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Kremlin Orchestra Performance Dedicated To Bill Phillips



Chamber Orchestra Kremlin

Chamber Orchestra Kremlin will grace the stage at BIG ARTS on Thursday, February 25, 8 p.m., with a pre-concert reception celebrating the life of William "Bill" Phillips. All are invited to attend the sculpture dedication ceremony in Boler Garden at 6:30 p.m. and share in a time of remembrance with the Phillips family.

Chamber Orchestra Kremlin has earned national and international recognition as one of Russia's leading ensembles. Comprising some of Russia's finest young string players, the orchestra has carved a niche for itself under the creative baton of Music Director Misha Rachlevsky. Chamber Orchestra Kremlin's warmth and high energy create addictive performances that stay with listeners long after the last note has been played.

Of their performance, a 2008 *New York Times* review stated, "Misha Rachlevsky, the ensemble's music director, elicited warm, full-blooded and virtuosic playing with

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The Sanibel Lighthouse and two cottages on Sanibel's easternmost point

photo by Nick Adams Photography

At Last, Sanibel Will Own The Lighthouse

by Anne Mitchell

Six years after making the request, the City of Sanibel has been given the go-ahead to purchase the Sanibel Lighthouse property. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will transfer the property to the city for the sum of \$447.50 – a bargain considering that it includes 44.7 acres and two lightkeepers' cottages.

But there's a catch. The 136-year-old iron lighthouse is covered in lead paint which will have to be removed and the structure repainted. The last estimate of cost was about \$270,000, said City Manager Judie Zimomra.

The bureau notified the city in a letter dated February 4 that its June 2004 request had been granted.

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Prizes Rolling In For Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner Raffle And Auction

Admit it: everyone loves the excitement of a raffle drawing and a live auction when there's good stuff to be won. No matter what type of item gets you going, you are likely to find it at the annual Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner Raffle and Auction. A wide range of merchandise and gift certificates is coming together from local merchants for this year's annual event to be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 at The Community House.

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Home decorating items are a favorite with local residents

Captiva ABC Sale Moves To The Sanctuary

Captiva Community Association's 44th annual ABC Sale will take place on Saturday, March 6 at The Sanctuary Golf Club. A new venue and the artful contributions of many of Sanibel and Captiva Islands' most creative people promise to make this year's ABC Sale event more enjoyable than ever.

Growing interest coupled with limited seating at the Captiva Civic Center led the CCA to move this year's event to The

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Louise Tuttle with doll house

HORTOONS



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American Legion Post 123

On Saturday, February 20 there will be a chili cook-off. Bring your chili in by 2 p.m. Judging will begin at 3 p.m.

There will be another seafood fest Sunday, February 21 from 1 to 8 p.m. with live music. Every Monday night is the 8-ball pool league at 6 p.m. Stop in and watch the best shooters on the island. Drink specials are offered every Wednesday, and Thursday night is cards night at 7 p.m.

A six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich with French fries is served all day Friday. Food is served all day every day and the public is welcome.

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Quilt Show Continues At Historical Museum And Village



Quilts are on display throughout the historic buildings in the village

Quilts, quilts and more quilts are on display at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village through March 20. Over 60 quilts, from all over the country and dating from the 1830s to the late 1900s, have been arranged and hung for viewing in the village's seven historic buildings. Some of these beautiful works of art and fine craftsmanship are from the museum's permanent collection and others have been loaned by islanders for the show. There are traditional as well as contemporary quilts and they come in all shapes, sizes and colors. The older quilts, which are hand-stitched, tend to have muted colors and simple patterns, while the newer machine sewn quilts feature brighter colors and more complex patterns. One of the oldest and rarest quilts in the exhibit is a child's crib or carriage quilt made in the 1830s.



Traditional and contemporary quilts are on view

Linda Stipek and June Ingraham will be quilting and piecing every Wednesday morning during the show on the porch of Morning Glories Cottage, the Sears and Roebuck kit home that was built by the Mayer brothers in 1925 on a lot facing San Carlos Bay.

The museum is grateful to Stephanie Rahe, Mardi Ponader, Christel and Hans Heidecker, Gail Weiss, Mary McLaughlin, and John and Paula Newton for their help in coordinating and hanging this year's show.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing Sanibel's heritage. The museum is comprised of seven historic buildings that were moved to the village from different parts of the island. Each building represents a distinct chapter of island history and features exhibits about the early settlers, farming, fishing, commerce, transportation and daily life. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$5 for adults, 18 and older.

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Resorts, Hotels Should Keep Density - Council

by Anne Mitchell

Some of Sanibel's older accommodations are long overdue for a makeover.

The city council is well aware of that but the dilemma is how to encourage renovation of non-conforming, substandard hotels and resorts within Sanibel's strict building codes.

"I would rather sleep in a tent than in some of the rooms I have seen," said Councilman Peter Pappas.

Visitors like new properties and updated amenities. They can look on the Internet to see what each property is like. They want large swimming pools – and some of Sanibel's resorts don't have room to expand their pools under existing codes.

Lee Olsen, an owner at Pointe Santo for 35 years, acknowledged, "Some of our buildings are getting older. We need to shine them up. People coming in (these days) have different desires – workout rooms, stairways, ramps. The Internet drove it," he said.

In the second of three planned meetings, Sanibel Mayor Mick Denham on Tuesday painted some "broad brush strokes" as a framework for the planning commission when it tackles the job of setting new standards to encourage the renovation of the island's many older, non-conforming hotels and resorts.

He sees it as a "health and safety issue because most island hotels and resorts are not built to current codes. He also wants to protect Sanibel's economy.

"If we don't improve them it will eventually force visitors to make other choices... it would affect all businesses and services for our citizens," Denham said.

He also wants to "preserve a block of short-term occupancy and we might consider an incentive: let them maintain existing density if they continue short-term occupancy. For those who want to (redevelop into) a condo they should conform to the current density map in the land development code."

Denham listed the main pillars on which to build the new rules, and his colleagues agreed. They include:

- Allowing properties to maintain current density within the same square footage. Without changes to the codes, some would lose units if they are redeveloped to current standards;
- Discourage increases in impermeable coverage to prevent more stormwater runoff from polluting the ground water and river;
- Maintain setbacks with the idea that owners can request a variance on a case-by-case basis;
- Retain height restrictions but come up with ideas for dealing with properties such as Sundial Resort, which is four stories high; if it were redeveloped it would, like other properties, have to be elevated above flood level. That would put it over Sanibel's height limit. Planning Director Jim Jordan was asked to come up with a list of other affected properties.

In addition, the state prohibits development beyond the coastal construction setback line, set in 1974, which will restrict some redevelopment.

Denham said he has been "doing due diligence" by meeting with hotel and motel owners so he understands all the issues.✪

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Lighthouse

The 102-foot lighthouse is an island icon that's been lighting the way for mariners since 1884 from Point Ybel. The light was automated in 1949 and is still operational. It's maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The property itself has been managed by the city for 25 years as Lighthouse Park under a lease agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard. It's one of Sanibel's most popular parks because of the beach and fishing pier. City employees are leasing the cottages on a month-to-month basis.

The lighthouse and cottages are on the National Register of Historic Places and therefore have to be preserved accordingly.

As part of the deal, the federal government will retain the aid to navigation – the lighthouse and equipment – on the site. Also, a licensed archaeologist must be present any time ground is broken on the site.

After all the waiting, the city has just 30 days to make payment.

Zimomra said she'd like to come up with a long-term plan for the property adding that now the city owns it, it should be easier to get grants for improvements and maintenance.✪

Bike Path To Be Extended To Blind Pass

by Anne Mitchell

Due to savings in the cost of bike path repairs, the City of Sanibel has some money left over and will pay \$65,000 of it towards extending the path from Pine Avenue to Blind Pass – a missing link between Sanibel and Captiva.

The Sanibel Bicycle Club ranked this section of the shared use path system as a top priority. Now the club is chipping in \$15,000 towards the cost of the extension from its Trails in Motion fund.

The Parks and Recreation Committee at its January 28 meeting approved the staff's recommendation to move forward with this path extension due to safety concerns.

Ken Bergstrom, bicycle club president, said since Captiva Drive was repaved with shoulders on both sides of the road, there is increased bicycle and pedestrian traffic going through the Santiva area to Captiva. Also, with the completion of the dredging of Blind Pass, increased bicycle traffic going to Turner Beach is expected.

"The current path ends at Pine Avenue and cyclists or pedestrians must use the narrow road. Also, because of the turn in the road approaching the bridge, visibility is limited. This presents a safety hazard both to cyclists and pedestrians. We believe that completion of the path system at this point would substantially reduce the safety risk."✪

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Walkers meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 1 p.m. and last approximately 1½ hours. Walks take place at Bowditch Point Preserve through March. This walk is free but a fee for parking is required.

Bowditch Point Park is located at 50 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach.

New this season is Low Tide Loafing at Sunset. Join a volunteer naturalist and leisurely explore the mud flats to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers while viewing a beautiful Florida sunset. Wear shoes that can get wet, don't forget your camera, water and bug spray. Days and times will vary depending on the tides.

The next February walk is scheduled for the 26th beginning at 5 p.m. and should last about an hour. Bunche Beach is located at 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers.

Exploring Ethnobotany is also new this season. Learn how indigenous plants can be used for such things as food, shelter, medicine and clothing. Learn the historical importance of some of Florida's plants to humans.

Walks meet the last Wednesday of every month at the entrance to Matanzas Pass Preserve. The next walk is scheduled for February 24 at 9:30 a.m. This is a free walk and there is no fee for parking. Matanzas Pass preserve is located at 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach.

When was the last time you walked through a maritime hammock or a mangrove forest with the bay lapping at your feet. Learn about the diverse plant communities including the maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands and mangrove forest. Walks start every Thursday, at the entrance to Matanzas Pass Preserve at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately 1½ hours. This is a free walk with limited free parking. Matanzas Pass preserve is located at 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach.

For more information on any of these walks, visit the Lee County Parks & Recreation Web site at www.leeparks.org or call 463-3764.✱

Raccoon Distemper Affecting Region

The veterinarians at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel have positively identified canine distemper in raccoons that have been brought in recently for treatment. The disease does not affect humans. Canine distemper can infect unvaccinated dogs, foxes, coyotes, and skunks and is often fatal for wildlife. It severely weakens the animals and may cause them to appear disorientated

and to wander aimlessly. Like all wild animals, even if they appear weak they can still become aggressive and bite if approached too closely. It is therefore unwise for the general public to try and help these animals directly if they are observed. If a sick raccoon is observed, the City of Sanibel encourages residents to call CROW at 472-3644 for response and pickup of the affected animal.

