notte restaurant and will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. There will be dancing by Olympian Queen Kyoma and the National Ballet's Dance Alive. Olympian javelin thrower Roald Bradstock (also known as the Olympic Picasso for his sports and art accomplishments) will bring coolers filled with snowballs (made by him and his daughters in Atlanta) to attempt to break the world record in snowball throwing. Local dignitaries including Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Florida Gulf Coast University President Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, and Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall will also be in attendance. Legendary Olympic ice skater Peggy Fleming will send a filmed message to be presented at the reception as guests tour the center. Fellow Olympians Cameron Miller and Pat McCormack will also join the celebration.

The opening of Art of the Olympians marks the fulfillment of both Olympians and Olympic enthusiasts who, along with the late four-time consecutive Gold Medalist Al Oerter, sought to use their passion for both art and sport to create and establish an arena that promoted and celebrated excellence. Following his passing in 2007, Oerter's wife Cathy, locally based Olympian and artist Liston Bochette, and a variety of friends and community leaders continued the vision through to completion.

Art of the Olympians will feature the art of worldwide Olympic medalists, educational programs for children and adults, and events that inspire creativity and motivate individuals to achieve individual excellence.

On Saturday, January 30, the center will be open to the public free of charge. Regular entrance fees will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for students with ID, and no charge for seniors over 65 and children under three. Art of the Olympians Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.*

Wings Of Freedom Tour Coming To Fort Myers

Aviation enthusiasts and history buffs will be able to tour or take flight in rare, historic WWII aircraft when the Collings Foundation brings its Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress Nine O Nine heavy bomber, Consolidated B-24J Liberator Witchcraft heavy bomber and North American Dual Control P-51C Mustang, Betty Jane to Page Field General Aviation Airport on Monday, January 25 through Wednesday, January 27.

The stop in Fort Myers is part of the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour, an annual 110-city nationwide tour in its 21st year of showcasing rare living aviation history.

The B-17, one of the most recognizable bomber aircraft of WWII, is one of only nine in the nation in flying condition. The B-24J and Dual Control P-51C are the sole remaining examples of their type flying in the world.

Walk-through tours are available for a donation of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Ground tour and display hours are 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26; and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27. The flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the ground tour times. Flight costs for the B-17 or B-24 are \$425 per person for a 30-minute flight. P-51 flights are \$2,200 for a 30-minute flight and \$3,200 for a full hour. All flight experiences are a tax-deductible donation. For flight reservations, call 800-568-8924. For more information, visit www.collingsfoundation.org.



B24, B17 and B51

The Wings Of Freedom Tour travels the nation as a flying tribute to the flight crews who flew them, the ground crews who maintained them, the workers who built them, the soldiers, sailors and airmen they helped protect; and the citizens and families that share the freedom that they helped preserve. The B-17 and B-24 were the backbone of the American effort during the war from 1942 to 1945 and were famous for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish the mission. Despite the risks of anti-aircraft fire, attacking enemy fighters, and the harrowing environment of sub-zero temperatures, many B-17s and B-24s safely brought their crews home. The P-51 Mustang was affectionately known as the bombers "Little Friend" – saving countless crews from attacking axis fighters.

After the war, many aircraft were scrapped for their raw aluminum to rebuild a nation in post-war prosperity and therefore very few were spared.

Local veterans and their families are encouraged to visit and share their experiences and stories with the public. Find out more at www.collingsfoundation.org.*

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Duplicate Bridge Results

On Monday evening, January 18, there were 11 tables in play at it The Community House. The winners were:

North/South

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2. Gill and Michael Ramsbotham
3. Rick Smart and Ted Smith
4. Christi and Bruce Smith

East/West

1. Sheila Bello and Deb Schubel
2. Dave McClemens and Marvin Wachs

3. Judy Glaser and Dick Brown
4. Dorothy and Raymond Chaya
The Sanibel Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Monday evening at The Community House on Periwinkle Way (November through April). This is an American Contract Bridge League sanctioned game.

For more information call Susan Willoughby at 281-3258.*

Dancing With Stars To Broadcast Live



Island dancers: Linda Naton, Brad Macdonald, Karen Bell, Billy Kirkland, Susan Scott, Craig Albert and Lyndsay Ridenour at Scott's cocktail party

Dancing with the Stars has been sold out for weeks but you can watch from satellite locations at Doc Ford's, the Lazy Flamingo on Periwinkle, Lazy Flamingo West, Beachview Country Club and The Dunes Country Club and even text in a vote for the People's Choice winner.

The live broadcast will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 23. Each location is having a party and you can be a part of it. The actual competition takes place at The Community House.

At her new home on Captiva last week, Susan Scott held a cocktail party and auction fundraiser to benefit Dancing with the Island Stars. Her co-dancers and the Fred Astaire Studio instructors gave a preview of their dance routines adding to the excitement and encouraging over 100 other islanders to vote (donate).

All the monies raised from the party will be included in the tabulation that will crown the winner of the dance competition the evening of January 23. All the proceeds go towards the renovations of The Community House.

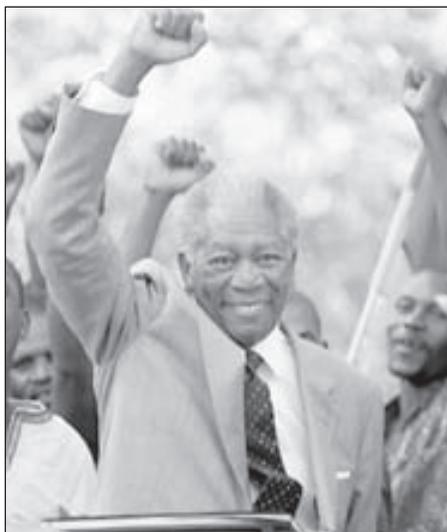
There are still a few tickets left for Rehearsal Night on Friday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. For information contact the Community House at 472-2155.*

Island Cinema & BIG ARTS Academy Award Series

Invictus



Matt Damon as Francois Pienaar in Warner Bros. Pictures' *Invictus*



Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela in *Invictus*

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

The series of films thought to be contenders for this year's Academy Awards continues at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, at the Island Cinema with *Invictus*. Morgan Freeman plays the role of South African leader Nelson Mandela; the film also stars Matt Damon.

The film is rated PG 13. Tickets are \$7.50 and can be purchased at the cinema. Everyone is invited to attend a discussion of the film led by Hyde Tucker at 3:30 p.m. at The Sanibel Bean following the film. The Bean is at 2240 Periwinkle Way.*



FISH President Maggi Feiner accepts the donation check from Robert Thomas, owner of Assisting Hands Home Care, sponsor of the Music Assisting the Generations Concert held at the Sanibel Community House.

Assisting Hands Donates To FISH

Assisting Hands, a state-licensed non-medical home health agency serving Southwest Florida, recently raised funds for FISH (Friends In Service Here) by sponsoring and arranging a concert at the Sanibel Community House entitled Music Assisting the Generations. The concert featured Sinfonietta, Youth Chorus, and two ensembles plus youth groups from the Southwest Florida Symphony and some Sanibel musicians.

The Sanibel Community House auditorium was filled to capacity. Todd Betz and Heidi Kelly of the Southwest Florida Symphony worked very hard along with Assisting Hands owner Robert Thomas to create a truly joyful, successful event that should become an annual holiday concert tradition, says Maggi Feiner, president of FISH..

Assisting Hands is a state-licensed non-medical home health agency, serving clients in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties and Orlando through independently-owned offices.

FISH can be reached at 472-4775.*

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Jazz Concert Supports GCE And Haitian Relief

by Gerri Reaves

Load up your lawn chairs, blankets, and sunscreen. On Sunday, January 24, Jazz for Peace will bring first-class jazz to the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, 3 to 8 p.m.



Craig Heller, executive director of Global Community Engagement

The outdoor family-friendly jazz concert is organized by the local non-profit Global Community Engagement (GCE).

The event is made possible by a Concert Benefit Grant from Jazz for Peace, a New York-based group that performs internationally for worthy non-profit organizations they deem “underfunded and underknown.”

Local sponsors include the Environmental Peace and Education Center, Health & Harmony Yoga and Massage Center, La Casona Peruvian Restaurant, and the Renaissance Montessori School.

Publix, Costco, and Daily Chocolate are sponsoring the VIP area, which will offer champagne and food.

Teachers from the Renaissance School will be running a child activity center in a secure area, where the main activity will be creating musical instruments from recycled materials. The children will later play those instruments on stage with the professional musicians.

Health & Harmony will offer chair massage. La Casona will sell Peruvian food and beer.

The Latin Rhythm Clubs of Cape Coral and Ida Baker high schools will open the show, followed by the 13-member Rick DellaRatta Big Band, which will perform from 4 to 6 p.m.

A trio of local musicians will perform from 6 to 8 p.m.: pianist Dan Tudor, saxophonist Lloyd Fish, and singer Darlene Mitchell.

Donations of clothing, non-perishable food, and medical supplies for victims of the earthquake in Haiti will be accepted.



Rick DellaRatta in concert

photo by Juan Flores - Mundo Hispano

GCE is partnering with the Nations Association Charities and Florida Gulf Coast University's Students Helping Haiti to accept, coordinate, and deliver those donations.

Out Of The Blue, A Concert Benefit Grant

The Concert Benefit Grant is quite a coup for GCE. Jazz for Peace's efforts have been praised by organizations such as the United Nation's International Children's Fund and lauded by President Barack Obama, Senator John McCain, and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, among other leaders.

The American Red Cross has described partnering with Jazz for Peace as “an opportunity for the community to experience world-class music, while raising much needed funds.”

Formed in 2002, DellaRatta's Jazz for Peace Big Band has performed over 650 benefit concerts to raise funds, publicity and awareness for outstanding organizations across the globe. Featured musicians have included Paquito D'Rivera, Victor Lewis, Lenny White, Eddie Gomez, Dave Valentin, Ray Mantilla, Rick Margitza, and others. DellaRatta's jazz-influenced orchestral composition *Permutata* was recently recorded by the London Symphony Orchestra.

Last May, DellaRatta and Jazz for Peace performed in Kigali, Rwanda, as part of the new government-launched Peace Week in the war-ravaged country.

GCE Executive Director Craig W. Heller says that last fall, “out of the blue” he received an email and telephone call from the event coordinator of Jazz for Peace, first asking if his organization was interested in holding a concert. Heller learned that GCE had been nominated anonymously.

Jazz for Peace decided to award GCE the grant after reviewing the organization's mission statement and work.

The process is designed, Heller says, so that an “under-known” or “under-funded” non-profit organization doesn't have to spend a dime to hold the jazz concert and raise funds for their work.

GCE supports groups that provide services for children in vulnerable situations. Focusing on the developing world, the non-profit encourages community engagement, global citizenship and cross-cultural understanding. Their mission and values are illuminated by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Earth Charter.

To purchase tickets, go to [www.](http://www.JoinGCE.org)



Jazz for Peace Big Band in concert

JoinGCE.org or contact Craig Heller at 226-0817 or cwheller@JoinGCE.org. Donations made on the GCE Web site during the month of January will go to Haitian relief.

Children under 16 are admitted free. General admission is \$10 prior to the event and \$15 at the gate. Five of that \$15 will go to GCE's Haitian Refugee Assistance Program in the Dominican Republic.

VIP tickets are \$25.

The gate opens at 3 p.m. at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and other outdoor comforts, but please leave pets and glass containers at home.*

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ArtFest

- Kids@Art, a collaborative effort of ArtFest Fort Myers and The Alliance For The Arts, helps eager “weekend artists” of all ages to tap into their best creative selves. Supplies and supervision provided to all who wish to make an artistic treasure to take home.

- The Young Art Collectors Gallery is a place for children ages six to 12 to purchase artwork for \$5. Filled with wonderful items donated by festival artists, the kids only shopping zone fosters the development of future art patrons with an emphasis on fun.

- Visit the Youth Stage for a variety of free performances throughout the weekend. Among others, Florida Rep Theatre, Hot Flashz, Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, and Celtic Arts dancers will be showcasing their talent.

- Have you been wondering if your youngster has a calling to be a violin virtuoso or a trumpet player in the marching band? The Southwest Florida Symphony will be on hand with a petting zoo. A variety of musical instruments will be available for all to play, with expert instruction on hand, courtesy of the Youth Symphony members.*

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Attorney General Candidate To Speak On Sanibel

On Monday night, January 25, 7 p.m., at the Sanibel Library State Senator Dan Gelber, candidate for Florida attorney general, will be talking with islanders about his vision for Florida. Gelber's appearance launches the Democratic Club of the Islands' 2010 Candidate Series.