Canine distemper is more likely to occur when raccoon populations are large or concentrated. City of Sanibel Natural Resource Department biologists note that canine distemper among the raccoon population repeats on the island in cycles of five to seven years. Not all raccoons get the disease and many typically do survive these outbreaks. The disease is spread when animals have direct contact with body fluids or droppings from an infected animal. Distemper is always present in the environment, so the best prevention for dogs is to make sure they are vaccinated. If unsure, pet owners may want to contact their vet to make sure their dog's shots are current. Symptoms of distemper may include discharge from the nose and eyes, a rough coat of hair, emaciated appearance, and unusual behavior such as disorientation or wandering aimlessly. The animal's symptoms become progressively worse and the disease is usually fatal. Distemper is not the same disease as rabies, although some symptoms are similar.

For additional informational contact the City of Sanibel Department of Natural Resources at 472-3700.✱

Roxie Smith Is Lee Citizen Of Year

The Board of Lee County Commissioners has selected Roxie Smith of Fort Myers Beach as the recipient of the Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year award for 2009.

Smith was honored for her tireless efforts on the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce board of directors and its foundation, Fort Myers Beach Local Planning Agency, Lee County Tourist Development Council, Lee County Coastal Advisory Committee and Florida Commission on Tourism board of directors.

She becomes the 22nd recipient to receive the annual award.

Three runners up were also acknowledged: Samira Beckwith, Fort Myers, Mary Miller, North Fort Myers, and George Szymanski, Lehigh Acres.

The award was created in 1991 in honor of Paulette Burton, a long time Sanibel resident and government watchdog. She spent many years serving as a voice of the people to the Lee County Commission as well as playing an active role in Sanibel politics. She died in a 1991 automobile accident.✱

Sanibel Remains Safe: Police Chief

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel Police Chief Bill Tomlinson says while federally reportable crimes increased four percent in 2009, the city "remains a very safe community with a low crime rate." Federally reportable crimes include

murder and manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

In a report to city council on Tuesday, Tomlinson wrote that these crimes rose for the fourth consecutive year "bringing it back to the higher end of the crime range seen in recent history."

Since 2005, thefts have steadily risen from 57 in 2005 to 94 in 2009, he said. "This increase in thefts was primarily from vehicles at single family residences and condominiums. Approximately 40 percent or 35 of the thefts occurred from vehicles, 80 percent of which were to unlocked vehicles and 57 percent occurred at night.

Other data from the report:

- Even as the rate of overall crimes has remained steady from 2008, the rate of arrests has significantly increased by approximately 104 percent from 174 in 2008 to 357 in 2009.

- The rate of accidents has decreased approximately 14 percent from 219 in 2008 to 189 in 2009.

- There was a 39 percent reduction in traffic citations issued, from 1,283 in 2008 to 782 in 2009.

- 16 percent of those arrested were Sanibel residents, 64 percent were from elsewhere in Lee County, 9 percent were from other locations in Florida, and 11 percent were from other states and countries this past year.

- The police department received 16.6 percent fewer calls.

- There was a 15 percent increase of criminal violations, a 16 percent increase in theft, a 10 percent decrease in assault, a 68 percent increase in reported ordinance violations, a 15 percent decrease in traffic crashes, a 104 percent increase in arrests, and a 25 percent reduction in burglaries.✱

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Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

Docent Profile: Judy Yenkole

by Ray Buck

Docent Judy Yenkole says she "really likes the feeling of Miss Charlotta's Tea Room. I love thinking about this woman deciding to start her own business on the island.

"I know she was supported by her family, but I still think it was gutsy to go for an idea of her own in her day. Bravo strong women everywhere!"

Charlotta's family owned the Island Inn.

Frank Bailey, her uncle, was the founder and owner of the Bailey Store and ferry dock where the tearoom was located.

"I love to imagine the ladies of the island sipping tea and trading the latest Sanibel news as they waited for their goods to arrive on the boat," Yenkole said, "and to envision the men practicing golf on the small putting area in back of the tea room...ah, the good old days..."

Miss Charlotta's Tearoom was built to be the island's first gas station. The great hurricane of 1926 changed all that. And many other things as well. It survived the storm. The Bailey store, packing house and wharf didn't. When Frank Bailey built a new store on dry land, he put his gas tanks in front of it. Just as they are now. His cousin Miss Charlotta started serving tea and pastry to ferry passengers and others, rather than petrol in the unused gas station.

Yenkole worked in sales and jewelry store management and also as a realtor in suburban Chicago. "I enjoyed both fields, but now I am happily retired," she says.

She likes playing golf and loves to travel with Larry and to spend time with family and friends. "Our grandkids bring us great joy," she added.*



Judy Yenkole in Bailey's General Store at the historical village

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Sanibel's newly-formed member at large unit is proud to have become a part of this effort.

In this year it will continue to discuss the important issues, ask the difficult questions and demand accountability from the government.

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The Future Of Lee County

by Commissioner Ray Judah

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The \$10 million incentive package for Algenol to consolidate worldwide operations and relocate administrative offices and biological laboratories to Lee County provides a return on investment well beyond the initial 120 jobs within the next several years.

Algenol will set the foundation and will serve as the catalyst for attracting intellectual capital in the form of like-minded businesses and scientists in the field of biotechnology. Similar to the rapid rise in computer technology in Silicon Valley, California and the growth of life science companies at the Scripps Research Institute in Palm Beach County, Lee County is fertile ground for future advancement in green technology such as biofuels, solar energy and biomedical research.

Algenol has developed partnerships with world leading companies such as Dow Chemical, Biofields and The Linde Group to transform algae to ethanol from the pilot stage to commercial scale production. Lee County will serve as the epicenter for Algenol's research and development operations. In addition to providing high tech and field support jobs to our area, Algenol will be forming a partnership with FGCU to establish research programs for students pursuing careers in the fast growing renewable energy industry.

Algenol's technology of algae-to-ethanol produces a dual benefit as a source of renewable transportation fuel and sequestration of carbon emitted by fossil fuels. While fossil fuels contributed significantly to world growth and development, the over reliance of such an energy source has led to disruption in the global financial markets, devastating climate change, compromised national security and threatens food production around the world. On January 31, *The News-Press* reported in their article *Warming to the Task* that regulatory agencies such as the South Florida Water Management District and the United States Army Corps of Engineers are issuing a red alert on global warming and are investigating and rethinking the effects of sea level rise on regional flood control and water supplies.

The algae-to-ethanol technology will serve as a viable alternative to fossil fuels for gasoline engines and substantially reduce our dependence on domestic and foreign oil and offer fuel price stability. Algae based fuels should enable our state legislature to reject offshore oil drilling that would jeopardize our precious coastal beaches and \$65 billion dollar tourism industry.

Furthermore, algae is a preferred feedstock for ethanol production by not displacing, or causing the escalation in the price of food crops and generates a far greater yield in gallons per acre than fuel crops such as corn, sorghum, switch grass or sugar cane.

Algenol offers an incredible opportunity in protecting the Caloosahatchee River and our coastal estuaries from the release of polluted water from Lake Okeechobee. The algae-to-ethanol process under managed conditions can effectively and efficiently assimilate the excessive amount of residual, or legacy, phosphorous and nitrogen in Lake Okeechobee thereby filtering the water and reducing harmful nutrients prior to conveyance downstream.

The presence of Algenol will compliment FL Biofuels' facility in Fort Myers, which will be up and running in April converting grease and waste vegetable oil to biodiesel, and the emergence of FGCU's Innovation Hub and Gulf Coast Technology Center Research and Development business parks.

Pessimism, cynicism and a fossil fuel based economy are not the building blocks to a sustainable future. Lee County is exerting bold and visionary leadership to bring the brightest minds and clean technology together to ensure long term economic prosperity and a healthy environment.✱

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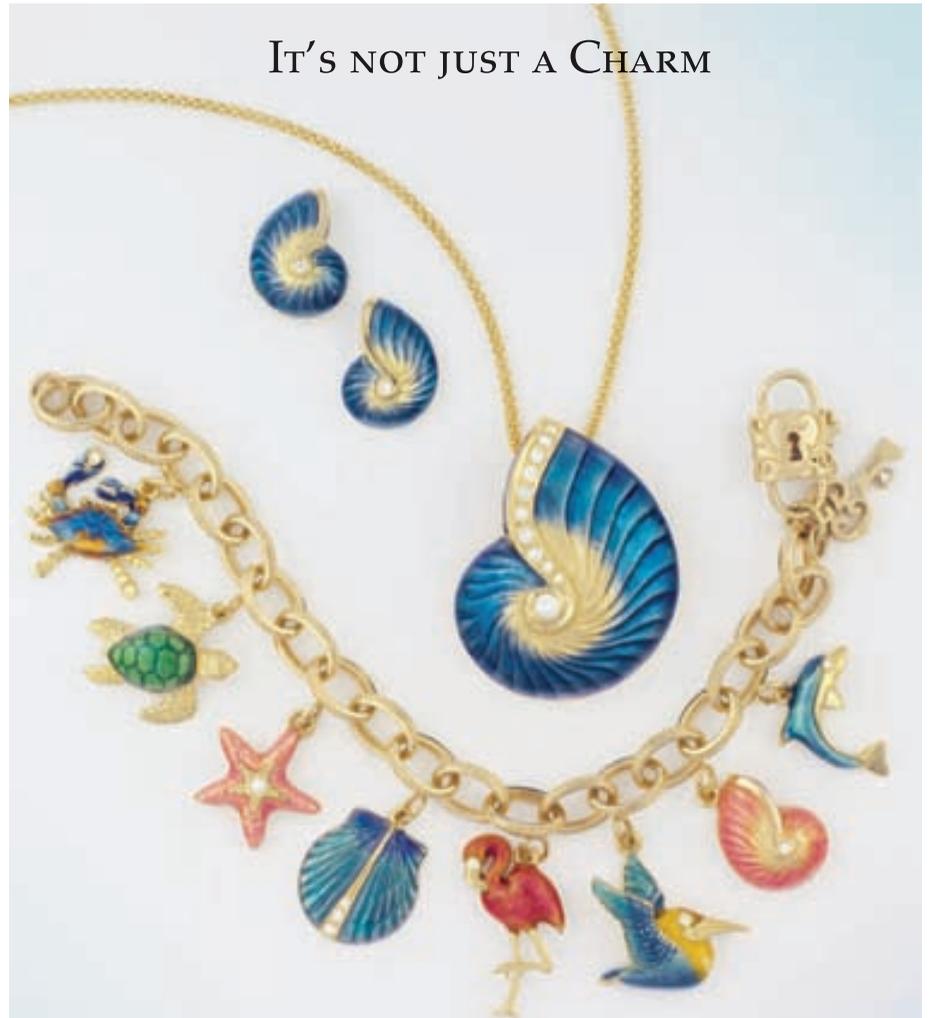
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Second in a series

A Uniquely American Concept

by Arlene Knox, Director of Relationships, Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva

Last week, you were introduced to the unique properties of the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva which serves a critical role in the nonprofit landscape of Sanibel and Captiva islands. Now, we'll look at how it fits into the larger context of the community foundation model.

Community Foundations are located around the world. However, the first was created in 1914 by Frederick Goff, a banker from Cleveland, Ohio. He found that many trusts managed by the bank often designated no beneficiaries or else designated the trusts to be used for obsolete causes (e.g. keeping horses watered and fed in a quickly changing automotive world).

He, with other local community leaders, created the concept of a "community trust", where funds would be managed together under endowment and then a portion would be distributed to meet community needs. This process would be managed by a group of local leaders. They formed the Cleveland Foundation, which exists today and is one of the largest community foundations in the United States. Frederick then traveled the country to tell others about his idea, dubbed "the Cleveland Plan," and communities embraced the concept.

Fast forward to today, where there are over 700 community foundations in the United States alone. They usually serve a city, county, region or state and generally have three key functions: serve donors in philanthropic decision-making process, manage assets under endowment, and distribute funds to the nonprofit organizations serving all types of causes.

No Two Are Alike

But as common as they are, community foundations are very diverse in the programs and services they offer. Some offer back-office services to private foundations. Some serve as umbrella organizations for start-up nonprofits. Some provide intensive training and educational programs for nonprofits. Some support economic development and micro-financing. In other words, no two are alike. Their function depends on the needs of the community in creating the most effective and strategic results for change.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has served the five-county region that includes Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte counties for over 33 years. It is managed by a board of trustees comprised of individuals from throughout the region. It has two divisions; the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva and the Bonita Springs Community Foundation.

Asset management, staff support, fund development and operational functions for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and the two divisions are

consolidated at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation office, with each division guided by a local advisory board that helps direct funding to the areas of the community that need it the most.

The advisory board members of the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel Captiva are: Ann Arnoff, Francis Bailey, Bob Berendt, Ginny Fleming, Ron Gibson, Al Hanser (chair), Liddy Johnson, Mike Kelly, Tony Lapi, Tim O'Neill, Marty Packard, Robbie Roepstorff, Tom Uhler and Bob Wigley.

Bringing It Home

Okay, so now you know that endowment is the key driver of community foundations. But you may be curious to know how the endowment model correlates with donor motivations and intentions.

The most successful nonprofits develop a budget to fund three key areas: money for their operational needs for the year; money needed for at least a three-to six-month reserve; and money needed for a long-term endowment fund. (This does not include a capital campaign budget, which would require its own article!).

They promote opportunities for donors to give in all three categories. Typically, annual fund gifts (checks you return in the mail in response to a newsletter or mass mailing) and major gifts (those you would give in person in response to a personal ask or meeting) are used for operational or capital expenses. But reserve funds and endowment funds are typically funded through estate gifts, trusts, retirement funds, insurance or other planned gifts. These funds are earmarked for sustainable, long-term growth.

Community foundations fill this endowment niche. They are experts at proper fiscal management, ensuring donor intent is adhered to, and matching grant distributions to community need.

Donors today are increasingly savvy; the Internet provides a great deal of information about a nonprofit performance and capabilities. The IRS is scrutinizing nonprofits differently than in past years, especially in the areas of governance, ethics, and accountability. Donors want to know that, should they provide for a nonprofit through an estate plan, that the nonprofit has the expertise and oversight needed to manage the funds for the long-term sustainability of the agency.

You may be wondering how the grants are made and who makes the decisions about funding. Watch for next week's article which will explain how your favorite nonprofits can apply for funding.

Through 331 endowed funds, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has provided more than \$45 million in grants and scholarships. For more information, call 274-5900, or log onto www.floridacommunity.com.

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Church Missions Conference

Sanibel Community Church will celebrate Missions from February 24 through 28. Events will include a LOGOS program at 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Wednesday Night Alive featuring Willie and Marie Erasmus from the Jesus Film ministries at 7 p.m. and the Missions BBQ at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

On Sunday morning there will be mission-centered services and the Mission Courtyard Fair.

Sanibel Community Church is at 1740 Periwinkle Way.*

dinner on March 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The dinner and show will be at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, Sanibel.

There will be songs by Irish tenor Terence Flannery from the British Isles. and the inspirational speaker will be Terry McMullen on Surviving Life's Challenges

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A nursery is available by request.

For more information call Anita Fayart at 395-9015, email Fayarts@msn.com or log onto: <http://cwcf.net/id212.html>. Deadline for reservations is March 8.*

CWC Dinner And Fashion Show

Latest fashions from the Sporty Seahorse Shops Of Sanibel will be featured at the Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Connection spring

Community Program On Haiti

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ invites the community to a program on the topic

In it for the Long Haul: The Politics and Religion of Haiti.

Most any school child knows the old mnemonic about Columbus sailing the ocean blue in 1492. Some know that he landed on Hispaniola, but many are unaware that that land is now divided between two countries; the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Recently, much attention has been focused on Haiti due to the devastating earthquake, but those who know Haiti's history know it is only the most recent blow to the poorest nation in this hemisphere.

On Thursday, February 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., the Reverend Dr. John H. Danner will offer a presentation at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. Danner will explore the rich and complex history of this nation.



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Rachel will discuss how to minimize factors contributing
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 join us for an informative and engaging discussion.

OBITUARY



ROBERT A. LOUWERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2010

Robert Arthur Louwers, 85, of Fort Myers died on February 12, 2010 in his home at Cypress Cove. He was born on January 9, 1925 in Detroit Michigan. He moved to Sanibel Island in 1978, and was the owner of the Island Exxon (now Shell) and Island Chevron (now BP) service stations for many years.

Robert is survived by his four children, his son Thomas Louwers and wife Theresa, daughter Lynnette Frikker and husband Mark, son Paul Louwers and wife Sherry and daughter Connie Brown. Bob's legacy will live on through his 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Bob was a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club and was the recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones award for his service to the club and the community. He was dedicated to serve the Lions club and was especially fond of the Leader Dog Program that was located near his home in Rochester, Michigan. Bob will be dearly missed at Cypress Cove for his volunteer services at the Inn and the Lodge, helping many others have a better day. He was always a great people person.

Bob was an avid golfer and member of The Dunes Golf Club. His golf buddies were never sure if he loved the game of golf or the hawking of all the balls he gathered. Bob was a great card player, and never passed up the opportunity to participate in a game of pinochle, euchre or bridge.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010 at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club, PO Box 391, Sanibel FL 33957.✽




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DECEMBER 19, 1938 – FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Roberta "Robbie" Snipes, 71, died Sunday, February 7 in State College, Pennsylvania. Robbie was born and reared in Tampa, Florida by her parents, Robert J. and Emarene M. Duff, who preceded her in death. On June 11, 1960 Robbie married Wallace C. Snipes, who survives at home. She is also survived by her sister Barbara

Smithwick (Bobby); by her Brother Jack (Betty); by her nieces and cousins; and by her children: Jan Bradley (Marty), Gregory, and Jeffrey. Robbie is also survived by three grandchildren.

Robbie received an associate's degree from Mars Hill College and a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University, where she met the man who would become her husband for nearly 50 years. They moved together to State College, Pennsylvania in 1964 and were active in the Penn State community. Robbie and Wally were also part-time residents of Sanibel, Florida, where Robbie was an avid supporter of BIG ARTS and the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife.

A memorial service celebrating Robbie's life was held February 13 at the University Baptist and Brethren Church, with the Reverend Bonnie Kline-Smeltzer officiating.

Robbie was a lifetime dancer, who greatly appreciated the arts. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road Sanibel, FL 33957-4017.✽

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Jewish Federation Open House

The Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties invites the community to a special house-warming and dedication of its new community building on Sunday, February 28. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the program begins at 5:30. Hors d'oeuvres and Israeli wines will be served.

The building is located at 9701 Commerce Center Court (just off Summerlin and Bass Roads) in Fort Myers.

For more information, contact the Jewish Federation at 481-4449.✽

LOGOS Night

Become a frequent flyer at Logos Flight Night on Wednesday, February 24 at Sanibel Community Church from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

It's also Missions Night and the service project is making prayer cards for widows. All children ages three years through 5th grade are invited.

For information call Kathy Cramer at 472-1684.✽

Ellen Laipson To Speak On Foreign Policy



Ellen Laipson

The Forum at BIG ARTS lecture series will present Ellen Laipson on Sunday, February 21.

As President & CEO of Henry L. Stimson Center, Laipson directs the Southwest Asia project, which focuses on a range of security issues in the Gulf region. Laipson is former vice chair of the National Intelligence Council and special assistant to the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Her earlier government career focused on analysis and policymaking on Middle East and South Asian issues.

Laipson is a frequent speaker on U.S. domestic policy, foreign policy and global trends. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute of Strategic Studies, the Middle East Institute, and the Middle East Studies Association.

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

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Sanibel Church To Host World Day Of Prayer

The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will host the annual World Day of Prayer March 5 at 10 a.m. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. The following churches will be participating: First Church of Christ Scientist, St Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, St. Isabel Catholic Church, Sanibel Community Church, Chapel by the Sea of Captiva and The Village Church (Christian and Missionary Alliance) of Shell Point.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country develops and provides the materials for the World Day of Prayer worship service. This year, the women of Cameroon developed the theme "Let everything that has breath praise God." They invite us to "Africa in miniature," a country rich in diversity, where climate and culture are widely varied but where people are bound together by a love for music, family and faith.

The worship service will emphasize the importance that the people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God.

WDP's motto is, "Informed prayer



Back: Jan Anderson, Bettie Modys, Bob Hansel, Mollie Lassy, Hazel Schuller, Betty Van Tassel and Mary Bondurant; front: Mary Ann Seipos, Gillian Bath, Marjorie Williams, Wanda Malone and Judy Maurer

leads to prayerful action," affirming that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence.

"As we observe WDP 2010, millions of God's people are suffering from violence, exploitation and poverty," said Rev. Denise Terry of Sanibel Congregational Church. "We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to further support the 2010 theme, which calls us to sing praise to God and to bring our gifts together, ever faithful to his promise to overcome evil with good."

Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

The service will be followed by a reception of interesting foods from the country of Cameroon. Four and five-year old children from Brightest Horizons in Fort Myers will sing and participate in the service.

For more information, contact Mollie Lassy at 472-1117. The church is at 2050 Periwinkle Way.✱

Recycled Book Sale February 28

The Recycled Book Sale at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, will be open to the public Sunday, February 28, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Included will be gently used books, audio books, DVDs, CDs, videos and puzzles. Most items will be priced between 25¢ and \$2. For convenience, fiction will be arranged alphabetically by author, and non-fiction by subject matter.

Proceeds from the sale are donated to local non-profit agencies offering support for children, women and families. For more information, call the church office at 472-0497.✱

Community Reaches Out

The generosity of the Southwest Florida community shone brightly in 2009 as organizations and individuals reached out to change the lives of children and families through giving to Children's Home Society. Donations in the last quarter brought gifts to hundreds of children, meals to dozens of families, and a grant by Wachovia will enhance Children's Home Society's early child learning centers.

"We are grateful for the kindness of so many businesses, individuals and community organizations who gave their time, their energy and their financial support to better the lives of children

and families in Southwest Florida," said Jacqueline House, development director for Children's Home Society, Southwest Division.