Attorney General Candidate Dan Gelber

This is meet and greet event – not a fundraiser – and is open to all. Refreshments will be provided. This is your opportunity to meet a major candidate for a major statewide Florida office in a close and intimate setting.

Gelber has served in the Florida House of Representatives where he was the Minority Leader from 2006-2008. He presently serves in the State Senate, and is now seeking the nomination to run for Florida's attorney general.

Gelber's experience in public service is both extensive and pertinent to his quest for the attorney general's position. He was one of the top deputies in the U.S. Attorney's Office in South Florida, handling significant public corruption civil rights and narcotics prosecutions, then managing prosecutors, investigators, and overseeing hundreds of criminal investigations and civil matters. He served the U.S. Senate as a staff director and chief counsel for one of its most prestigious investigative committees, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Gelber's work on for the U.S. Senate focused on counter terrorism and domestic security, as well as waste in government.

While serving in the Florida House, he has had leadership role in the state's domestic security issues, including wiretap laws and public corruption legislation.

Gelber was raised in Miami and Tallahassee. A product of Florida public schools, he got his undergraduate degree from Tufts University in Boston, then his law degree from University of Florida School of Law. With his extensive experience as lead counsel in both trial and appeals in criminal and civil matters in federal and Florida courts, Gelber has earned the highest Martindale-Hubbell rating (AV) a lawyer can achieve, and is listed as a leading lawyer in the peer-reviewed publications *Best Lawyers in America* and *Florida Legal Elite*.

Gelber and his wife, Joan Silberstein, a career federal prosecutor, are raising their three children in the Miami-Dade schools.

All are welcome – Democratic Club members, other Democrats, Independents and Republicans.

The Sanibel Public Library is at 770 Dunlop Road. For more information call 472-2483.*

Afternoon Concert Features Japanese Violinist

BIG ARTS' Sunday classical afternoon series presents Ayako Yonetani, who will perform on a violin and viola with a piano recitalist 3:30 p.m. Sunday, January 31.

Since winning the Japan National competition at age nine, Yonetani has quickly ascended to the top ranks of Japan's violinists. She has performed solo with the top Japanese orchestras, including the NHK Symphony, New Japan

Philharmonic and Gunma Symphony. After Yonetani moved to the U.S. in 1982, she has appeared frequently as a recitalist in such major cities as New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis and Orlando, as well as in Europe.

She was an official artist in the 2006-2008 Florida Arts and Culture State Touring program. Born in Kobe, Japan, she began violin studies at the age of five. She received her bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees from the Juilliard School where she studied with the late Dorothy DeLay, world-renowned violin teacher, who taught Perlman, Midori, Gil Shaham

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Members of the Sanibel Public Library Dolphin Readers Book Discussion Group held a lemonade stand and donated the proceeds -- \$85.40 -- to the Joan Hunt Cory Children's Fund of the Library Foundation.

The Dolphin Readers Book Discussion Group is made up of about 20 children and their parents. Each child and parent reads the same book together, discusses it at home, and then comes to the library for more talk about the book and author. Parents enjoy the time spent with their children and children have fun selecting new books for each month's meeting.

The children are given the books to keep and build their personal libraries at home.

In December the group read the popular children's book *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. From that book they got the inspiration to run their own lemonade stand and donate proceeds to the Cory Children's Fund.

The Dolphin Readers Book Discussion Group is funded in part by Sondra and Kenneth Nirenberg, the Cory Children's Fund and the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc.*

Locals Show Market Support



by Jean Baer and Betsy Ventura

With each passing week, the Sanibel Island Farmers Market has gained in popularity. It has quickly become a local gathering spot on Sunday mornings. It is a place to greet neighbors, meet a new friend, take a stroll with your canine, and try one of the many delicious and fresh foods offered by the vendors.

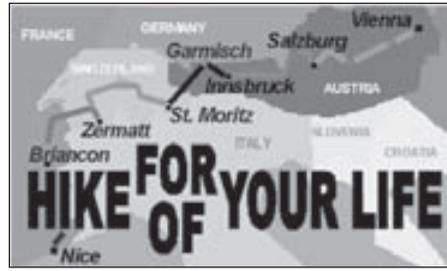
With this success has come some challenges... and in an effort to provide additional parking, the market will now open up additional space on the corner of Periwinkle Way and Purdy Drive. A traffic control officer will also be added. Expenses have risen and islanders are being asked to show their support by donating each week into the rain barrel where "every drop counts."

Donations to the Sanibel Island Farmers Market, a 501C3 not for profit organization, are greatly appreciated.*



Dr. Connie Clancy and Dr. Robert Fisher and their dogs check out the donation barrel to offset parking costs

Hike For Your Life Book Signing



Guidrun and Peter Seifert will be available to sign books and share stories about their epic trek at the Sanibel Book Nook on Saturday January 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In retirement, the Seiferts hiked the length of the Alps. Every step of it. Over 1,300 miles, in six annual segments, each about one month long. It was the excitement and adventure of a lifetime. For more information visit www.hikeforyourlife.com.

The Seiferts have often presented their story, at the Sierra Club, the Pigeon Forge Wilderness Week, and Health and Fitness events.

They will also speak at the Sanibel Senior Center.*

Local Cafe Starts Charitable Fund

The board of St. Isabel's Catholic Church was on hand for breakfast as Robert Parks, owner of Twilight Cafe, handed a check to Father Christopher as the first recipient of the Friends in Service award. Parks has established the Twilight Cafe charitable giving fund to recognize local charities and their good works.

Each month throughout the year a new group will be honored and presented with a check for \$100 as well as being featured all month within the cafe. St. Isabel's also was awarded \$250 as the winner of the Twilight Cafe church bulletin contest for 2009.

Each month through season anyone bringing in a church bulletin for breakfast or lunch receives 10 percent off their entire check. The church with the most



Twilight Cafe owner Robert Parks (right) presents Father Christopher Senk with check as parishioners look on

bulletins each month wins \$250. The contest was heated last year and came down to the wire. St. Isabel's has promised to defend the title in 2010.

The Twilight Cafe is located at 2761 West Gulf Drive and is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

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Afternoon Concert

and Sarah Chang. She assisted DeLay at Juilliard's pre-college division and at the Aspen Music Festival and School. She held the Isaac Stern concertmaster chair of the Academy Orchestra at the Aspen Music Festival and School in 2001 and 2002.

Currently, Yonetani is an associate professor of violin and viola at the University of Central Florida and is a member of Japan's premier chamber ensemble, Kioi Sinfonietta Tokyo.

Tickets are general admission at \$31. To purchase tickets stop by BIG ARTS, or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

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Ayako Yonetani

Monday Night Movie

Conversaciones con Mama

by Priscilla Friedersdorf



A recent (2004) Argentinian film, *Conversaciones con Mama*, set in Buenos Aires, will be shown at BIG ARTS on Monday, January 25. Sidney Picker, Jr., who has previewed the film and will be



the discussion leader that evening, has described it as "...a sweet, charming, rather gentle life-affirming story... no violence at all... a commentary on perspectives of life as seen from middle age and as seen from old age."

China Zorrilla, in the role of the mother, won Best Actress awards at several foreign film festivals. We witness three views of life: a middle-aged man who has lost his job and feels his entire bourgeois world threatened; his mother (Zorrilla) as she reflects on her life experience; and the opinions of her friend/lover a self described "retired anarchist".

Through flashbacks and dialogues between three gifted actors, each character's viewpoint becomes evident. As one reviewer phrased it "...this is a movie that prepares you for the real life, or at least makes you feel a little bit better with yourself and the entire human race. Maybe we're not that bad after all."

Conversaciones con Mama will be shown at 7 p.m. in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS. Tickets are \$7 and include refreshments and a discussion following the film on the Gainer Veranda. Tickets can be purchased at BIG ARTS in advance or on the evening of the showing. Phone 395-0900 for more information.*

Booksigning



Mary Tatarian

MacIntosh Books and Paper, 2407 Periwinkle Way, will host a book signing with local author Mary Tatarian on Monday, January 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. Tatarian will be signing copies of her new island mystery *Seabliss*.

Seabliss is a cozy mystery that takes place on a sleepy Florida gulf coast island town. The town suddenly comes alive when a popular local boat captain does not respond to attempts to reach him. Two best friends, one a local merchant

and the other the island psychic, take it upon themselves to find out what really happened. Their snooping puts them in the middle of some pretty strange business. As events begin to unfold, the two novice sleuths are drawn into a web of murder, deception and drugs that stretches as far west as Mexico and as far south as the Keys.

Tatarian is a resident of Fort Myers Beach where she operated a popular business for 20 years. She wrote a weekly column for the *Beach Bulletin* and *Ft. Myers Beach Observer* for 14 years and has freelanced. A graduate of Syracuse University, she is a member of Ostego Bay Foundation, The Southwest Florida Romance Writers and Romance Writers of America.

Seabliss is not your normal island mystery. It is available online at www.marytatarian.com.*

Women In Jazz

The Sanibel Public Library invites the public to join Harold Lieberman for an encore presentation of *Women in Jazz* on Friday January 29 at 2 p.m. in Room #4.

Lieberman presented this program to a standing room only audience two years ago and many have requested a repeat performance. He will be discussing all of the great women from the jazz era such as Billie Holiday, Ethel Waters and Bessie Smith.*



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Mouth open to receive bread, the Host,
priest holds the chalice, adornment.

Adornment, sun on naked branches,
caught in silver, held in darkness.

In darkness, flap of crow's wings,
a seedpod falls to rest on the earth.

Scattered Prayers

by Lorraine A. Vail

Winds shift among palms,
in this walled city of ancient stone.

I write near the gorge where
a river has cut rock to make its way.

Sunflowers, heads bowed,
startle as wind slices air

like an invisible hand,
scoops pages, prayers,
in a split second gust-

snatched like children,
spin in the dance of wind,
cascade down the hill,

to the river to receive them,
reclaim them, swallow them whole.

I let them go!

Lorraine A. Vail has received the 2009 Literary Artist of the Year Award from the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers and has been a Pushcart Prize

*nominee. She is the recipient of two Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Grants in poetry and in December 2009, one of her poems was selected for the International Museum of Women's Web site. Gulf Coast Writers and FGCU Sanibel Writers Conference have awarded her first place in their poetry contests. Her poems are published in numerous journals. Vail is the creator of the collaborative ArtPoems Project (2007-2010). She is the author of Between Land and Sea, Near Water and Paradise Found. She calls Sanibel Island home.**

Library Fiction Discussion Group

Home Safe by Elizabeth Berg will be discussed at Sanibel Public Library's Fiction Discussion Group on Wednesday, January 27.

The group will meet at 2 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Home Safe tells of the recently widowed Helen Ames and her 27-year-old daughter Tessa as they discover that money has disappeared in several big withdrawals from the Ames' retirement savings. What Helen's husband did with all their money turns out to be provocative, revelatory, and leads Helen and her daughter to embark on new adventures, and change.

The group meets in the ground floor meeting room across from the elevator (Room 4). It is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion, but all are welcome. If you have questions, call the library at 472-2483.

Elizabeth Berg will be speaking as part of the Author's Series presented through the sponsorship of the Sanibel Public Library's Foundation. Her presentation will be on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. and is a ticketed program with a reception following.*

American Girl Event At Library

On Tuesday, January 26 at 1 p.m. the Sanibel Public Library will present another American Girl party. (There is no school on this day).

This time Julie Albright will be featured. Julie is a nine-year-old from San Francisco growing up in the 1970s. The party will feature games, crafts and activities that were popular during that period. There will also be snacks that Julie had.

Children are invited to bring their American Girl dolls or any other favorite doll and have fun celebrating the 1970s with Julie and her friend Ivy. Call 472-2483 to sign up for the program so there will be enough supplies for everyone.*

selected by Don Brown

January

by Lorraine A. Vail

Black crow on bare branch,
seedpods hang like rusted ornaments.

Ornaments, a silver bracelet with
circles,
arms of moonbeams on clear nights.

On clear nights, soldiers stand watch
as borders blend black.

Borders blend black, question the
rights
of those who cross, casting hard
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Mary Alice Monroe

to write. She first pursued nonfiction and studied journalism. Later, she was the assistant to the general editor for *Encyclopedia Britannica* and worked with world famous artists, authors, composers, and scientists.

Monroe has authored a dozen books, and has found her voice in fiction. Although known for her intimate portrayals of women's lives, her writing has gained added purpose and depth with her move to the Lowcountry. An active environmentalist, she draws themes for her novels from nature and the parallels with human nature, thus drawing attention to various endangered species and the human connection to the natural world.

Monroe is involved with several environmental groups and is on the board of the South Carolina Aquarium. Her work with these groups provided the inspiration for her novels *The Beach House*, *Skyward*, *Sweetgrass*, *Swimming Lessons*, her children's book *Turtle Summer*, *Time Is A River*, and *Last Light Over Carolina*. She is currently working on a new novel, due out in spring 2011.

For more information or to reserve a signed copy, call the Sanibel Island Bookshop at 472-5223.*

Our email address is
press@islandsunnews.com

Mary Alice Monroe will be at the Sanibel Island Bookshop, 1571 Periwinkle Way on Saturday, January 23 at 11 a.m.

Monroe has written stories for as long as she can remember. She claims much of her creative spark came from her large and very close family. Growing up, she and her nine brothers and sisters wrote and performed in their own plays and musicals. Some wrote, painted, sang or played instruments. Her teachers recognized her talent and encouraged her

New Kids' Book Discussion Groups To Start At Library

The Sanibel Public Library is starting a second book discussion group for children in third through fifth grades and a new group for sixth to eighth graders.

The second group will hold its first discussion on Saturday, January 23 at 10 a.m. The book selection is *The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* by Eric Berlin. Ms. Barb picked this title to start with and will lead the discussion and activities.

The next book will be chosen by the children in the group. Those interested in joining may call Ms. Barb at 472-2483 to register and to get a complimentary copy of the book.

The book discussion for students in 6th through 8th grades begins Monday, February 1 from 4 to 5 p.m. The first book for discussion is *Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.

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The books that they will discuss in the following months will be chosen by the students at the end of each meeting. The students are encouraged to lead the discussions each month either alone or with a friend. The library will provide copies of the books for the students who participate in the program.*

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Steve Lippia

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Headlining numerous times at the legendary Birdland Jazz Club in New York City, he was backed by the Nelson Riddle and Woody Herman Orchestras.

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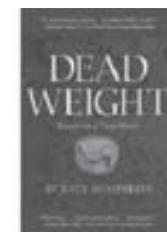


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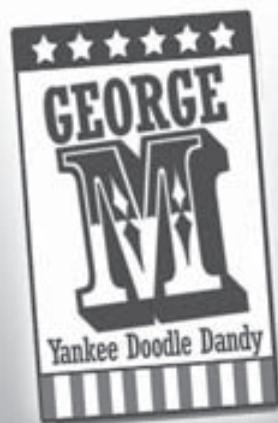
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Sanibel Collects Used Bicycles For Immokalee Farm Worker Families



Immokalee residents bring new life to old bikes

Concerned citizens of Sanibel are once again mounting a campaign to collect used bicycles for needy farm worker families in Immokalee. This is the second year for the bike collection campaign on Sanibel.

The farm worker community in Immokalee is one of the poorest in the country, and living conditions are very difficult for most of the families there. A recent documen-

tary series on public broadcasting station WGCU demonstrated this in dramatic fashion. Immokalee residents have many needs, from clothing to basic household goods, and prominent among their needs are bicycles for basic transportation. The level of poverty is such that cars are an unaffordable luxury and even buying a new bike is difficult.

Several groups are involved in the Sanibel effort, including: The Sanibel Bicycle Club and Billy's Rentals, which will facilitate collec-

tion, and Soon Come Contract Hauling, which will warehouse the bikes prior to delivery. Point persons for the Sanibel effort are: Patti Sousa for the Sanibel Bicycle Club; Billy Kirkland for Billy's Rentals and Annie Nachtsheim for Soon Come.

Distribution of the bicycles in Immokalee will be handled by Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA), a non-sectarian, non-profit group providing child care

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A donated bicycle brings big smiles to these Immokalee boys

School Receives Baileyfest Funds

The Bailey's Center Merchants' Association (BCMA) recently presented a check to The Sanibel School home economics class. The funds were raised at Baileyfest, held in October.

Sam Bailey, who founded Baileyfest in 1985, and Ken Kasten, president of the BCMA, presented a check for \$1,000 to Mrs. Alicia

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Mrs. Naomi Vogel accepts a \$1,000 check from Sam Bailey on behalf of the BCMA to benefit The Sanibel School home economics class



Sam Bailey and BCMA President Ken Kasten visited The Sanibel School home economics class

Around The Islands With Anne Wilford & Lee Reflects The Island Lifestyle

by Anne Mitchell

Wilford & Lee, specializing in home interiors and gifts, has been a fixture in Lee County for 22 years. Sanibel is fortunate to have one of four Wilford & Lee stores in Southwest Florida, and it's located in Tahitian Gardens shopping center.

The stores, under proprietors John Wilford and Bill Lee, truly reflect the décor and style of many islanders and their homes. The Sanibel store is no exception, and what

makes it even better is the reasonable prices. An example is the line of top notch Scala sun hats, canvas beauties known for their adjustable brims, at \$19.95 – about 40 percent lower than I've seen elsewhere.

Although Wilford & Lee is noted for home decor and gifts, ladies will find other accessories besides the hats, including shell purses and bags and the popular SwitchFlops. Change the look of your sandals by switching out the Velcro-backed thongs. There's also a version with a kitten heel as well as soft leather ballet flats with changeable accents.

If you're looking for wall art, you'll find just about every local critter depicted on the many, many items of metal sculpture along with flora and fauna. There are lamps, picture frames and – my favorite – some stately, almost life-size metal herons that would

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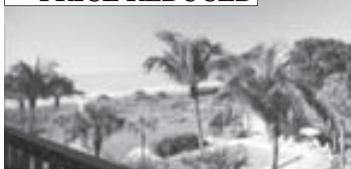


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This store has a little bit of everything from children's reading and coloring books to serving platters with seashell accents to a great selection of cocktail napkins that were clearly causing hilarity among several couples reading them out loud to each other. Praise be to Sister Mary Menopause and Sister Mary Merlot, the wine-quaffing nuns!

The store opens on Sundays to coincide with the farmers market in Tahiti Gardens, so drop in and check it out. The store manager is JoAnn Perry, phone 395-9295.

Get ready for the return of the **Cricket Shop**.

This ladies' clothing boutique is coming back to Anchor Point Plaza, the same shopping center it occupied until Hurricane Charley hit in August 2005.

To mark the return, there will be "grand opening 'late sale'" with up to 70 percent off.

I will keep readers updated on the store once it opens around the end of the month.

Anchor Point is at 1633 Periwinkle Way, across from Heart of the Island Shops, phone 395-0196. The manager is Rhea Redin.

Long ago, Tween Waters Inn on Captiva functioned as a "spa" for well-to-do northerners seeking refuge from the cold. Now, the historic hotel has become a true spa hotel in the modern sense of the word, offering a place for pampering and taking care of oneself.

Georgie Pailles recently opened **The Spa at Tween Waters Inn**, offering a salon with manicure, pedicure and hairstyling, four treatment rooms including a couple's room and dry sauna, and couple's Sundance Spa with ozone generator, where no chemicals are used.

Within the spa, and overlooking the property and tennis courts, is the fitness center with 900 square feet of aerobic and strength training equipment that is open to all guests.

With natural bamboo-embossed flooring and vaulted cypress ceilings, the spa has 4,000-plus square feet of some of the most luxurious amenities on Captiva. Four specially crafted jetted pedicure stations fill the salon, while nail and hair stations have an air and water solutions bio hygienic ventilation system.

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Purses made from shell at Wilford & Lee in Tahitian Gardens



There is a large selection of wall art at Wilford & Lee



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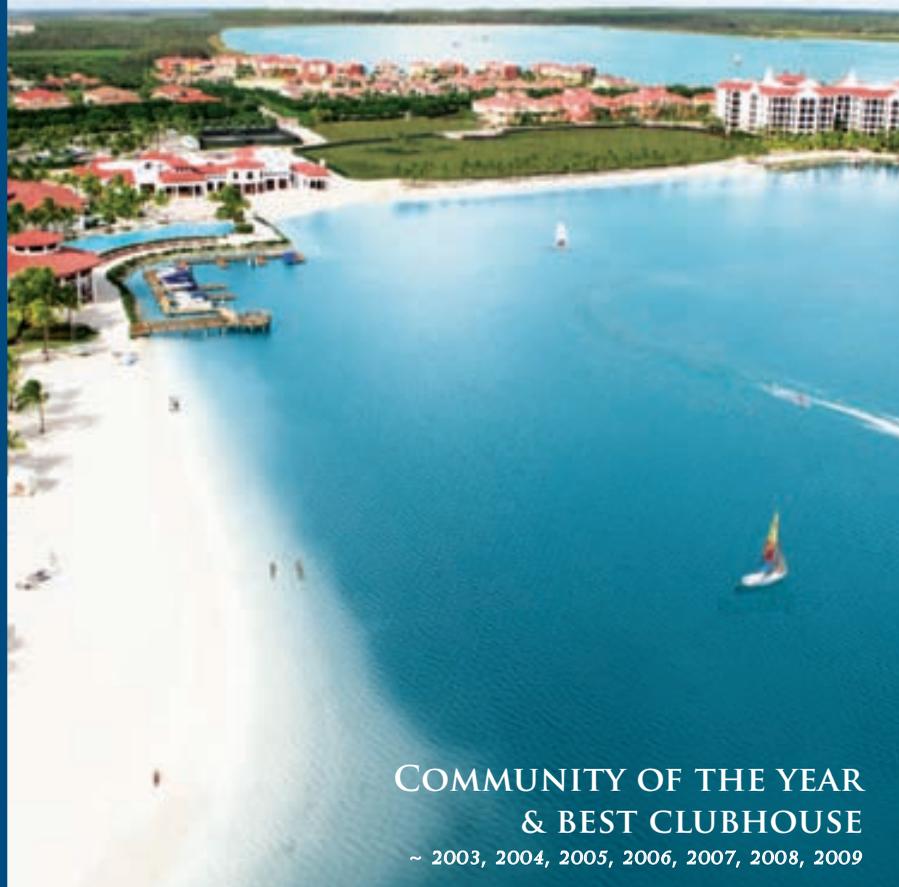
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McT's Shrimp House & Tavern's on Sanibel has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays.

Ellington's Jazz Bar and Restaurant has live jazz seven nights a week from 7 to 11 p.m. at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 337-5299.

Fridays at **The Mermaid Restaurant & Bar**, there's music by Woody Brubaker from 7 to 10 p.m. The restaurant is at 2055 Periwinkle Way.

Biddles Bucket's entertainment lineup is: Tuesday, karaoke; Wednesday, Steve Reynolds; Thursday, Robby Hutto and the Absent-Minded Band; Friday,

karaoke; and Saturday, karaoke. Biddles Bucket is at 2499 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-2323.

RC Otter's, 11506 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining inside and outside.

Keylime Bistro on Captiva features live entertainment seven days and nights each week.

Twilight Café at 2761 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, has live music with Jeff Key from 7 p.m. to close on Fridays, along with a late evening two-for-one happy hour in its newly-remodeled bar, which now has a full liquor license. John McClane plays jazz at the Wednesday Jazz And Sushi Nights. Phone 472-8818.

Danny Morgan plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays at **Traders Store & Café**.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The Island Cow's live entertainment is from 6 to 9:30 p.m. nightly. The line-up: Monday, Dan Confrey; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Ken Wasiniak; Thursday, Diana Lynn; Friday, Greg Watts; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Ken Wasiniak.

Danny Morgan and Friends play at **Casa Ybel Resort** pool bar on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Doc Ford's Fort Myers Beach Rum Bar & Grille at 708 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, has entertainment most Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon and evening.

Sunshine Seafood Cafe at 8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, has live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights featuring jazz and relaxing dining entertainment.