The grant by Wachovia will fund needed scholarships for underprivileged children at Children's Home Society's early child learning centers in Naples. The centers serve 120 to 150 children in voluntary pre-kindergarten programs, pre-school and after school programs.

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church donated a total of 142 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals at a cost of just over \$3,700. Parishioners from the church have been supplying holiday dinners to families served by Children's Home Society for several years.

Organizations ranging from school groups, local businesses, law enforcement agencies and churches throughout the community contributed to Children's Home Society's holiday gift drive. The drive provided gifts for nearly 900 children and teenagers in the Southwest Florida area.

"In spite of the challenges many individuals and businesses in our community faced recently, there was no end to the generosity shown to those who are in greatest need in our community," House said.

Created in 1902, Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) is the oldest and largest statewide private not-for-profit provider of services to children and families in Florida. ✱

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CROW Case Of The Week: Great-Horned Owls



by Brian Johnson

On January 24 Mike Boesemberg found two great-horned owl babies on the ground, at the bottom of a pine tree, on his large tract of land in Lehigh Acres.

He was not sure how long they had been there. Familiar with the wildlife on his land, Mike had first seen the parents of the owls about two years ago. He told CROW staff the owls had taken over the nest of a mangrove fox squirrel.

CROW Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel asked him to bring the babies into the clinic.

One weighed 565 grams, the smaller one just 380 grams. The primary concern was internal injuries from the fall from the 35-foot nest site.

The larger baby owl stood up and adopted an aggressive posture while the smaller one hunkered down on his hocks. CROW gave them fluids and a tiny bit of food and put them in a cage overnight.

The following morning the staff was pleased to find the baby raptors BAR (bright, alert and responsive). Staff gave them a small breakfast and the birds spent a comfortable day at CROW.



Great-horned owl babies

On Tuesday staff contacted the finder to see if the parents were still circling the area. Boesemberg said they were continuing to search for their lost offspring. As the babies had shown no signs of internal trauma, Dr. PJ gave the green light to send them back to Lehigh, entrusting them to Cat Turner, the hospital's "premiere" nest builder and tree climber.

Cat gathered up sticks and branches from the CROW property and grabbed

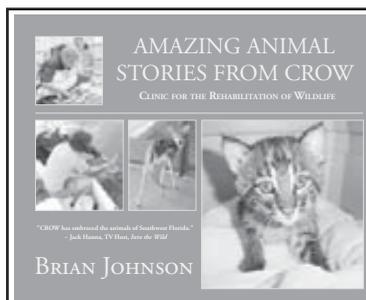
an extension ladder. As a volunteer's plans changed at the last moment, Cat recruited her mother, Scarlett Fox, who lives in the area, to help her with the release. "She was happy to come and see the babies and what I do," said Cat. "She's the best ladder-holder ever!"

Mike showed her the pine tree, and Cat climbed up and found the squirrel nest. "It was no bigger than a mockingbird nest!" she said.

Deciding the owls needed a larger home, she went to work constructing new lodging for them. Using palm fronds and the material she brought from CROW, she wove a spacious nest that would give them ample room.

She put the nest in a nearby palm tree, securing it in such a way that they would be protected from sun and rain and still give their mother easy entry and exit.

"It was one of the best nests I ever made," said Cat. "The mama owl watched me the whole time."



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Audubon Birdwalk Saturday

On February 20 the Audubon Society will be holding a birdwalk at the Bailey Tract. Those wanting to attend should meet at the Bailey Tract parking lot at 8 a.m.

All birders are welcome. These birdwalks are open to the public and the suggested donation is \$2. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for details.

Drive south on Tarpon Bay Road from Bailey's General Store, approximately 1/2 mile, parking is free.✪

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Cat Turner delivering the baby owls

She carried the babies up the palm tree in her backpack so she could have her hands free, then deposited them in the nest. She made several return trips up the ladder to soften the floor of the nest with pine needles and other brush. The babies settled in immediately and kept low and out of sight.

Cat returned on Monday, February 15 to check on their progress. "They were right where I left them," she said. "I could see them both from the ground. They are starting to get flight feathers and

standing tall. The smaller one is catching up in size. They will probably be fledged in about two weeks."

CROW (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.

Weeds And Seeds Program

Weeds and Seeds is a group of amateur botanists who enjoy finding and identifying native plants on Sanibel. Every Monday morning in January and February, participants gather on the porch of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) at 8:45 a.m.

Walks, lasting for two hours, are guided by a leader with a plant list. The walks

are free but donations for SCCF are welcome; also, you may need parking money. Bring a hat, water, sun-block and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks.

For further information call Candice Ethridge at 395-9498, Betty Eertmoed at 395-9240 or Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878.✱



Carolina willow

Osprey Presentation

Join the Audubon Society of Southwest Florida for a presentation on ospreys by Mark "Bird" Westall Thursday, February 18, 7 to 8 p.m. at Rutenberg Park.

Westall, owner of Canoe Adventures & Wilderness Tours, began his ecotour business on Sanibel in the mid-1970s.

As an avid birder, he became involved in monitoring osprey and bald eagle populations on Sanibel in the late 1970s.

He will be sharing some of his many experiences engaged in raptor research as founder of The International Osprey Foundation.

Rutenberg Park is at 6490 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers.✱

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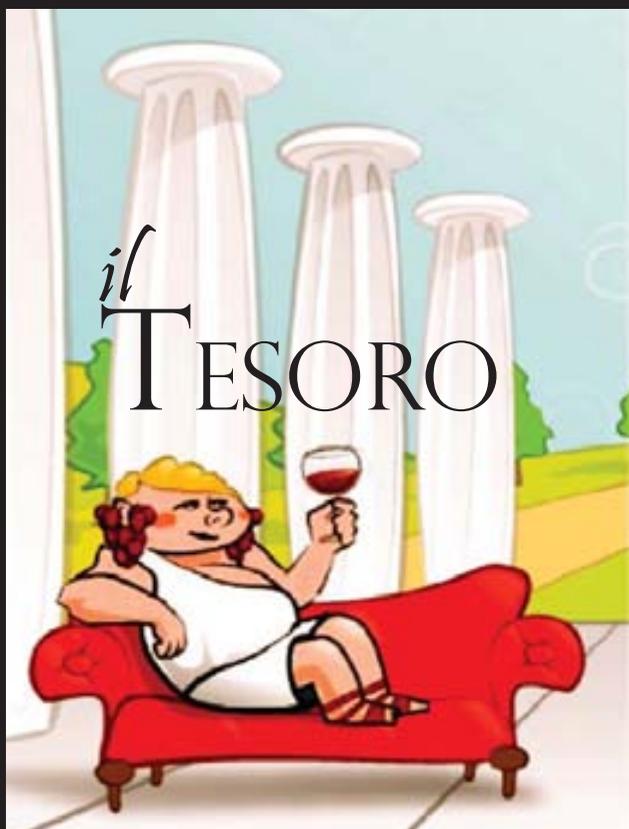
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American alligator

The following programs are offered at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) on Sanibel:

Gator Tales

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 the Gator Tales program on Wednesday, February 24 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF auditorium.

Please, never feed a gator.

The Snakes of Sanibel and Captiva



Chris Lechowicz with gator snapper

Chris Lechowicz is the SCCF herpetologist and resident snake expert. On Friday, February 26 at 10 a.m., come and learn about the snakes he has documented on the islands and some he has not. The small, secretive and docile coral snake is the only poisonous snake he has documented here and, after 30 years, some of us have never seen one. There will be live snakes to see and hold. Stay for the guided trail walk at 11 a.m. The cost of the program is \$5 per adult, SCCF members and children are free.

Looking for Otters... Have You Seen One?

SCCF is looking for local sightings of island otters. Otter sightings on SCCF



North American river otter

trails are up these days but so is the water level in the wetlands... there are lots of crayfish to eat and lots of scat to prove they have been there. The North American river otter is found in salt water only where there is fresh water to rinse its fur.

The next Otter Tales program is on March 16. SCCF invites you to tell your otter story and feature your digital images or video footage in the educational program. If you see one of these charismatic creatures, call Dee at 472-2329 or email your stories and images to dserage@sccf.org.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information.*

Shell Club Features *Bounty Of The Bahamas*

The Sanibel Captiva Shell Club will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday February 21 at the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum at 2 p.m.

Joyce Matthys will make a presentation on her museum-sponsored field trip that she and her husband Ken participated in to Chub Cay, Bahamas. The video, *Bounty of the Bahamas* will focus on the live mollusks and sea creatures the group encountered during their eight-day adventure in 2009.

Two of Matthys' highly acclaimed video productions titled *Mollusks In Action* and *Trails and Tales of Living Seashells* are shown through the day at the shell museum.

Matthys and her husband are residents of Salem, Oregon and have traveled to Sanibel the past 17 winters. She is scientific chairperson for the 73rd annual Sanibel Shell Fair and Show and also volunteers at the shell museum. Both she and her husband are active members of the Periwinkle Park RV community.

There is no charge to attend the meeting and the general public is welcome. The museum is located at 9075 Sanibel-Captiva Road.*

Shell Found



Debby Christensen

Debby Christensen of Seattle, Washington found a junonia at Lighthouse Beach. Debby is staying at Periwinkle Park.*

Bald Eagle Sighting



John Griesbaum of Sanibel photographed one of The Dunes' resident bald eagles from about 10 feet away, on the 17th ladies tee of the golf course. Griesbaum said, "He was daring me to steal his fish."

Shelling Adventure To North Captiva

Join Adventures In Paradise and The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Director/Curator Dr. José H. Leal for a shelling adventure to North Captiva

Weather conditions resulted in cancellation of the trip, which has now been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 17 and reservations are being accepted.

Leal will assist with shell identification as well as lead a discussion on mollusks and the environment. Adventures In Paradise will donate all event proceeds to The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.

The trip will depart from Port Sanibel Marina at 9 a.m. Participants will board a 45-foot powered catamaran for a beautiful one-hour cruise through the intracoastal waterway to North Captiva beaches accessible only by boat or plane, where they will watch dolphins at play and shell along pristine beaches that only few have the opportunity to experience.

Lunch will be served at Barnacle Phil's, on North Captiva Island. The menu features Caribbean island favorites including seafood chowder, black beans and yellow rice, and jerk-style fresh fish and chicken. The group will return to port at about 3 p.m. Tickets are \$65 for non-museum members and \$55 for museum members. Lunch is not included in the price of the tickets. To make a reservation call Adventures In Paradise at 472-8443.*



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Learn About Owls At Lecture Series



Tom Allen

Tom Allen, wildlife author and retired research biologist, will make a guest appearance on Thursday, February 25 at 1 p.m. in the Education Center at Sanibel's JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Allen, who formerly worked for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission on a special burrowing owl project, will speak about the species of owls found in this area and their habits and needs. He will also look at the types of structures residents can put up to attract the birds.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.