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Sanibel Collects Used Bicycles

and early education for children of migrant farm workers and rural low-income families throughout Florida. RCMA is a United Way affiliated organization and also receives financial support from agri-businesses, community foundations and contributions from individuals. Sanibel resident Ellis Robinson serves on the board of RCMA. Anyone who has a bike they don't need any more, used or new, is encouraged to donate it to the cause. Even older bikes are welcome if they are in reasonable condition, as the Immokalee folks are adept at making repairs and giving them a new life. Kid's bikes are a particular focus of the collection drive, although any type of bike is welcome. For every kid's bike donated, a new safety helmet will be supplied by the Sanibel Bicycle Club.

For more information, call Annie Nachtheim at 395-8700. Bikes can be dropped off at Billy's Bike Shop at 1509 Periwinkle Way (the south side of Periwinkle) across from Billy's Rentals). If you can't bring them there yourself, call Nachtheim for pick-up. Collection of bikes will continue until Friday, February 19e.

Cash donations are also welcome. Immokalee farm workers have been particularly hard-hit by the extreme cold this month, which has harmed crops and reduced income. Checks can be made out to Redlands Christian Migrant Association and dropped off at Billy's Bike Shop, where you will be given a receipt for your donation. Cash donations are tax deductible.*

Register For Entrepreneur's Law School

The 2010 Entrepreneur's Law School still has space available for small business owners to register to attend this once-a-year event. The event will be held at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) on Saturday, January 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a chance for entrepreneurs to learn from local attorneys about legal matters pertaining to their businesses in hour-long sessions concerning a variety of topics, from employment law to commercial leasing to immigration law. Attendees can pick and choose which sessions to attend in order to create a customized seminar schedule relevant to their business. Lunch with the Lawyers features keynote speaker Dr. Richard Pegnetter, former interim president of FGCU and founding dean of the university's Lutgert College of Business.

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This is the 11th consecutive year of the popular Entrepreneur's Law School. Coordinated by the Small Business Development Center of Florida Gulf Coast University (SBDC), the sponsors for this year's event are the law firm of Alvarez, Sambol, Winthrop, and Madson, PA, KeyBank, and BriersCPA. The day-long event is designed to help small business owners get legal advice before they need it and without the expensive legal fees.

Sessions will be held on campus at Florida Gulf Coast University, Student Union Building (Building #17) 10501 FGCU Boulevard in South Fort Myers.

The cost is \$75 for the morning or afternoon sessions and \$95 for the full day, if purchased in advance. At the door, half-day tuition is \$105 and full-day is \$125. Some 50 percent scholarships are available; call Dr. Beth Hagan at 947-8085 for more details. Interested businesses or individuals may register online at: <http://cli.fgcu.edu/sbdc>, or call 745-3700 for more information.

This program is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made.*

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Baileyfest Funds

Base and Mrs. Naomi Vogel, who teach the class.

"The Sanibel School is very grateful to the merchants of Bailey's Center for providing the means for the school to continue to offer this middle school elective," said Nancy McDole, The Sanibel School assistant principal.

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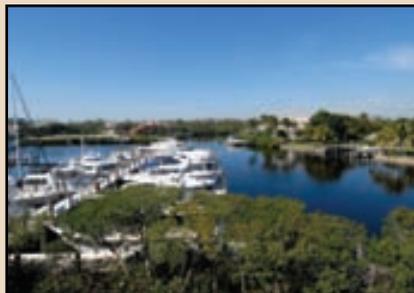


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FISH Receives \$1,400 Donation

Famed island cartoonist Dave Horton is the most recent winner of the We Love Our Islands promotion sponsored by Bank of the Islands. Horton was spotted with a We Love Our Islands decal on his vehicle. That won him the right to select which local non-profit cause would receive a charitable contribution of \$1,400 from the bank. This contribution marks \$34,900 given to island non-profits through the program.

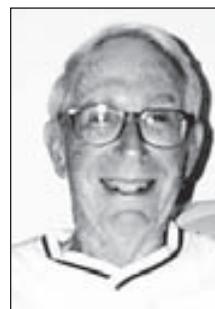


Bank of the Islands' Rob Lisenbee and Dave Horton's spokesperson present \$1,400 to Maggi Feiner for FISH.

Dave chose to give the donation to Friends In Service Here (FISH).

"It's important to remember that even on our island paradise, there are neighbors who really need our help to put food on the table. FISH works tirelessly to make that happen," said Horton through his spokesperson.✪

Mary Thomas Versus Bob Knight – A Mother's Courage With Florida Connections



by Ed Frank

She was tough, courageous, outspoken and stubborn; a single mother with only a 3rd grade education who fled the segregated South so her nine children could receive the education she never obtained.

This feisty woman died last week at the age of 86, and you might wonder what her story has to do with sports, particularly Florida sports. Read on and we'll tell you.

Mary Thomas moved to Chicago at the age of 13 where she lived with an aunt and later married Isiah Lord Thomas II, the father of those nine children. They separated following the birth of the youngest, yet never divorced. He died in 1987.

Perhaps you've guess by now that her youngest child, Isiah, went on to become an NBA Hall of Famer, one of the NBA's 50 greatest player, who now is the basketball coach at Florida International University.

But his success is the result of the strict but loving upbringing by his amazing mother whose life story was the subject of a 1989 made-for-television movie, *A Mother's Courage: The Mary Thomas Story*.

Raising those seven boys and two girls on Chicago's tough West Side, Mary Thomas worked at a Catholic school and various other jobs so her children could attend the parish school. All nine graduated high school and four from college.

She would ride herd over their homework although it's doubtful she understood most of their studies. Yes, she was on public aid, but refused to live in gang-infested public housing.

She once marched into city hall to confront Mayor Richard Daley when her case worker said it was necessary for her to move the family into such a facility. She screamed and cried, made her point, and stayed in her small apartment with her children.

A poignant scene in the movie occurred when she pulled a shotgun on gang-bangers who were attempting to recruit her sons and threatened to blow them across the street.

Not shown, however, were the numerous times she opened her home to neighboring children and even posted bonds so they could be released from jail.

Her baby, Isiah, showed basketball talents from kindergarten age. And when he reached high school, Mary had him commute 90 minutes to and from school so he could attend St. Joseph High School.

He was recruited by dozens of college coaches, including the legendary Bob Knight of Indiana University. Now just picture the crusty, belligerent Knight confronting the equally feisty Mary Thomas.

She wanted Isiah to stay closer to home and attend DePaul University. She also didn't like the idea that the IU campus was in Bloomington, Indiana, a short distance from Martinsville, once a hot bed of the Ku Klux Klan.

There were reports, never confirmed, that Mary got into a chair-throwing argument with Knight in her living room.

She consented to take her son on a visit to IU and while there accepted an invitation to Knight's home. Ignoring Knight's strict no-smoking rule, she lit a cigarette, but Knight was so eager to recruit her youngster he didn't say anything.

In 1981, as a sophomore, Isiah led the Hoosiers to a national championship, and then left school to reach fame and fortune in the NBA. But he promised his mother he would earn his college degree which he did in 1988 in criminal justice.

The riches of the NBA allowed Mary to move from the West Side, but she told Isiah "don't ever forget where you came from." She often returned to churches and centers in her old neighborhood with food and presents.

Isiah played 13 seasons with the Detroit Pistons where he scored 18,822 points, 9,061 assists and 1,861 steals – all Piston records along with two NBA championships.

He's also coached the Indiana Pacers and the New York Knicks in a somewhat tumultuous coaching career. And in his first stint in college coaching, last year he accepted the basketball rebuilding job at FIU, donating his first year's salary back to the university.

It's a big challenge and he was 6-15 and 3-5 in the Sun Belt Conference at week's end.

But this present challenge is nothing compared to the challenges and battles Mary Thomas endured for Isiah and her children.

The world needs more of the Mary Thomases.

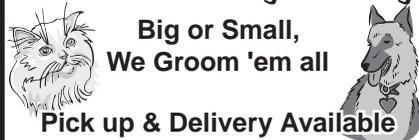
Everblades .500 on 11-Game Road Trip

The Florida Everblades long, 11-game road trip ended last weekend with a .500 record – five wins, five losses and one tie. They return home with a 20-15-6 season record and a firm grip on second place in the ECHL South Division with 46 points.

During that franchise-record road trip, the Everblades took on division foes South Carolina, Charlotte and Gwinnett before facing northern opponents Elmira, Reading and Trenton. They host Gwinnett this weekend at Germain Arena with 7:30 p.m. games Friday and Saturday.✪

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Sanibel Adult Softball League

Sanctuary Island Electric Sparks Playoff Berth



Aztec Plumbing Warriors

by Nick Brown

In the final night of regular season games, Sanctuary Island Electric lit up the night with a high-voltage comeback victory over Bailey's Baggers in the last inning of the game. With this win, Sanctuary Electric clinched 4th place and the final playoff spot in the post-season tournament. "We thought we had the game in the 'bag,'" said Bailey's player Jack Koc. The final score was Electric 20 to Bailey's 19.

Another squeaky close game was All Island Glass versus first place Beachview Rec'N'Crew. The general consensus was that All Island Glass was going to get polished. But that wasn't the case. Overcoming an early 13 run deficit, All Island made a comeback just a few minutes too late. In the midst of the comeback, the game was called due to its time limit. Final score: Beachview 18, All Island Glass 17.

In the final game of the night, The Aztec Plumbing Warriors sent smoke signals up in the air, warning every team to watch out for their warpath next season. They picked apart their opponents, second place Great White Grill 25-10 in what was Great



All Island Glass

White's biggest loss of the year. Great White captain Shoeless Joe Ramsey said, "We were resting our starters so they will be fresh for the playoffs."

Next Wednesday will be the post season tournament between the top four teams. The tournament is more than a simple test of skill and athleticism. It is also a test of endurance because winning teams play a double header in a four-hour extravaganza. The tournament champions and runners up will get trophies of gargantuan proportions. But more importantly, bragging rights will be theirs for all eternity.*

Final Standings	W-L-T	%
Beachview Rec'N'Crew	10-1	.910
Great White Grill	7-4	.637
Bailey's Baggers	6-5	.546
Sanctuary Island Electric	5-6	.455
Aztec Plumbing Warriors	5-6	.455
All Island Glass	0-11	.000

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 Sanctuary Island Electric defeated Bailey's Baggers 20-19
 Beachview Rec'N'Crew defeated All Island Glass 18-17
 Aztec Plumbing defeated Great White Grill 25-10

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Recreation Department Recognizes Volunteer Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department would like to recognize Volunteer of the Month Judith Jones.

Jones volunteers at the rec center with the youth after school program. She has resided on Sanibel since 2007. She relocated to Sanibel to enjoy her retirement after a successful career as an American diplomat and educator. The volunteer program at the rec center has been a perfect fit for Jones because of the flexibility of the youth programming. She said, "My favorite part of being a volunteer with the youth program is the kids, by far. They are outgoing while also being respectful of each other as well as adults. Being with them stretches my perceptions – keeps me young. I love passing along my interests to them. My overall experience has reinforced my pride in Sanibel."

Volunteer opportunities are available. For information call 472-0345.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. Visit our Web site at www.mysanibel.com.



Judith Jones

Salsa Night At The Rec Center

The Sanibel Recreation Center is offering Salsa Aerobics on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Salsa Aerobics is a sizzling, Zumba-inspired workout that moves to Latin and international music beats.

Participants will learn fun Latin dance steps for an exhilarating aerobic experience that finishes with an amazing abdominal workout. Participants are encouraged to bring water and a towel. Cost of class is included with a Sanibel Recreation Center membership. Advanced registration is not required. The class is available to individuals ages 12 and older.

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Teen Scene Racquet Night

Grades six through eight, get ready to "net" some fun with a variety of racquet sports at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Monday, January 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Join in for badminton, indoor pickleball and music in the gymnasium along with a round of Night Light Tennis on the courts (weather permitting). All racquets will be provided. Closed toed footwear is required. Healthy refreshments will be served. There is no cost for recreation center members to attend. Non-members will require a day pass for entry. For more information on the Teen Scene or this event call 472-0345.

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Local Salvation Army Prepares Canteen To Assist With Repatriation

The canteen (mobile kitchen) has been checked and approved road-worthy for travel. The trailer has been stocked with food and supplies. A crew has been contacted and told to be ready at a moment's notice to leave Fort Myers and head for either Miami International Airport or Homestead Air Force Base to assist with the repatriation of American citizens from earthquake torn Haiti.