Burrowing owl

photo by Linda and Graham Auberger du Soleil, Cape Coral

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Events

(*Book-signings will follow all starred presentations)

- March 3 – Wednesday evening, Douglas Brinkley, *Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* * Program is at BIG ARTS, 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$20 for general admission, \$10 admission price for students

- March 11 – Charles Sobczak, *Living Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands**

- March 18 – Rick Bonney, *Citizen Birding, Cornell Lab of Ornithology.*

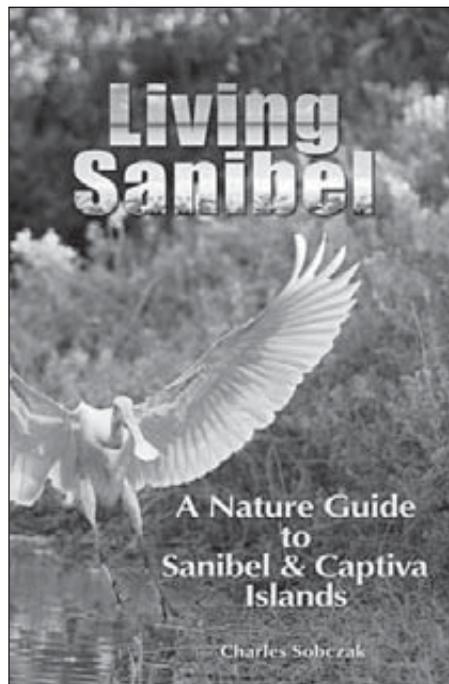
For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log onto www.dingdarlingsociety.org.*

Audubon Lecture With Local Author

For the final program of its 2010 lecture series, the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will present a program by Sanibel author Charles Sobczak. *Living Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel and Captiva Islands* will be presented on February 25 at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House. Sobczak will use this occasion to introduce his brand new book of the same title.

The book, a 400-page comprehensive guide to everything natural found on Sanibel and Captiva, contains a detailed history from the gathering of wind blown sand particles in the creation of Captiva to the truth about the Calusa. Also covered are photographic identification of 105 birds, 70 shells, fish, flora and fauna as well as a complete guide to kayaking, biking and hiking trails, making this book a must for any islander or visitor. Fresh off the press copies of *Living Sanibel* will be available for purchase with signings following the lecture. The author will donate \$5 from the proceeds of each book to Sanibel-Captiva Audubon.

All are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and parking is available at The Community House and at The



Schoolhouse Theater. A \$5 donation is appreciated with proceeds being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida. For additional information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit www.sancapaudubon.org.*



Come explore our natural world

Annual Conservation Forum at BIG ARTS -- Feb. 24

Colonel Alfred Pantano, Jr., Commander of the Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers -- which oversees all of the Corps' work in Florida -- will be appearing at the Annual Conservation Forum, sponsored by SCCF, the Everglades Foundation and BIG ARTS. Also appearing are Dr. Tom Van Lent, Everglades Foundation; Rae Ann Wessell, SCCF; and Kirk Fordham, Everglades Foundation. There will be ample time for Q&A, and a Wine & Cheese reception follows. Tickets are available at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, 395-0900.

Adults \$15; Students \$5. **Wednesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.**



Col. Alfred Pantano, Jr.



Gator Tales

The biology of alligators is an ancient tale of survival. Florida's history of gators and humans is closely intertwined. Learn about what we must do to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. **Wednesday, February 24 at 10 a.m.**

Kayaking Pine Island Sound

Learn about the natural and cultural history of Pine Island Sound on this kayaking adventure. **Monday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. Reservations required, please call Captiva Kayak at 395-2925.**

Snakes of Sanibel-Captiva

Learn about the snakes documented on the islands by SCCF herpetologist Chris Lechowicz. There will be live snakes to see and hold. **Friday, February 26 at 10 a.m.**



Stars Over Sanibel

Learn about the constellations, our solar system and distant stars within the Milky Way galaxy in this program on SCCF's Center Trail at the Nature Center. **Wednesday, Feb. 24. Reservations required.**

More Programs:

BIRDING THE PRESERVES, Join birders at SCCF preserves, Fri. at 8 a.m.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE TOURS, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

EXPLORE SANIBEL'S INTERIOR WETLANDS, M-F at 11 a.m., Wed. at 2 p.m.

HUMAN USES OF NATIVE PLANTS, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

RESIDENT ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW, Monday, Feb. 22 at 1:30 p.m.

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Pieces Of The Water Puzzle, A Regional Water Quality Forum

BIG ARTS annual Conservation Forum will be held Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall in cooperation with Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Everglades Foundation. The forum will discuss water quality issues that impact Southwest Florida's rivers and estuaries.

Speakers include Colonel Alfred A. Pantano, Jr., commander, Southeastern U.S., Army Corps of Engineers; Tom Van Lent, PhD, PE of the Everglades Foundation; and Rae Ann Wessel of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

As commander and district engineer, Colonel Pantano oversees the federal development of water resources in Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The program includes the corps' largest ecosystem restoration project, the Everglades, Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation, the corps' largest regulatory program, and the largest federal coastal program in the United States.

Dr. Van Lent is a senior scientist with the non-profit Everglades Foundation; he provides scientific and technical support to organizations involved in Everglades restoration. He worked for the South Florida Water Management District on the development of the computer model used to create the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project (CERP). Van Lent also has worked as a hydrologist for the National Park Service, and served as the deputy director of the South Florida Natural Resources Center.



CERP's Planned Flow map



Colonel Alfred A. Pantano, Jr.



Dr. Tom Van Lent



Rae Ann Wessel

Rae Ann Wessel is a limnologist and marine scientist with more than 25 years of experience working in the environmental field in South Florida, including habitat mapping and wetland system assessments, natural systems research and monitoring, protected species surveys, wildlife relocations, and management plans and expert witness testimony. She serves as an appointee to the Lee County Local Planning Agency.

She helped create Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association, whose goals are to identify critical Caloosahatchee issues and build support for sustainable solutions. Wessel has received the 1998 Conservationist of the Year award from Audubon of Southwest Florida and in 2007 was awarded the Richard Coleman Aquatic Resources Award by the Florida Lake Management Society.

The forum, titled Pieces of the Water Puzzle, will be moderated by Kirk Fordham of the Everglades Foundation.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for child/student. BIG ARTS Schein Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.*

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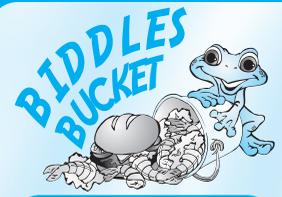
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Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner

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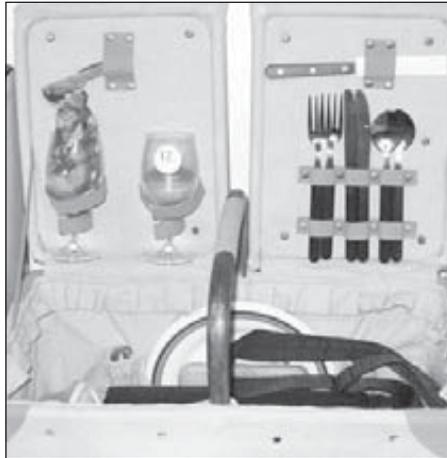
Before the raffle and action begin, attendees are treated to a friendly, all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, with pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, wine and sodas, served up by the chefs and kitchen staff of the Kiwanis Club.



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Kids' bikes are always a popular raffle item



A gourmet picnic basket drew lots of raffle entries last year



Last year this motor scooter brought lots of auction action

Admission is \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door, and children under 10 eat free. Advance tickets can be purchased from any Kiwanis member and also at Bank of the Islands, Big Red Q Printing and Periwinkle Park.

Funds raised from the event are used by the Kiwanis Charitable Foundation to benefit local community youth groups and other worthy non-profit enterprises in and around Sanibel. About 30 local groups receive support from the event.

Primary sponsors, whose generous support helps to underwrite the event, are Bailey's General Store, Bank of the Islands, and Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. Tween Waters Inn also supports the event by supplying the meatballs. In addition, many other island businesses show their support by contributing food and prizes that are placed in the raffle and auction.*

CROW Art And Wine Fest

A few tickets are still left for CROW's Woodstock Art & Wine Fest Sunday, February 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Trader's Cafe. Many acclaimed artists have donated their work for the event and most will be available for bidding at the silent auction.

A few works from artists such as Darryl Pottorf, Alan Maltz and Charles Bullét will be sold to the highest bidder at the live auction portion of the event. Also included will be an original piece from Robert Cipriani, whose paintings are represented by numerous galleries, corporate and private collections. Cipriani has been a long-time supporter of CROW and this year he has donated a landscape titled *Magic Hour* to the live auction. It is on display, along with some of the other live auction pieces, at Bank of the Islands. Jean Baer will be the auctioneer.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in a Woodstock theme. The event celebrates the birth of CROW and the original Woodstock Festival which happened in the same era of the late 60's.

Tickets are \$100 each; to purchase tickets call Carol Rothman at 472-3644, ext.2.*

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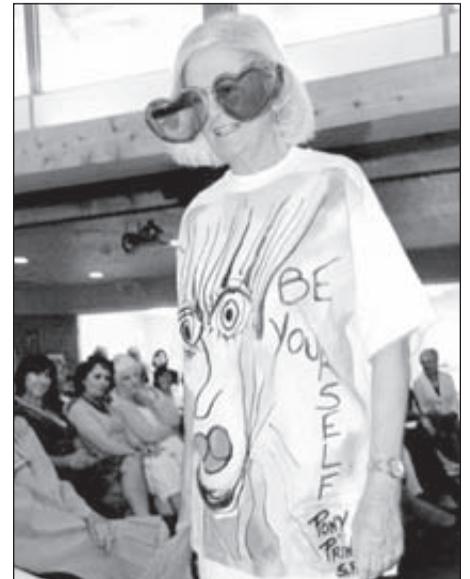
Betsy Schuman



Julie Boyd



Linda Korn



Jane Withers

Pat Jones introduced the models, all wearing outfits from donations to Noah's Ark. Since Hats Off to Our Customers was the theme, the models searched through all the donated hats to find ones that matched their outfits. Lunch was served and the doors of the Ark were opened so everyone could do more shopping.

Charities supported include FISH, Sanibel Community Housing, Brightest Horizons, ACT, PACE, CCMI, Harry Chapin Food Bank, South Fort Myers Food Pantry, SWFAS, and The Salvation Army of Lee County.✽

On Monday, February 8 the customers of Noah's Ark were treated to the annual fashion show. Julie Boyd explained that the purpose of the show is "to thank our customers for their participation during the past year." Out of the Ark's receipts, contributions are made to numerous charities, many of which are in the Fort Myers area. This year, trying to stop the growing problem of hunger and its ramifications has been the focus.



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Shells Found



Billy Shackford, Sean Shackford and Zachary Farst

Sean Shackford of Sanibel found a junonia in the surf and couldn't wait to show his mother Kathleen. With him were his brother Billy and friend Zachary Farst.✽

SCCF And Captiva Cruises Programs On Cayo Costa And Cabbage Key

Captiva Cruises and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) recently completed a cooperative training program for docents to conduct natural and cultural history programs aboard Captiva Cruises' vessels. The docents went through an intensive program covering the ecology and history of the Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor region. This course also covered environmental interpretation exercises, techniques and principles.