The United States government has asked The Salvation Army and State Emergency Management to help coordinate efforts in helping American citizens when they arrive at either Miami International Airport and/or Homestead Air Force Base. The Salvation Army's task is to support services such as feeding operations (snacks, hydration, etc.) and basic supplies for those coming with just the clothes on their back. It will be at these two locations where American citizens can receive medical attention, counseling, and communication with family.

"We are on a heightened standby status for the Fort Myers canteen and crew to be ready for service," said Major Ann Penhale, corps officer. "This is our service to help those in need who are returning to America. We have been praying fervently for the people of Haiti and all those connected with the relief work being done," added Penhale.

The Salvation Army canteen has the capability of providing up to 1,500 meals a day for this mission. The trailer that will be pulled behind the canteen is stocked with three days worth of food and supplies. This trained crew of three is diversified in the duties of driving, cooking, stocking, maintenance and mechanics.

The Salvation Army has had a presence in Haiti since 1950 and its personnel who were affected by the earthquake are now working to assist others in need. The Salvation Army operates schools, clinics, a hospital, feeding programs, children's homes and church-related activities through some 60 corps community centers across Haiti.

The public can help The Army most right now by making a financial gift that gives them the purchasing power needed to care for disaster survivors. The local corps office is accepting monetary donations for the victims of the earthquake at the following drop-off locations:

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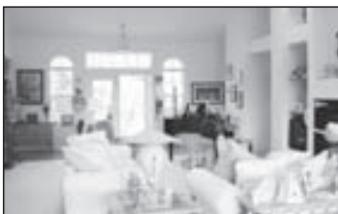
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Ask The Pro

by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional



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Dunes Golf Nifty Niners

The Dunes Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, January 14, format: Two Person Scramble are:

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|-----|--------------------|------|
| 1st | Valerie Hotchkiss | (19) |
| | Dorothy Hirschfeld | |
| 2nd | Judy Yenkole | (20) |
| | Robin Cohan | |

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|-----|---------------------|------|
| 3rd | Marge Moretzsohn | (22) |
| | Jeanette McLaughlin | |
| 4th | Joan Kelly | (23) |
| | Carol Larson | |
| 5th | Bridget Funk | (24) |
| | Sue Altum | |
| 6th | Ann Levinsohn | (24) |
| | Nancy Hopkins | |
- Congratulations to the winners.*

Lakes Park Community Market To Open

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation in cooperation with the Lee County Parks and Recreation and market managers Jean

Baer and Betsy Ventura announce the opening of a new community market at Lakes Park. This open-air market will feature vendors to include baked goods, live plants, honey, pasta, cheese, fresh seafood, local produce, organic vegetables, nuts, soaps, and area arts and crafts.

The market will open Friday, January 29 and run each Friday through May from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are no pets allowed in the park. If you are interested in being a vendor or a volunteer, or if you have questions contact one the market managers by email at: jmbaer@comcast.net or jenningsims@aol.com.*




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SPORTS QUIZ

1. How many teams did David Cone pitch for during his 17-season major-league career?
2. Who was the only 20-game winner for the Montreal Expos?
3. Name the former member of the NFL's Cardinals to most recently be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
4. Who was the first Division I men's basketball player to lead the nation in scoring and rebounding in the same season?
5. Name the youngest defenseman in New York Rangers history.
6. Who was the last runner to be a three-time winner of the New York City Marathon?
7. How many career victories did Nancy Lopez have on the LPGA Tour?

ANSWERS

1. Five (Kansas City, New York Mets, Toronto, New York Yankees, Boston). 2. Ross Grimsley went 20-11 in 1978. 3. State in 1984-85. 4. Xavier McDaniel averaged 27.2 points and 14.8 rebounds a game for Wichita. 5. Dave Maloney was 18 when he played for the Rangers during the 1974-75 season. 6. Alberto Salazar won it three consecutive years, 1980-82. 7. She won 48 times.

Dunes Men's Interclub Match

	Match #1	Match #2	Match #3	Match #4	Total
	Legends	Gateway	Kelly Greens	Olde Hickory	
	10/8/2009	11/16/2009	12/15/2009	1/11/2010	
Gateway	10	39	38	-18	69
Legends	11	21	39	-4	67
Dunes	14	16	28	-7	51
Gulf Harbour	19	1	21	0	41
Olde Hickory	23	18	23	-35	29
Magnolia	-15	8	23	-6	10
Kelly Greens	-14	-12	31	-29	-24

submitted by Matt Oakley

The Dunes Men's Interclub Team finished 4th in Monday's event at Olde Hickory, but moved into 3rd place overall for the year. We stand with 51 points and are only 18 points out of 1st as the quest to retain the cup continues. The match will be at Gulf Harbour on Wednesday, February 17. A sign-up sheet is now up.

Jack Roberts (Interclub chairman), Jerry Muench (reigning club champion), Dave Jones and Norbert Kunz (top 2 point getters at Olde Hickory not already in) are all automatically in. If more than eight people sign up for Gulf Harbour, there will be a quota points qualifier on Friday, February 12.*

SANIBEL POOL LEAGUE 2009-10
Standings through January 18, 2010

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	170	70
Second	One Ball Wonders	109	131
Third	Fresh Legion Crew	109	131
Fourth	Sanibel Cafe	92	148

RESULTS
January 18

Bunt's Ball Busters	9	Fresh Legion Crew	8
Sanibel Cafe	8	One Ball Wonders	7

Highlights from Week 15:

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

John Earle posted his second straight 4-0 night and Jack Dalton chimed in with three wins in his match against Doc Lubinski. These seven out of the last eight games played enabled Sanibel Café to tie the Fresh Legion Crew. Tom Hensel had a 4-0 night and Barbara Chance racked up three wins for the Crew. In spite of the tie the Crew moved into a second place tie with the One Ball Wonders.

Bunt's Ball Busters Captain Bob Buntrock had to win the last four games against Captain Kip Buntrock's One Ball Wonders to squeeze out a 9-7 victory. This was the closest any team has come to defeating the league leading Ball Busters who now hold a commanding 6- game lead with six weeks remaining in the season. Kelly Greten produced his second 4-0 night in a row for the One Ball Wonders.

The league's year-end Singles Tournament set for Monday night, March 8, now has 10 entrants: Richard McCurry, Bob Buntrock, Doug Gentry, Jack Dalton, Terry Ricotta, Joe Stahl, Matt Hall, Fresh Conaway, Rich Ennis, and Dave Doane.*

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Dunes Sunday Couples

The Dunes Golf Sunday Couples results from Sunday, January 17, format 2 Person Scramble Combined Score, are:

- 1st Place**
 Bill Hotchkiss 113
 Valerie Hotchkiss
 Doug Mallon
 Jeanne Mallon
2nd Place
 John Hendricks 124
 Karen Hendricks
 John DeFrancisco
 Linda DeFrancisco
 Congratulations to the winners.✪

Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, January 13, format: 4 Man 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls (100% Handicap) are:

- 1st Place**
 Jack Roberts 115
 Al Lane
 Phil Pilibosian
 Richard Chocal
2nd Place
 Peter Cline 116
 Michael Funk
 Andy McKelvey
 Tim O'Neill
3rd Place
 Howard Dwyer 117
 Max Friedersdorf
 Harry Gould
 Joe Raboy
 Congratulations to the winners.✪

Dunes Women Rally For The Cure



First place Margaret Dwyer, Karen Hendricks and Pat Sawin

The Dunes Womens Golf Association held a Rally for the Cure on January 15 to benefit the Susan B Komen Cancer Foundation. With 57 participating, the event raised \$1,987 for breast cancer research. This included a generous donation from the men's Pogey Baiters group.

Prizes donated for the event include ift certificates for The Dunes Rassa dining room won by the first place team of Karen Hendricks, Margaret Dwyer and Pat Sawin; and from Rally for the Cure, a rescue club won by Irmingard Markusch for being closest to the pin on hole #2, and a Titleist pink ribbon golf logo golf ball to anyone who reached the green on hole #2.

Chip-Ins: #4 Sue Richard; #4 Bonnie Byrne; #5 Mary Donovan
 All players received a golf ball from the head pro, Matt Oakley.✪



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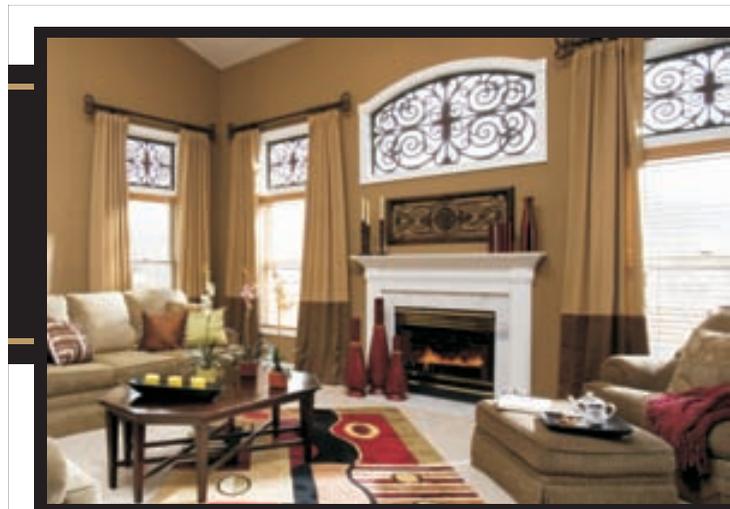
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Minnesota Twins Players Visit Local Hospitals

Minnesota Twins outfielder Joe Benson and batting coach Tommy Watkins, along with mascot TC and longtime radio announcer John Gordon recently visited The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and Lee Memorial Health System's (LMHS) Regional Cancer Center. The visitors brought smiles to the patients' faces and raised awareness for the 12th annual Minnesota Twins' upcoming Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament.

The Minnesota Twins share a long-standing relationship with LMHS and its regional cancer programs. The Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic raises awareness and funds for local cancer programs and members of the community suffering from cancer. This year's tournament will be held on February 25 at Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers. For information on corporate sponsorships or to play in the tournament, e-mail TwinsGolf@LeeMemorial.org or call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 985-3550.✪



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The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades has announced that Lee, Hendry and Glades counties will receive funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area. Lee County will receive \$506,586, Hendry County \$36,509, and Glades County \$6,557. Last year over \$550,000 was distributed to 21 local agencies under this program.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ USA, and the United Way of America.

A local board is charged with distributing the funds appropriated by Congress to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas. The local board determines how the funds awarded to this area are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local human service agencies in the area.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades provides the coordination and administrative support for this program in the community.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be the following: be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are private voluntary organizations, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies and organizations are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for these Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades, 7275 Concourse Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or call 433-2000 to request an application. The deadline for applications is February 5.

Cliff Smith, president of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades added, "The emergency food and shelter funds are being put to work where they are needed the most, and the administrative costs of getting the funds to the agencies who actually provide emergency food and shelter is only two percent of the total. That is extraordinarily low and speaks to the efficiency of the program." ❄️

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RE/MAX of the Islands held its annual Christmas party aboard the *Sanibel Princess* cruise boat chartered out of the Marriot Sanibel Harbour Resort. There were 40 sales associates, staff and spouses in attendance.

Broker/Owner of the local RE/MAX office Art Corace said, "We traditionally announce the results of our Children's Miracle Network (CMN) fundraising efforts at the Christmas party. We are proud to report our sales associates donated \$2,650 to CMN in 2009." Art's wife and company Co-owner Sandi Corace said, "It is important to know the local community benefits from our contributions because All Children's Hospital on Colonial Boulevard is largely funded through Children's Miracle Network."



Art and Sandi Corace

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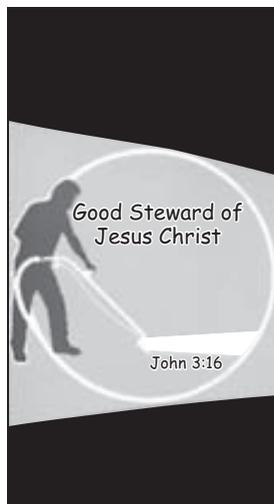
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Schools Preparing For The Influx Of Haitian Children

As the world tries to understand the massive devastation that has occurred in Haiti, and the relief efforts reach full strength, there is one aspect that may affect Southwest Florida – an influx of children from Haiti.

Many local residents have been struggling to get information about their loved ones who live on the island. And when they do receive word, many are now looking for ways to bring those loved ones to Southwest Florida. In anticipation of those efforts, Lee County Public Schools has begun to examine ways in which schools and the district can help.