Docents have regularly represented SCCF and Captiva Cruises with narration on the daily Dolphin and Wildlife Adventure Cruise. Now docents will also be aboard the trip to Cayo Costa and Cabbage Key to offer an added program on the history and or ecology of the area.

Cayo Costa State Park, only accessible by boat, has eight miles of pristine beaches and live oak ridges making it a diverse and fascinating destination. Cabbage Key, also only reachable by boat, has an historic old Florida Inn, a famous restaurant papered with dollar bills and a botanical nature trail and observation tower. These special docent led programs will take place on Saturdays for Cayo Costa starting February 20 and Thursdays for Cabbage Key starting February 18.

For more information, call 472-5300.*



Captiva Island Yacht Club

SCCF Stars Over Sanibel Programs

Ever since people have been walking this planet they have been marveling at the stars shining down on them. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will be offering a Stars Over Sanibel program on Wednesday evenings in February to help satisfy our natural curiosity for the mysteries of our universe and its constellations, neighboring planets within our solar system and distant stars within the Milky Way galaxy.

On clear nights this program will last approximately an hour and a half; on cloudy nights a video about the stars will be shown.

Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information and reservations call 472-2329.*

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Captiva Island Yacht Club Fleet Review

The Captiva Island Yacht Club (CIYC) will have a fleet review Saturday, February 27.

All boaters in the yacht club and Captiva residents are welcome to join in this parade.

The parade will be led by CIYC fleet and past flag officers will be on the reviewing stand pontoon boat from Jensen's Marina.

After disembarking past 'Tween Waters Inn boaters can make reservations at Green Flash restaurant or 'Tween Waters for lunch.

Get your friends together and decorate your boats with a patriotic theme. Boaters will line up in front of Green Flash at 10:30 a.m. and landlubbers are encouraged to gather on their docks and cheer on their neighbors. All types of vessels are welcome. For more information call the yacht club at 472-4133.*

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Sea Fandango Arrives With Clue Number Five, Find Nemo!

by Evelyn Neill

It's the big week of Sanibel Sea School's annual ocean celebration and the scavenger hunts continue! The Sea School's winter fundraising event has been the inspiration for a series of Sea Fandango scavenger hunts. This year, as with last year, Lily & Co. is our scavenger hunt sponsor. The first person to find the location of the Sea Fandango token will be rewarded with a true treasure from Lily & Co. and the winner is posted online. The prize is free to the winner and there is no obligation. That's the spirit of this ocean celebration. Sanibel Sea School is a 501(c)3 dedicated to marine conservation through experiential education. All proceeds from Sea Fandango will go to scholarships and operating expenses. Join us Saturday night, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. for Sea Fandango at The Community House.

And so we arrive at clue number 5:
Test your Word Scramble skills to win this week's prize:

The first person to find the card at this island landmark will win!✪

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The first person to find the card at this island landmark will win!



The prize: a silver Nemo pendant from Lily & Co. valued at \$195

Sea School Adult Classes

by Dr. Bruce Neill

This spring, Sanibel Sea School is excited to offer a 12-week series of adult classes titled The Twelve Big Questions. On Wednesday afternoons, we invite you to find answers to some very interesting marine questions. This week, we will perform a squid dissection to study squid biology and anatomy, and we will discuss why cephalopods may be smarter than we originally thought. We hope you'll join us February 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of fun and learning with other island residents who are curious about the ocean!

What's inside a squid? Cephalopod Dissection

We've all seen footage of squid swimming rapidly, leaving clouds of black ink in their wake to fend off predators. Many of us have used squid as bait, and perhaps even more have dined on calamari, but have you ever really considered why a squid is built the way it is? We will get out our scalpels for a squid dissection, and we'll study squid anatomy to figure out how cephalopods move and where their ink comes from. We will discuss the characteristics of class cephalopoda and review surprising recent discoveries about cephalopod intelligence.

You can attend just one week or all 12. For more detailed course descriptions, visit sanibelseaschool.wordpress.com.

Classes are \$55 each, or \$50 each for four or more. To register, e-mail Liz@sanibelseaschool.org or call us at 472-8585.✪

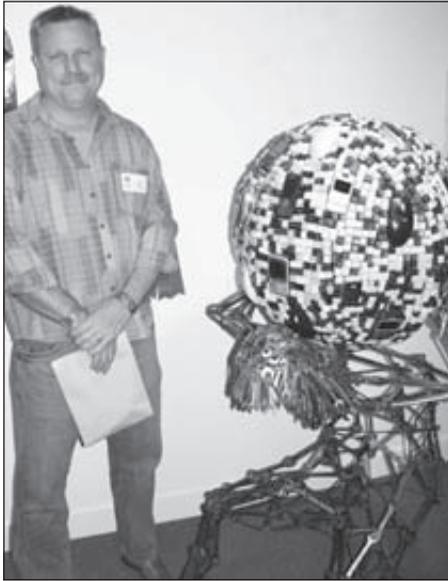
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Do you have a couple hours a week that you could volunteer as a park beautification specialist, tour guide or park ambassador at one of Lee County's many beach parks? Opportunities are available with Lee County Parks and Recreation at Bonita Beach, Dog Beach Bowditch, Lynn Hall Park, Punta Rassa Boat Ramp, Bunche Beach and the Causeway Islands Park. Interpretive guide training is available, hours are flexible and little to no experience is necessary. For more information e-mail vlittle@leegov.com or call 463-3764.✪

Beach Yoga

Start the morning with outdoor yoga at Bowman's Beach at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23. Yoga is designed to stretch, tone and strengthen the body while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. All fitness levels are welcome. Bring your own rug, towel or yoga mat. Some mats will be provided. Pre-registration is required by phone or in person at the Sanibel Recreation Center, 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road, 472-0345.✪

Awards Presented For Recycle It Exhibit



Joe Thompson with *Preparing to Shrug*

An awards presentation for the Recycle It exhibit was held at BIG ARTS on Sanibel Saturday, February 13. The exhibit was curated by Bea Pappas. The judge for the exhibit was Jo-Ann Lizio, artist and gallery owner in Naples, Florida. Lizio, who also crafts art from recycled objects said, "I enjoyed seeing the diverse work presented for consideration. I am an artist



Carol M. Rosenberg with *Last Smash*

that likes the challenge and expansion of my "palette." The range and level of the art was vast! We ended with 66 pieces. This exhibit challenged artists to solve problems, believe in the creative process, and the element of the unknown."

The first place award went to Joe Thompson, for *Preparing to Shrug*, which was made from more than 37 discarded computer keyboards, and more than 300 wrenches. The second place winner was Carol M. Rosenberg, for *Last Smash*, made from a wooden tennis racket. The third place winner was Dorothy Wallace, for *Dangerous Music*, made from recycled glass and nails. Judge's



Dorothy Wallace with *Dangerous Music*

Merit Awards went to Ralph Bigletti, Scott Durfee, Matthew Engel, and Byron M. Wood.

Honorable mention winners were Jerry Churchill, Mary Ann Devos, Jack Graham, Ricki Howie, Anna Marie Jacobi, Anne Kittel, Frank Mason, Bea Pappas, and Wes Roberts.

The exhibit remain on view through March 1. Phillips Gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Recycle It exhibit is supported by Visual Arts Patron season sponsors June Rosner and Russ Bilgore.*



Anne Kittel with *Pushing The Envelope* made of security envelopes' inside lining

Brahms At The Beach

The third concert in the Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church Concert Series, Brahms at the Beach, will be held on Sunday, February 21. The Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus with Conductor James Caulkins will perform at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased ahead of time by calling 463-3173 or at the door (if available).

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church is at the 2500 block of Estero Boulevard.*



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Sunday, February 28 • 7:30 PM
Lecture: Ambassador Husain Huqqani (SOLD OUT)

Monday, March 1 • 7 PM
Monday Film Series: Throw Down Your Heart

What's Biting, And Where?



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Despite windy and colder weather most days, last week fishing was still good. A few rough wet rides across and around the bay paid off with redfish, trout and sheepshead all feeding well.

Finding good tide movement and deeper water sheltered from the wind was the key to staying comfortable and getting on a good bite. Shorelines and creeks with drop-offs and channels from four to six feet seemed to hold the majority of fish caught. All the fish caught this week were either on live shrimp or soft plastic shrimp jigs bounced really slowly across the bottom.

In winter time you will find lots of species of fish mixed together in the same deeper places. One fishing hole might

even produce a slam (trout, snook and redfish) without changing technique. Throwing live shrimp you never know what the next bite will bring. The smallest little bite you think is a small sheepshead or snapper picking at and stealing your shrimp might turn out to be the big fish of the trip.

This time of year the bigger gamefish generally hang close to or right on the bottom and feed much more slowly in the colder water. Cold water really slows their metabolism so a really slow approach is the key to getting those bites. I like to cast up-current and let the bait or jig sit still for 10 to 20 seconds, giving it a gentle short hop across the bottom; once in a while just pick up the rod tip to make sure the bait is not hung up. Let the current move the bait just staying tight enough on the line to feel the bite. When you do, wait until the fish finally comes tight on the line before setting the hook. Often the fish will bump the bait multiple times before finally swimming off with it.

Avoid that big swing and miss strike – a little twitch and lift of the rod tip will do the trick. Once the fish starts to run, set the hook a few times with a light strike. If you do miss the bite, with this technique the bait will still be close enough to the

fish for it to find and take the bait again.

Most of the redfish taken this week hit the bait five or six times before finally deciding to swim off with it. Most wintertime redfish bites are so gentle. I believe they like to turn the live shrimp around before eating it and swimming off. Be patient and let them take it. Once the drag of the reel starts screaming off line it's usually the time to set the hook!

Areas that have been good fishing for me lately were the dead-end canals and creeks in and around St. James City. Fishing the mangrove side of the canals and around bigger boats that look like they have not moved in a while made for some good action. The Galt Island channel just north of St. James City on the lower tides was a good bet with lots of action. Fish the cuts where the water moves fastest.



Samantha Mitchell shows off a big winter time redfish

Action in the "Ding" Darling Refuge seems to be getting better every day with the outside creek mouths being productive on a low incoming tide. The outside points and deeper holes of Chadwick's Bayou on Captiva also held lots of rat

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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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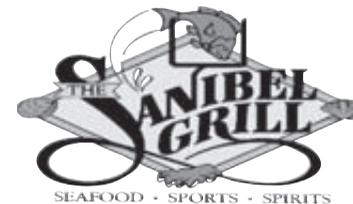
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reds on the higher incoming tide this week. Safety Harbor on North Captiva has also been a good area to fish with the water crystal clear. The docks in there have produced lots of gag grouper, sheepshead, snapper and a few jacks.

Big sheepshead can be found on most deeper water docks this time of year. The docks on the south side of Captiva Pass and docks in the mouth of the river have had some real monsters on them, up to five pounds. Anchor up close and fish straight down the pilings with a small hook baited with shrimp chunks and just enough weight to get it close to the bottom. If you want to get the sheep really turned on and fired up, chum with freshly scraped barnacles.