Staff has already started working to identify schools that have room for new students. In addition, staff is working to identify those schools that may have higher populations of Haitian students, which may help ease the transition of those children arriving from the devastated country.

“We are going to do whatever we can for those children who come to Lee County from Haiti,” said Dr. James Browder, superintendent of schools. “We’ll get them enrolled as quickly as we can so we can immediately start to provide services for those who need it the most. Children are children, and these youngsters are going to need all the love and support we can give them.”

Community members who may be bringing school-aged children to Lee County from Haiti are encouraged to either contact the Student Assignment Department directly at 337-8247 or visit the Web site at (www.leeschools.net) and click on the For Parents tab to access the link to Student Assignment to obtain information on how to enroll a child for school.✪

Stress Reduction Workshop

An educational workshop on the relationship of stress to memory loss will be held on Tuesday, January 26 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. If you want to keep mentally sharp as you age, stress man-

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Will Power; Health Insurance Excise Tax Makes Rhinos Fly



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

Growing up, one of my favorite relatives was my Aunt Libby – who was a real pistol. Those of you who are Hoosiers and who ever frequented Libby's Deli at the downtown Indianapolis City Market (Governor Bowen and Mayor Lugar could often be found at the lunch counter munching on Libby's famous Bar-B-Q sandwiches) would have known her well. She was a fun-loving, gregarious, outspoken lady. Anyway, when someone said something so outrageous that it couldn't possibly be true, she would often add in a mocking tone, "...and that must be how they make rhinoceroses fly."

Which brings me to today's discussion on a tax found in the national health care bill.

Those of you following the ObamaCare health care debate may have missed an important measure that appears in the Senate's version of the legislation. If this bill is signed into law, health insurance policies that cost in excess of \$8,500 annually for individuals and \$23,000 annually for families would be levied an excise tax of 40 percent on

the excess.

The tax would be imposed on the health insurance companies, but we all know how it would simply get passed down to those of us paying the premiums. Senators have referred to the tax as only affecting "Cadillac Health Care Policies." I'll tell you to insure my family of five, I am paying "Cadillac" rates, but feel like I have a Chevy policy with high co-pays and deductibles.

The idea behind the law is to accomplish several goals. President Obama and some economists say the tax will help to reduce long-term health care spending. The theory behind it is by purchasing lower premium policies, individuals and families would face higher deductibles and co-payments. The ivory tower economists predict that if we all had to pay higher deductibles and co-payments then presumably we'd be more judicious in spending health care dollars.

Further, with employers having an incentive to spend "less" on health insurance, the result would theoretically be a decrease in paying for health care with pre-tax dollars and a corresponding increase in "post tax" health care spending, the net effect of which is higher income tax revenue to the federal government on the same amount of gross income.

A fascinating aside to this theory is that the bill exempts (until 2017) certain state and local government and existing union health insurance contracts from the excise tax. This leads me to believe that President Obama's economists conclude that union members wouldn't be more judicious in their spending when faced with higher deductibles and co-payments. So we should just leave those folks alone and not tax them anymore.

On the other hand, perhaps the Democrats in power simply want to exempt their favorite sons and daughters from a tax burden that they intend to impose on the rest of us. But that might just be cynical thinking on my part.

Critics to the theory suggest that the excise tax will simply force employers to offer thinner benefits, increasing the out of pocket costs like deductibles and co-payments in an effort to reduce annual insurance premiums.

As a partner in a five-man law firm with 20 employees, I can tell you with firsthand experience that the result of this legislation would be lower benefits to our employees, and a disincentive to hire more staff until absolutely necessary. I will also tell you that my employees who would be forced to pay higher deductibles and copayments don't have any additional cash from which to pay them. So we hurt employers who might otherwise hire more employees and provide benefits – and we hurt employees who already are scraping by to make ends meet.

How's that for helping a sagging economy that has recently experienced unprecedented job losses?

Proponents of the excise tax suggest that it will raise revenue to help pay for insuring the uninsured – in other words – by taxing those of us who have the best health insurance policies for our failure to negotiate fees for medical services – then this will result in all of us paying less for health care and more of us getting health insurance coverage.

I don't know about you, but when I call the radiologist for an MRI – I haven't found them amenable to negotiating their fees. I don't blame the doctors and hospitals for that – their recordkeeping responsibilities are burdensome to the point of absurdity. I can't imagine a world where they negotiate different rates for different patients – or patients even having an ability to so negotiate rates.

What else can you expect from a government where many members of Congress and our sitting president have – not once – in their entire lives ever had to meet a payroll or look to provide the best health coverage at a reasonable rate for their employees?

In summary, the ivory tower theories justifying a health insurance excise tax must be how they make rhinoceroses fly.

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Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company Hosts Women's Seminar



Bonnie Dale, Shirley Miller and Jane Parker

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, continuing a tradition inaugurated by Board Member Ginny Fleming three years ago, hosted a women's seminar on January 12 at The Sanctuary Clubhouse.

The seminar, titled *What Every Woman Needs To Know About Her Financial Future*, gave the assembled ladies a philosophy of financial management as well as practical tips about how to best assure a secure and happy retirement.

"Women's financial lives are different from men's," said Adria Starkey, president of the Naples Trust Company, a new division of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. "Research reports show a connection between health and wealth; if people feel comfortable about their financial plan, there is a correlation with good health."

Starkey noted that women control 75 percent of household finances and that women between the ages of 50 and 70 have become a huge financial force.

The trust company staff provided the guests with notebooks containing information about gathering key financial material, such as estate planning documents, living will, health care surrogates, revocable trusts, and durable power of attorney.



Sondra Gilbert, Mitzi King, Shirley Beiberg, Bernette Jaffe and Marcia Reilly

Starkey zeroed in on the importance of women becoming fully informed of their financial picture so they will not be caught off guard by an unexpected turn of events, such as the passing of a spouse or problems with children and grandchildren. She urged them to become familiar with their husband's advisers, such as attorneys, accountants, and financial planners.

She recommended that women fully understand their financial condition so they do not forfeit control of their lives as they age. After a spouse passes, "Men tend to quickly marry again. In contrast, women will often wait, stay single, then it's off to the nursing home!" said Starkey, to the amusement of a number of the ladies.

Terry Igo, the president of Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, augmented Starkey's presentation by highlighting some of the common issues that can create problems for a surviving spouse.

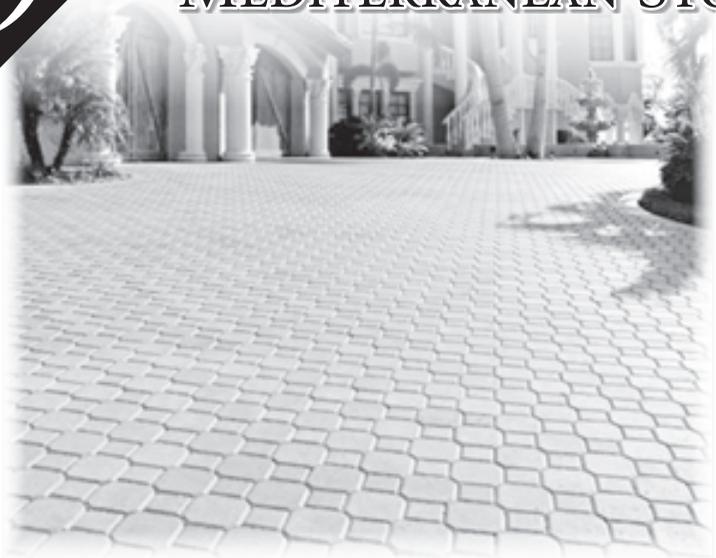


Terry Igo and Adria Starkey

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Make It Your Bedroom



by Marcia Feeney

Much more than just the place you sleep, today's master bedroom should function as a truly personal in-home retreat. The private nature of this room invites the indulgence of

sumptuous fabrics, heirlooms and collectibles or an exquisite oriental rug, which might be in jeopardy in other areas of the home.

Filling its role as the room's focal point, the bed may be dramatically sleek or elaborately festooned and should make a strong statement in the room's interior while imparting an ambience of luxury and leisure. Nothing says custom grandeur more than exquisite bed coverings with lavish accent pillows. And contrary

to what every 'bed-in-a-bag retailer' would have us believe, beds with varying frames, box springs, and mattresses are not standard sizes. Custom design includes custom fitting. And here's a gender-friendly tip: men are usually more comfortable in strong jewel tones rather than pastels, and with paisleys, solids and stripes rather than florals.

Canopy beds with side curtains were originally designed to deflect chilly drafts in the days before homes were well insulated. Luckily, we're now left with the legacy of this exquisite and intimate bed treatment. The lack of a real canopy bed is not a deterrent since the bed curtains can be hung from the ceiling, from a carved corona, or from ceiling mounted drapery rods. Even a small bedroom can have this romantic treatment by draping only the head of the bed.

Possibly more than in any other area of the home, window treatments here need to be both beautiful and functional. Providing there is a nice view, the window treatments should be designed to completely clear the windows when opened. Styles, fabrics, trim, hardware, and fabrication techniques can vary tre-

mendously to satisfy both function and beauty.

A small love seat or chaise positioned at the foot of the bed can serve a dual role as a comfy nest for reading and as a rest for folding back the bed cover at night. If space is at a premium, try two easy chairs facing each other with an ottoman between; a beautiful armoire will serve to encase the master bedroom television and will need to be carefully situated if the bed is draped and canopied so that the side drapery doesn't interfere with viewing. Ideally, the television will be equipped with remote headphones so that the viewer will not disturb the person reading or sleeping.

Side tables for the bed are growing even larger to provide storage and table top space for the accessories of this user-friendly "nest". The two bedside tables needn't be identical, but should reflect the personal needs of the individual sleeper. In fact, current styles don't call for the traditional bedroom set at all, but invite creativity and better functionality with individual pieces that work well together.

Deep, rich wall colors create a sense of tranquility as well as a hint of drama in a bedroom. Rugs, draperies, tapestries, upholstered walls, furniture, and plants all can act as important sound-absorbing elements to provide an intimate setting or solitude.

A large, custom framed floor-length mirror can add interest as well as serve for dressing purposes. Lighting must also be carefully selected. Lamps with fairly

heavy shades and three way switches allow for reading and task lighting while offering a low setting to soften the mood.

Make it personal, cozy, functional, and private and you'll find yourself retreating there more often than ever before.

Marcia Feeney is an interior decorator on Sanibel. ✨

New Associate

Susan McCallion has joined Pfeifer Realty Group as a realtor-sales associate. She brings experience in non-profit management, consulting and real estate technology.



Susan McCallion

For the past six years, McCallion managed a real estate technology consulting business, providing technology solutions and training real estate staff and agents on software application. She is active in the Southwest Florida community with The Sanibel School PTA, United Way of Lee County, Sanibel-Captiva Cares Committee, and Junior League of Fort Myers. She is also a Girl Scout troop leader and Cub Scout pack treasurer. ✨



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Shalala Makes Strong Case For Health Care

by Max Friedersdorf

Donna Shalala, president of the University of Miami and former Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Clinton Administration, opened the eighth year of the FORUM at Big Arts lecture series with a strong endorsement of health care reform.

Referring to the 47 million Americans without health insurance, Shalala said, "We should be proud to be Americans and ought to feel very good about helping those who are most vulnerable in our society."

"One way or another we have got to get everybody covered because right now we are paying for those uninsured," she said. "Every time someone gets sick and goes to the emergency room or is hospitalized without insurance, the cost is absorbed by those with insurance and is part of your bill."

Speaking to a capacity audience in Schein Hall on January 13, Shalala recalled that health care for all Americans has been a goal since the administration of Teddy Roosevelt in 1912.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt drafted a health care bill for all Americans to accompany his Social Security legislation during the Great Depression, but was rejected by conservatives in his Cabinet and the American Medical Association, according to Shalala.



Donna Shalala (right) was the inaugural speaker for the eighth year of the FORUM at Big Arts lecture series. She was greeted by Ann Simms (left), of Sanibel.

Further attempts were defeated during the Truman, Clinton and Johnson administrations, Shalala related, citing "wounds I still have" from the battle during the Clinton years.

Shalala likened the health care reform bill as another entitlement program in the same category as Medicare and Social Security which allow senior Americans to live in dignity and security without burdening their children and grandchildren.