One of the great things about Pine Island Sound is that there are so many small islands, sheltered bays and creeks and there is always somewhere warm and dry to hide even on the windy days, so you can have a good day fishing. Don't let the cold and wind of a Southwest Florida winter keep you off the water.

*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.**



Yvonne Neal and Carol Allen in the bow of a boat checking the aids in the long cut to Monroe Channel

Co-Op Charting A Public Service For Boaters

The Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron is currently conducting water and land rallies. The water rallies are to inspect local channel navigational buoys and markers to determine if they are present, in place, and their condition. Thirteen boats go out to various channel areas to make this determination.

Most local channel aids are maintained by Lee County Division of Natural Resources's. Justin McBride, senior environmental specialist, provides the search information such as navigational aid number, latitude and longitude.

A recent check of the aids in the long cut to Monroe Channel on the north side of St James City revealed that Marker 9 was fine but a bit hidden by a bend in the channel. In fact, all aids were present with numbers, clean signage, and good conditions.

However, another rally boat has already discovered three missing markers.

This will be reported to Lee County and, if applicable, to the US Coast Guard. If it is not to be replaced it will be reported to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which provides the current information for our charts. Charts can be downloaded by Googling NOAA.

In addition the squadron has three "land rally" teams which use local NOAA chart #11427 lists of small craft facilities. A small craft facility is typically a marina that provides various services to the boating public. Information from NOAA is reviewed and any changes are reported.

Jim Strothers, squadron co-op chairman, also performs similar duties for United States Power Squadron (USPS) District 22 which has 18 squadrons in Southwest Florida from Crystal River to Marco Island. He is also number two person at the USPS national level for co-op charting. Strothers is also leader of the Sanibel Emergency Response and Assistance Team (SERAT) working with the Sanibel Fire Department. All 13 boats and three land reports are reviewed, processed, and filed with the appropriate body.

Upon completion of the SCSPS rallies it is anticipated that over 50 members will have given of their time. At the end of the month-long effort, participants will descend on the Strothers' residence for hors d'ouvres and refreshments prepared by Bev Strothers.

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Brrr baby, it was cold outside this weekend. But in some strange twisted way, that was good for our Rotary Arts and Crafts Fair. Thousands of people dressed in layers of sweaters, jackets, and scarves and braved the weather to come to the art fair. Believe it or not, they were a happy crowd. Why wouldn't they be happy, this is one of the finest arts and crafts fair in Southwest Florida. There were one hundred and four booths with the most outstanding art work offered at any fair in the region. Of course, it takes a village to produce one of these shows and our village of Rotarians was out in force donating many hours of time and a ton of hard work to produce the club's major fundraiser for the year, which supports the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club's local and international humanitarian programs.



Some of the artists' displays

The club certainly has a lot of people to thank for making our fundraiser successful this year, so we will start with all of you that came. We thank each and every one of our sponsors and auction donors starting at the top with our major sponsors: Congress Jewelers, NBC-2, Beasley Broadcast Group Station 106-3, and Sanibel Captiva Bank; all of our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club members, visiting snowbird Rotarians, and the



Behind the scene highlights

Sunrise Rotary Club, Fort Myers (parking). We especially have to thank the core arts and crafts fair committee members: chairman, Robert Monk; artist relations, Tony Gropp; marketing, Chet Sadler and Dan Cohn; volunteer coordinator, Joel Ospa; auctions, Warren Teigen; logistics, Dick Waterhouse; shirt sales, Bill Christison and Bunny Ospa; program, Charlie Emerson; and food concession, Wally Lambert. They did a terrific job this year, in spite of rain, wind, cold temperatures, and a number of behind the scene dramas that always occur working one of these events. Our Rotary shirts are off to you, except for the ladies, we'll just say thanks!

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday morning at Beachview Steakhouse, 1100 Par View Drive. If you would like more information regarding what Rotary does or how you can become a member, call 337-1099.*

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Orchestra Performance And Dedication



Bill and Laverne Phillips

The concert celebrates the life of founding BIG ARTS member Bill Phillips, who passed away in August 2008. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Laverne. Both husband and wife were instrumental in the creation of BIG ARTS.

As a philanthropist, Bill supported and volunteered for the arts and other non-profit organizations, serving on nearly 30 public service and business boards. During its formative stages, he served for 13 years as treasurer of BIG ARTS, leading efforts in the construction of Schein Performance Hall, as well as Phillips Gallery. The couple graciously lent their name and support for the Laverne and Bill Phillips Endowment Campaign. As a long-standing member of the board of directors, Bill served in many capacities.

Tickets are \$56 loge, \$51 floor and students are free with paying adult. Concert Sponsors are the family of Joe Boscov, Ken Nees, Joy Schein, and Patricia and Davis Thurber.

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colorfully-shaped, gleaming phrases." The Kremlin will have the audience choose the second half of their program from several selections.

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Captiva ABC Sale



Jim Sprankle carving of a pileated woodpecker



Nanelle Wehman, Dena Stegman, Diane Fugit; Barb Fata, Marsha Topka and Helene Gianfrancheski

The artists: Nanelle Wehmann, Jan Markle, Kym Nader, and the CRAFTY Ladies of Sunset Captiva. There will also be a mystery chair.

- Jim Sprankle's lifelike creation of a barrier island favorite, the colorful pileated woodpecker.

- A signed numbered (50/100) framed print in peerless condition by Robert Rauschenberg donated by an anonymous collector.

- Louise's Doll House. An exquisitely detailed and fully furnished doll house gifted to the CCA by long-time Captiva and Sanibel resident Louise Tuttle.

Sue Sherlock, ABC Chair, promises more, including a ride on the fire truck with Captiva's bravest, a bamboo wind-sock pole, barrier island boating tour and luncheon for six, a dozen orchids to grace your grounds and an orchid expert to guide you in their care.

Last, but not least is a limited availability and street legal E-Merge electric golf cart by Tomberlin. This fully loaded vehicle, in cinnamon, seats four. It comes with weather-resistant aluminum framing, turn signals, seat belts, headlights, tail lights, sport wheels and a built-in charger.

The cost is \$85 per person. Reservations are required by calling the CCA office at 472-2111.*

Sanctuary. The objective: the more the merrier with more fun in greater comfort and no worries about the weather.

The event begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by the auction and dinner. "No standing outside in the cold this year as meals will be served by The Sanctuary's professional wait staff," said Bob Brace, one of the organizers. Music and dancing complete the evening.

The ABC auction will be led by Warren Schwab. The auction benefits the Captiva Civic Association, the CCA Foundation, and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF).

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Another Hit At The Schoolhouse



Cast of *Fly Me to the Moon*

Fly Me to the Moon: a Tribute to the Rat Pack opened Thursday, February 18 to a packed house at The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater. Audiences had wine and hors d'oeuvres on the (heated) President's Garden and Patio before heading into the theater at 8 p.m.

Fly me to the Moon once again pairs up the creative genius of Artistic Director Victor Legarreta and Musical Director Justin P. Cowan.

Songs like *Luck be a Lady*, *It Don't Mean a Thing*, and *Lady is a Tramp* will have you tapping your toes and clapping your hands. What better way to spend an evening on lovely Sanibel Island, reminiscing through these classic hits with that special someone.

Join The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater and its talented singers for a journey through the hits made famous by Frank, Sammy, and Dean. The cast is made up of five; Elizabeth Casalini, Dom Crincoli, Solomon Kee, Victor Legarreta and Elizabeth Urbanczyk.

The February 23 performance will be a special fundraiser for CROW, with \$5 from every ticket going to the organization. All showtimes are at 8 p.m.

Fly Me to the Moon is sponsored by Lily & Co. and Karen Bell & the Bell Team. The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. For tickets and information call the box office at 472-6862 or visit www.TheSchoolhouseTheater.com. On twitter? Follow along for special deals and backstage info @SchoolhouseSNBL.*

Step Afrika! 'Electrifying'



Kenako dance

photo by Erik Watson

BIG ARTS on Sanibel presents Step Afrika! at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 20. This is the only professional company in the world dedicated to the art of stepping, an African-American tradition. Like a band without instruments, stepping is a percussive dance that uses kicks, stomps, claps, and chants to create visually and musically exciting rhythms.

Washington, D.C.'s critically acclaimed Step Afrika! brings high energy performance to the stage; a spectacle the *Washington Post* described as "electrifying." The audience participates in these interactive shows and learns basic stepping while having fun.

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Special Performance At Schoolhouse

Internationally known pianist Jon Weber will return to The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater on Friday, February 26. This time, however, New York City talent KT Sullivan will be joining him. The two have been playing together for some time and The Schoolhouse is honored to have this talented duo taking the stage.

Howard Reich of the *Tribune Arts Critic* wrote: "Weber ranks among the most fluid improvisers in the business." "The ability to convey a sense of continual surprise and discovery while singing almost any standard is one of Ms. Sullivan's many gifts," wrote Stephen Holden of *The New York Times*.

This event is graciously sponsored by John M. and Mary Jo Boler. The reception starts at 7 p.m., with performance at 8.

"Weber has performed at The Schoolhouse multiple times and always amazes audiences with his intense piano-

playing and musical knowledge," said Madison Mitchell, marketing director for the theater. "We are lucky to have him back - and this time with Sullivan."

Tickets for this one-night-only event are \$45 and include a pre-show reception on The Schoolhouse Theater's beautiful President's Garden and Patio. Call the box office for tickets, 472-6862.✧

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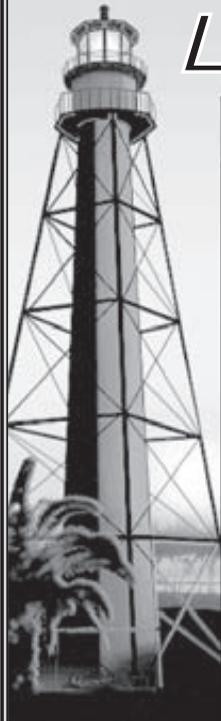
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Sanibel Music Festival Celebrates 24th Season Of March Music



On Tuesday, March 2, The Sanibel Music Festival (SMF), an island tradition, will begin its 24th consecutive season of bringing outstanding repertoire and artists to the island. This year's festival will feature four new offerings: Borealis String Quartet, Boston Trio, Escher String Quartet with Wu Han, and the Cliburn Piano Competition Silver Medalist Yeol Eum Son. In addition, three returning favorites include: American Chamber Players with guest violinist Janet Sung, St Lawrence String Quartet with Pedja Muzijevic, piano, and Opera Theater of Connecticut. All concerts will be performed at 8 p.m. throughout the month of March on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the intimate setting of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. For ticket information and a detailed brochure, call the festival's hotline at 336-7999 or

visit the Web site www.Sanibelmusicfestival.org.