Shalala said the apparent "messiness" of the current health care debate was due to media "transparency" and "the 24-hour news cycle" focused on the inter-

nal Congressional debate, whereas in the LBJ debate on Medicare in 1965 "deals were cut in smoky back rooms" before the final package emerged.

Eighty percent of the uninsured go to work each day, sometimes working several jobs, Shalala related, but have employers that don't offer health insurance, or cannot afford the premiums.

She also remarked that the new legislation that is pending in the Congress for final consideration will not "disrupt the present system" for those satisfied with their current health insurance programs.*

Human Trafficking Artreach Projects Available To Girls

Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP), a Sanibel based 501c3 non-profit, is organizing two Artreach projects for Lee County girls. Each project uses the arts to teach young women about the dangers of human trafficking, especially domestic minor sex trafficking.

Cases of young girls being lured into the commercial sex trade have occurred in Lee County and Florida. The goal of these projects is to teach girls how to protect themselves and to use their art and their voices to educate their peers.

One project creates canvas wall hangings under the supervision of Dr. Genelle Grant, an art therapist and educator, and Nola Theiss, executive director of HTAP.

Theiss says, "One of the groups most susceptible to the lures of traffickers is our own children and grandchildren. The National Center of Missing and Exploited Children estimates that over 200,000 U.S. children are currently enslaved in the sex industry in the U.S. and the number is growing every day".

The art project takes place on February 16, March 2 and 30 and April 13 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Shire Lane off Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers. Transportation from schools can be arranged and dinner and snacks are pro-

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Aulino’s dental care team includes several registered dental hygienists, certified dental assistants, an insurance specialist, an appointment secretary and office manager.

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Dr. Carmen Aulino



New Dr. Aulino's new office

dearRPharmacist

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: My brother was in a research study and eventually he found out that he was in the placebo group, but he insists his treatment helped anyway. I think it's all

in his mind, don't you?
It is, but so what? Placebos are inactive pills/treatments that are tested against “real” medicine to see which works better.

Before you dismiss the concept, consider that two groups of people receive knee surgery. One of the groups gets an authentic operation, while the other group just gets sutures placed while under anesthesia. The benefits are similar. And this is mind-blowing: One group of people receives chemotherapy, and another group receives placebo treatment. Both groups lose their hair!

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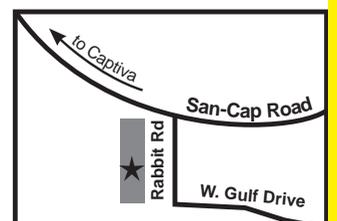
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Fort Myers Native Launches Food Blog In London

Libby Andrews, a native of Fort Myers, started a food blog in London at the end of 2009. As a food lover and public relations executive in the consumer industry, Andrews started the blog, titled *Ravenous*, to bridge the gap between foodies and food PRs in the capital.



Libby Andrews

According to Andrews, food bloggers – those who are not journalists or food critics, but just love food and spend all of their spare time visiting restaurants and food-related events and blogging about it – are very well read and known in the industry. She says a food PR is someone who works in PR for food in some way, usually for a restaurant, product or brand.

“As a person who focuses on PR both online in the print media for my clients, it became obvious very quickly in 2009 that I would need to target the food bloggers in London to feature the restaurants and brands I worked for in their blogs,” Andrews said. “People are paying attention to these bloggers. Not only do they have thousands of ordinary viewers, but

opinion formers are also reading them.”

But the bloggers were not always very receptive to the idea of PR. According to an article in the *Guardian* August 2009, titled *When the food bloggers met the PRs*, bloggers do not trust PRs, nor do they think they need them, and PRs have trouble convincing some clients the bloggers are worth the time and money.

“But the thing is,” Andrews said, “They need each other. The bloggers can use PR to get access to interesting content for their blogs, and the PRs can generate some great online coverage for their clients.”

After a lot of reading and meeting many of the bloggers, Andrews said she realized she wanted to start a food blog herself because she loves food not only for her job, but also in her spare time.

Since launching *Ravenous*, Andrews has written about restaurants in London, eating on vacation in places like the south of France and Cyprus, food-related events (an evening of chocolate cocktail tasting), and tips for eating healthy. After only four months of going live, in January 2010 *Ravenous* was featured in a UK parenting magazine with a quote for one of the top 25 ways to stop ditching your diet.

Now with hundreds of viewers from multiple countries, *Ravenous* has taken shape into a food blog with a focus on a healthy lifestyle.

“Thanks to my mom, I grew up in a home learning about how to eat healthy, good food and at the same time really love to eat. You’d be surprised how many people have no idea what’s healthy

and what’s not, and I have had a great response to my posts. People really find them to be helpful.”

Andrews says she will continue to write about health but also about food in London and around the world. And, as for bridging the gap, she’s not sure if it will ever happen, but she thinks she has fit into the world of food blogging with ease.

“I enjoy writing about food – eating out, ways to eat healthy, indulging in the good stuff, you name it. I am lucky to be living in a city with so many great restaurants and different food cultures, and to be working in a job where I can do what I love (eat and talk about it!), and I want to share that with the world.”

To read Libby’s food blog visit <http://www.ravenouslibby.com>.✽

Cancer Fighting Cooking Course

The Cancer Project, a national non-profit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a four-session cooking course in Naples designed to help prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition.

The class lineup is as follows:

February 17, noon to 2 p.m., Introduction to How Foods Fight Cancer
February 24, noon to 2 p.m., Fueling Up on Low-Fat, High-Fiber Foods
March 3, noon to 2 p.m., Discovering Dairy and Meat Alternatives
March 10, noon to 2 p.m., Cancer-Fighting Compounds and Healthy Weight Control

For more information about Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Classes, visit www.CancerProject.org or call 202-244-5038.✽

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: Every new year I vow to stop smoking and have yet to be successful. What will it take for me to finally quit?

A: Smoking cessation is a very difficult challenge yet it can be done, once

and for all. I do not know what methods you have tried but there are several things you might want to consider; I have found guided imagery and hypnotherapy to be successful natural methods if you really want to stop and it seems that you really want to become a non-smoker. You can order CDs from Bellruth Naparstek, Emmett Miller or David Bressler. They all have a wonderful and unique style of imagery. If you feel you need to see a professional, a hypnotherapist is a good way to go.

The hypnosis I conduct for my clients is a three-session approach that is a behavioral change and you smoke until the quit date that you sign in your smoking cessation contract. Your medical doctor can prescribe a patch for you or prescription drug, but there are the risks of side effects.

Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist, certified hypnotherapist, life coach, author and public speaker. You may email Dr. Connie at Connie@drconstance.us.✽

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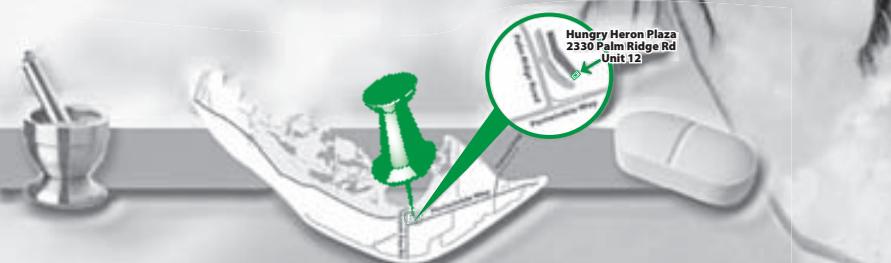
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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

Dear Mom & Me,

My mother-in-law hated me from the first day she met me. She thought I wasn't good enough for her daughter. I guess I wasn't then, but as luck would have it, I have been extremely successful.

She hated our son, but adored our daughter. After my wife mentioned it to her, she disliked them both.

Years have passed and when my mother-in-law's health started to go I asked her to come and live in our home. She lived with us for six years and not a day passed that she didn't tell me how she still hated me.

Please tell me why would a person be

so hurtful to us when we have been so good to her?

Erick

Dear Erick,

Treating others well regardless of how you are treated by them... well done! I wish many would watch and learn from your example. It is a difficult road and at times I am sure, seems impossible but it screams a lot about your character. Your mother-in-law sounds like a self-centered individual, interested only in her own feelings. I am sure she can justify everything she says, feels and does.

I do not know why she acts the way she does. One thing is for sure, she is not going to change. She is getting her needs met by being mean.

If and when her presence in the home affects your family's health and happiness, making a change is OK and not throwing in the towel. In some families due to personalities, past history etc., strong and wide boundaries are needed. You can still care, but care from a distance.

Dear Erick,

Congratulations on your success.

Some people would never ever admit that they could do anything wrong. Their opinions are right regardless of the facts.

You were kind and generous people to give her a home. Her mental impairment in later life just compounded the problem.

Some people seem to be nasty individuals, regardless of the kindness of others. Nasty when they were young and even worse when they are older.

Pryce

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com. ✨

Hospital Seminars Will Focus On Weight Loss Surgery

Obesity is a growing problem in the United States and more specifically in Florida. According to the most recent data available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 24.4 percent of Florida's population was classified as obese in 2007. Lee County's population, scored higher at 25.4 percent.

The number of people undergoing weight loss surgery has also grown dramatically over the past few years. The American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery reports that 220,000 Americans had some form of bariatric, or weight loss, surgery in 2008. The most common procedures nationwide are gastric banding and gastric bypass, and a newer procedure known as a sleeve gastrectomy is also growing in popularity. People considering bariatric surgery may have heard about all of these options, but they may not realize that one of the nation's most experienced surgeons practices right here in Southwest Florida at Lee Memorial Health System's Bariatric Center.

Moses Shieh, D.O., FACOS, leads LMHS' holistic bariatric and weight management practice, which includes surgery, ongoing support groups and activities, revisional surgery and post-weight loss body contouring. "Bariatric surgery isn't a 'magic bullet' for massive weight loss," Dr. Shieh says. "Rather, it can be the first step, combined with ongoing support and lifestyle changes such as exercise and diet, to help patients lose weight and live healthier lives."

People interested in learning more about bariatric surgery and LMHS' weight loss program can do so at one of several upcoming complimentary educational seminars. Seating is limited and reservations are requested. Call 343-9966 to reserve a spot.

Seminar dates:

Tuesday, January 26, part of Lee Memorial Health System's Well Informed Lecture Series, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Hyatt Place Coconut Point, Estero; Thursday, February 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Cape Coral Hospital. ✨

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Artreach Projects

vided as well as a stipend to the girls for their work when the project is completed. Community service hours can also be arranged.

Twelve high school girls will be selected for the program. To qualify, the girls must have a love of drawing and art. Girls from Sanibel are also invited to be part of the program.

To apply, send an e-mail to nola@humantraffickingawareness.org including name, age, school and indication why you are interested in this issue, and any art interest or training. For information, call Theiss at 395-2635.

The second project is already under way: a play is being produced at the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts which will be performed in the Spring 2010.

Both projects are sponsored by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva among other local organizations and individuals. To support these programs or other educational projects of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, send a tax exempt contribution to HTAP, PO Box 1113, Sanibel, FL 33957.*

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Womens Seminar

He suggested, for example, that women find out how assets are titled so that in the case of a death, assets such as an IRA may transfer directly into their IRA account rather than get caught in the delays and tax consequences of probate.

Igo welcomed them to call the trust company with further questions. "We're here to help," he said.

Children's Injury Prevention Fair

The Children's Injury Prevention Fair will be held this Saturday, January 23 at Lee Memorial Hospital, 2776 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The fair is designed to promote injury prevention by combining fun activities and useful information for the entire family.

The Injury Prevention Fair is presented by Lee Memorial Hospital's Emergency and Trauma Services in conjunction with The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Each year, thousands of children across the country are hospitalized for falls, burns, car accidents and other injuries. "Some of these injuries are avoidable," said Lisa Sgarlata, RN, vice president of patient care at Lee Memorial Hospital. "We hope that parents will bring their children to the fair and learn some of the simple steps they can take to prevent injuries."

Special features include car seat and helmet fitting stations; rollover vehicle; Stay Alive Just Drive information; fatal vision glasses; CPR demonstrations, helicopters, ambulance, safety house, Smokey Bear, Swampy, K-9 unit from

The ladies expressed their appreciation of the seminar. "Adria is very knowledgeable, very interesting," said Bonnie Dale. "This is important information."

"It helped me know what I should do for my children," added Jane Parker.*

Mind Fitness Program

Exercise your mind at a "brain gym" at The Community House on Wednesday, January 27 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Trained staff will assist you in brain games designed to target cognitive functions like memory, visual-spatial perception, and speed of processing. Like the body, the mind needs workouts to keep in shape. Scientific studies have shown that keeping mentally active and living a healthy lifestyle can delay or even prevent the symptoms of dementia in old age. The brain gym costs \$10 and is sponsored by LEAF Ltd., a private foundation. The Community House is located at 2173 Periwinkle Way.*

Alzheimer's: Light To Remember

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center and Fox Electronics will sponsor the 12th annual A Light To Remember in Centennial Park, Fort Myers, on Thursday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m.

A Light To Remember was created to help raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and related memory impairments and raise much-needed funds for the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.

Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), LCSO public services vehicles; EMS participation; safe baby-sitting information; fingerprinting; gun safety; pediatric nutrition; tobacco prevention; and pediatric swimming instruction information. Healthy snacks will also be available.

Children are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animals or a doll so they can participate in the Teddy Bear Clinic. Child life specialists will guide the children as they pretend to give medical treatment to their toy so they understand better what happens at hospitals and what doctors and nurses do to help them when they do not feel well or are hurt. This helps calm their fears should they ever need medical attention.

Free helmets will be available to 100 children provided the helmet is fitted properly to the child. There are only 100 helmets available to be shared.

At the car seat fitting station, parents will learn about car seat safety, proper installation and recalls. Anyone wishing to have his or her car seat checked by the Child Advocacy team from The Children's Hospital should call 432-4491 to make an appointment for the day of the fair.

The fair will take place in the auditorium and parking lot in front of the hospital.*

It will include a lighted display of luminaries purchased by families and friends to honor or remember a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related memory impairment. A special ceremony will be held near the fountain on Edwards Drive in downtown Fort Myers.

Luminaries can be purchased in advance for \$5 each. To purchase a luminary call the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at 437-3007.

Family members and friends requesting a luminary are encouraged to send a color copy photo, poem, or other special memory of their loved one with their luminary request. The luminary display at the 2010 A Light To Remember will include a collage of these memories. Copies should be sent since photos and other materials from previous years are used in the display.*

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dearPharmacist

Patenting drugs makes good business sense for companies who need to recoup their money from research and development. But we are missing the most fascinating aspect of clinical trials. There is a miracle happening with approximately one-third of the patients in many research groups that respond to dummy pills. They are getting better because of their belief in the pill they took, even though that pill is a fake. How does a drug that hardly works better than a fake get approved by the Food and Drug Administration? I imagine the conversation goes something like this:

Scientist at Drug Company: Our 'Tenbuxapill' works slightly better than this sugar pill, so we'd like you to approve it.

FDA: What are the side effects?

Scientist: Vomiting, seizures, depression, hair loss, headaches, leg cramps and Tourette's.

FDA: Can't we just approve the sugar pill with no side effects?

Scientist: Shhh.

In recent years, over 150 million annual prescriptions for antidepressants are filled in the United States. Depending on what literature you read, these drugs barely outperform placebos. Some companies have to conduct numerous trials before getting a positive result worth publishing, and then negative studies get filed in dusty cabinets or accidentally shredded. Shhh.

In a recent JAMA study, the researchers pored over 2,100 studies and concluded that the benefits of antidepressants were "minimal or nonexistent" when compared to placebo. I know why too - it's because medications don't correct underlying nutrient deficiencies, gene defects, low thyroid or adrenal insufficiency. Lifting the blues will be the subject of a future column. According to this particular study, drugs don't work any better than duds, yet they cost an arm and a leg.

So what power is within the dud pill that causes it to lessen pain, reduce cholesterol or ease depression? Absolutely nothing; the power is not in the pill, it's in your belief of the pill's power. We have an amazing capacity to heal, and we can absolutely generate our own happy hormones, antibiotics, anti-coagulants and pain-relieving opiates. We must get used to the notion that our bodies are the best pharmacy available, but shhh, don't tell anyone that America's pharmacist said so.

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*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.**

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* by Steig Larsson
 2. *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford
 3. *Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith
 4. *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout
 5. *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay
 6. *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum
 7. *Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
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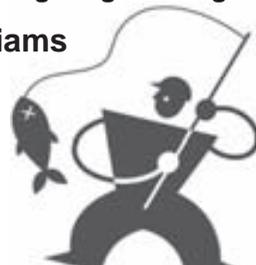
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I am in perfect health, just got all my shots, so I am ready to go home with you. Please think about me, I do need to find my forever home soon. To adopt me, call Kathy at PAWS, 839-5215.

P.S. Joey, the Chihuahua, has been adopted.*



Nellie

Body Composition Analysis At The Rec Center

A complimentary body composition analysis will be offered at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Wednesday, January 27 from 12 to 2 p.m. Body composition is an important component in determining one's fitness level and overall health. Discover your body's ratio of body fat to lean body mass. Call 472-0345 to schedule your appointment.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Daily, weekly, semi-annual and annual memberships are available. Visit the Web site at www.mysanibel.com.*

Surgeon To Provide Discounted Botox

Dr. Robert J. Brueck, MD FACS, board certified plastic surgeon in Fort Myers, will bring his services to Sanibel on January 29. During an afternoon of beauty, patrons of the Sanibel Day Spa will be offered injections of Botox, Dysport and other dermal fillers at 20 percent discount off the regular cost. Injections will be given from 1 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Brueck said, "This is a great time to have a filler renewal. Every woman wants to look her best at Valentine's Day."

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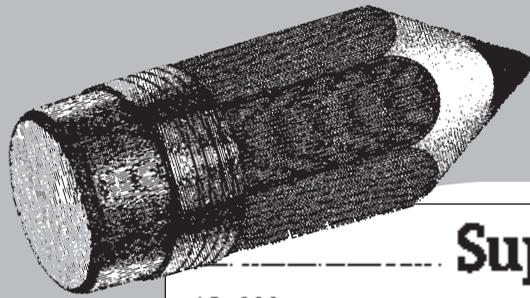
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Answers page 26B

Super Crossword HELLISH-TOSIS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Taedy
 - 7 Paris
 - 12 "— Strawberries" (57 film)
 - 18 Diner order
 - 19 Anti-knock stuff
 - 20 Kayak commander
 - 21 Racer Luyendyk
 - 22 Ipamore's locale
 - 23 Riddle Part 1
 - 26 "A mouse"
 - 27 Deli delicacy
 - 28 Insignificant
 - 29 Like Ya'e's walls
 - 30 Practice
 - 32 Swimmer Spiz
 - 33 Spud
 - 35 Keen insight
 - 36 Fall behind
 - 38 "Paradise Lost" figure
 - 40 Top drawer
 - 42 Ring site?
 - 45 Parched
 - 46 Freighter or lorry
 - 50 In the truck of
 - 51 Get the better of
 - 52 Folklore figures
 - 54 Nationality suffix
 - 55 "Bacony!"
 - 56 Eye opener?
 - 57 Respond to
 - 58 Berry of "Monster's Ball"
 - 60 Fern feature
 - 61 Primer pooch
 - 62 "Enigma Vanabons" composer
 - 63 Barron of Jaffe
 - 65 Riddle Part 2
 - 68 Wander
 - 70 Songlike
 - 71 — Patrick Morris
 - 72 O'er an apple?
 - 74 Winter Wharton
 - 75 Quoted an expert
 - 77 Winter warmer
 - 78 Not many
 - 81 Classic beginning
 - 82 Napoleon's cousin
 - 84 Long favor
 - 85 Danish coziness
 - 86 Bond foe
 - 88 Shulders "— of Angels"
 - 89 Clutches, o.g.
 - 91 — add
 - 93 Stubborn
 - 94 Small bay
 - 95 Amulet most
 - 98 Park up
 - 99 Unclear
 - 101 Butcher-shop buy
 - 102 Sarafendi
 - 104 "David Copperfield" character
 - 105 Fleur-de- —
 - 108 Prior to
 - 109 Answer to riddle
 - 114 Corsair
 - 115 "Isle" diplomat
 - 118 Novelist
 - 117 Prophet
 - 118 Scho snack
 - 119 Worf's portrayal
 - 120 Literary and
 - 121 Update a story
 - DOWN**
 - 1 City of distress
 - 2 Return address?
 - 3 Very low favor?
 - 4 Beyond taxonomy
 - 5 Aberration
 - 6 When Adam was a boy
 - 7 Ge'ish'a, e.g.
 - 8 Lusty peak
 - 9 — whale
 - 10 Cromwell, for one
 - 11 Bauer or Bachco
 - 12 Ebb
 - 13 Incensed
 - 14 Fool with the facts
 - 15 Remove
 - 16 Lutenist
 - 17 Feudal figure
 - 18 Symbol
 - 24 Neighbor of Miss.
 - 25 Scatulation word
 - 31 Takes to court
 - 32 Temperate
 - 33 Ryan's daughter
 - 34 Perched on
 - 35 — de-camp
 - 36 It I give you a lift
 - 37 Sar — Italy
 - 38 Golf c't
 - 39 Aud ophé's equipment
 - 40 Desire do led
 - 41 Lifesaver flavor
 - 43 Type of machete
 - 44 Render defenseless
 - 45 Ekberg or Bryant
 - 47 Hagar the Horrible's wife
 - 48 Cairo creed
 - 49 Isen's "— Gynl"
 - 52 Snarl
 - 53 Trekkers' go do
 - 55 Centra n hot copier
 - 57 Front best
 - 58 "Thanks —"
 - 60 Tuzzy
 - 61 Take the reins
 - 63 Winona of "Mr. Deeds"
 - 64 Heavenly number
 - 66 Remova a ribbon
 - 67 Thicket
 - 68 Anne of "John Q."
 - 70 Be a banker
 - 73 Ditch under a draw-bridge
 - 75 Family
 - 78 Chhallo's inducer
 - 77 Arrogant
 - 78 "— #1" (61 hit)
 - 79 Actress Sommer
 - 80 Singer Dottie
 - 83 Baby's bed
 - 84 Gangster's gal
 - 85 Liqueur glass
 - 87 Galley
 - 89 Tale talk
 - 90 Odd
 - 92 Tangled
 - 93 Big for Bonzo
 - 95 Tied the lanaca
 - 96 French physicist
 - 97 Stadium
 - 98 Stadium shout
 - 99 Torna
 - 100 Shady spot
 - 102 Grumpy guy
 - 103 "The Perfect Fool"
 - 104 "What's My Line?" host
 - 105 Lingua trim
 - 106 "— never happen!"
 - 107 Cartoonist
 - 110 Cable channel
 - 111 Actress Le Gallienne
 - 112 Overall's feature
 - 113 Chomp on a chunchanga

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Transfer
- 6 Decorate
- 8 Easter eggs
- 9 Stadium
- 12 Not just
- 13 "Alley —"
- 14 Prickly piece
- 15 Paper type
- 16 Chirp
- 18 Glen-related
- 20 Penic
- 21 However
- 23 Smoke, for short
- 24 With fervor
- 25 Twist out of shape
- 27 Confine
- 29 "Habba —"
- 31 Unpara-eled
- 35 Frack
- 37 Ringlet
- 38 Proverb
- 41 Turner or Williams
- 43 Squid squirt
- 44 Mylennus character
- 45 Disinclined to brag
- 47 Spackle
- 48 Thome
- 52 Estate's birthplace
- 53 S. dispenser
- 54 Mel slow
- 55 Storm center
- 11 Square
- 17 Catastrophic
- 18 Authoritative text
- 21 Merit badge org.
- 22 "Islander's strings"
- 24 Calcutta
- 26 Thunge
- 28 Amalgamated
- 30 First
- 32 Not ann-to
- 33 Grecian
- 34 Wap t
- 36 Tempest-tous
- 38 Battle verbally
- 39 In a boating way
- 40 "Poke-nut" genre
- 42 Shmooze samples
- 45 Part of S.M.C. (abbr.)
- 46 Freshwater
- 48 Spotted, lo
- 50 Rage
- 51 Craze

DOWN

- 1 Ball VIP
- 2 Don't spike
- 3 Animal
- 4 Winglike
- 5 Hammer-stun's contributor
- 6 Semblity
- 7 Long
- 8 Base-dc
- 9 Darned
- 10 Perfect

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- Burkeyes
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