Tuesday, March 2

Opening the season will be the Borealis String Quartet. This dynamic young Canadian ensemble established a stellar reputation so quickly that its debut concert in Vancouver was attended by more than a thousand people. They have played on national Canadian TV and made a video that was shown on Bravo cable TV. The ensemble was mentored by Andrew Dawes, former first violinist of the Tokyo and Orford String Quartets. They have also worked with the Emerson String Quartet. *The Montreal Gazette* called the Borealis "a young contender for the Canadian hot-stuff title currently held by the St. Lawrence String Quartet."

Program:

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Saturday, March 6

Violist, author and popular NPR Music Commentator Miles Hoffman is the American Chamber Players' (ACP) founder. Among today's most versatile and innovative chamber music ensembles, the ACP was formed in 1985 from a core group of artists of the Library of Congress Summer Chamber Festival. Hoffman's ensemble of piano, string trio, flute and clarinet is known for creating programs with a unique mix of instrumental combinations, ranging from duos through works for the full sextet. The ensemble performs repertoire ranging from familiar masterpieces,



Boston Trio



Escher String Quartet



Wu Han

to neglected gems, to newly commissioned American works. Guest violinist Janet Sung will join the ensemble for this concert. On Friday, March 5, ACP will conduct one of their delightful SMF-sponsored Outreach Programs at The Sanibel School for 5th through 8th grades.

Program:

Bach: *Trio Sonata in G major BWV 1039 for flute, violin, cello and piano*; Faure: *Piano Quartet in G minor, Op. 45*; Schoenfield: *Three Bagatelles for flute, cello and piano*; Mozart: *Clarinet Quintet in A major, K.581*.

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Yeol Eum Son



Pedja Muzijevic



The St. Lawrence String Quartet

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Music Festival

Tuesday, March 9

Since their formation in 1997, the Boston Trio has quickly become one of today's most exciting chamber ensembles. "Wherever this trio plays, drop everything and go hear them!" hailed the *Boston Globe* on the occasion of the trio's Tanglewood debut. Acclaimed for their superb sense of ensemble and wondrous balance, the trio has a devoted following in Boston and a growing reputation throughout the United States and abroad. Founding pianist Heng-Jin Park, who made her solo debut with the Boston Pops at the age of 15, was a prize winner at the Sydney International Piano Competition. Cellist Allison Eldredge, who has soloed with many of the world's finest orchestras, is a recipient of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant. Romanian violinist Irina Muresanu, the newest member of the group, is the recipient of top prizes at the Montreal International Competition and the Queen Elizabeth Violin Competition.

Program:

Schubert: *Notturmo in E-flat major, Op. 148*; Mendelssohn: *Trio in C minor, Op. 66*; Smetana: *Trio in G minor, Op. 15*.
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Saturday, March 13

Within months of its inception in 2005, the Escher String Quartet was invited to be quartet-in-residence at both Pinchas Zuckerman's and Itzhak Perlman's summer festivals. The quartet, comprised of Adam Barnett-Hart (violin); Wu Jie (violin); Piere Lapointe (viola); Andrew Janss (cello), has received acclaim for its individual sound, inspired artistic decisions and unique cohesiveness. They were selected in 2006 for the prestigious CMS Two residency at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. In 2007, they joined the faculty of Stony Brook University as adjunct professors in a unique relationship with the world-renowned Emerson String Quartet. Pianist Wu Han will join the Escher for the Taneyev Piano Quintet, which she performed in 2008 at the Aspen Festival.

Program:

Prokofiev: *String Quartet No. 1, Op. 50*; Beethoven: *String Quartet No. 8 in E minor, Razumovsky*; Taneyev: *Piano Quintet in G minor, Op. 30*

Tuesday, March 16

Every four years, the Cliburn attracts the world's outstanding young pianists to Texas. At age 23, Yeol Eum Son's highly versatile and accomplished performance earned her a silver medal at the 13th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in June 2009. Already considered among the most important artists of her generation in South Korea, she has performed there with nearly every notable orchestra. She has been a featured soloist with the New York Philharmonic on several occasions, most recently as part of the orchestra's historic visit to Seoul.

Program:

Scarlatti: *Four Sonatas*; Ravel: *Miroirs*; Saint-Saens/Liszt: *Danse Macabre, Op. 40*; Rachmaninoff: *13 Preludes, Op. 32*; Kreisler-Rachmaninoff: *Liebesfreud*
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Saturday, March 20

Celebrating its 20th year, The St. Lawrence, String Quartet is generally considered the best quartet to come along after the renowned Emerson String Quartet. Members Geoff Nuttall (violin), Scott St. John (violin), Lesley Robertson (viola), Christopher Costanza, (cello) serve as quartet-in-residence at Stanford. Several contemporary composers, including John Adams, Osvaldo Golijov and David Bruce, have recently written quartets for the ensemble. The dean of the Juilliard School writes of them, "The members of the quartet approach what they do with the vigor, freshness and enthusiasm of a 20-year-old, combined with the wisdom of their two decades of experience." Bosnian-born pianist Pedja Muzijevic, who is a winner of numerous prizes, including Juilliard's prestigious Petschek Award and top prize in the Busoni International Competition, joins the quartet for this performance.

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For more raffle ticket information call Susan Chrenc at 395-8629. Tickets are also available at S. Congress Rolex Boutique (next to Chico's), Congress Jewelers (original location) and Bank of the Islands. For event tickets call the box office at 472-6862.

The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Visit www.TheSchoolhouseTheater.com.*

CROW Night At The Theater

CROW Night at the Theater is on Tuesday, February 23 and tickets are still available at The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater.

The theater's new musical production, *Fly Me to the Moon*, features Rat Pack favorites and complimentary wine and soft drinks on the theater's new patio before the show.

This is an opportunity to support two local nonprofit groups at one time, as \$5 from every ticket sold will go to CROW to assist its mission of saving injured, sick and orphaned wildlife.

Tickets are \$30 and are now available only at the Schoolhouse Theater box office at 2200 Periwinkle Way, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can reserve tickets by phone at 472-6862 with credit card payment.*

Sanibel's Chef Ian will have a cooking demonstration. Chef Ian attended the New England Culinary Institute and has worked in kitchens in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Lafayette and New Orleans, Louisiana; Fort Lee, New Jersey; and Cambridge, Massachusetts. He owned and ran his own restaurant, the Windansea, in Morehead City, North Carolina for 10 years. During his sabbatical here on Sanibel, he worked at the Mad Hatter. His notable culinary influences include Julia Child for haute cuisine and the late Bill Neal for low country cookery. Chef Ian will demonstrate how shrimp and grits is prepared - Bill Neal style.

Tickets are a \$30 donation and are available at Bailey's General Store, Sanibel Café, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Lily & Co., and at the door. A designated driver admission is available for \$25. Full admission for the first 150 patrons includes a commemorative, etched wine glass.

Charitable donations to the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club may be mailed to PO Box 1370, Sanibel, FL 33957. Visit the Web site at www.sancapoptimist.org. Proceeds benefit the health and educational needs of children.*

Sanibel Uncorked! Winter 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.

At least four wine purveyors, each representing an excellent selection of wineries, varietals, and vintages, will be on hand to offer tastings. Among those to try will be a highly rated pinot noir from DeLoach Vineyards, a malbec from Argentina's Trivento Amado Sur Winery, plus an interesting selection of Italian primitivos and chiantis. All wines will be available for purchase at Bailey's. This is a prime opportunity to taste many fine wines before you buy.

There will be a silent auction with prizes to bid on such as vacation packages, jewelry, restaurant gift certificates, theater and concert tickets, works of art, gift baskets, and many wines. One outstanding offering from The Timbers is a dinner for up to six, professionally prepared and served in your own home by Chef Chuck. Lily & Co. discount certificates, called Lily Bucks, will be available, and the Hirdie Girdie Gallery of Sanibel will have original art pieces for sale. There will also be music and hors d'oeuvres.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscally savvy Bovine. Maybe it's the conflicting advice you're getting. Check it out before things get too tangled to unknot.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relaxed attitude goes a long way in helping you deal with any of life's irritants that might be popping up this week. You're also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that your work isn't compromised.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Scrutinize all the job offers that interest you. Most are honest and worth considering. But a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job is and what the salary and benefits are.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project you're eager to finish. Find out what's causing it, fix it, and if you need help, don't be shy about asking for it. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about allowing someone to share a very personal secret with you. This could cause problems down the line with others who are involved in that person's private life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cooling down of a relationship could be the result of neglect, unintended or not. To save it from icing over, you need to warm it up with a large dose of hot Sagittarius passion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that involve money and other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. That difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Good news! Expect to feel re-energized now that you've gone through that stressful energy-depleting period involving a lot of changes. Now, go out there and show them what you can do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a warm, giving nature that inspires many to follow your example.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 24, 1786, Wilhelm Karl Grimm, the younger of the two Brothers Grimm, is born in Germany. Grimm's Fairy Tales were produced in several volumes between 1812 and 1822. Tales in the Grimm collection include "Hansel and Gretel," "Snow White" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

- On Feb. 27, 1827, a group of students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations. Inspired by their experiences studying in Paris, the students donned masks and jester costumes and staged their own Fat Tuesday festivities.

- On Feb. 25, 1870, Hiram Rhoades

Revels, a Republican from Natchez, Miss., is sworn into the U.S. Senate, becoming the first African-American ever to sit in Congress. During the Civil War, Revels, a college-educated minister, helped form black army regiments for the Union cause.

- On Feb. 28, 1932, the last Ford Model A is produced. The Model A boasted a peppy 40-horsepower, four-cylinder engine with a self-starting mechanism. The Model A had a base price of \$460. Five million Model A's rolled onto American highways between 1927 and 1932.

- On Feb. 23, 1954, a group of children from Arsenal Elementary School in Pittsburgh, receive the first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. A later version of the polio vaccine, developed by Albert Sabin, was swallowed instead of injected.

- On Feb. 26, 1972, a dam collapses in West Virginia, flooding a valley and killing 118 people. Tailings, the byproduct of coal mining, was the cause, as the material is unstable when dumped on hills. The Buffalo Mining Company, which was responsible for the tailings, was forced to pay \$30 million in damages.

- On Feb. 22, 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Francois VI, duc de La Rochefoucauld and prince de Marillac, a noted 17th-century French author and memoirist, who made the following sage observation: "Few are agreeable in conversation, because each thinks more of what he intends to say than of what others are saying, and

listens no more when he himself has a chance to speak."

- Rutherford B. Hayes, the country's 19th president, was the first to install a phone in the White House.

- It was 1948 when the first vinyl musical recording was made. The piece of music so immortalized was Tchiakovsky's "Nutcracker Suite."

- Although we tend to think of the bikini as a modern fashion innovation, two-piece bathing suits can be seen in murals in the ancient city of Pompeii.

- According to Romanian tradition, a sure-fire hangover remedy is tripe soup. In Poland, drinking sour pickle juice is supposed to cure the morning-after agonies. And if you're in Germany, you should try the local remedy: pickled herring.

- The shortest street on record can be found in the small town of Wick, Scotland. Ebenezer Place is a mere 6 feet, 9 inches long.

- Do you suffer from pogonophobia? If so, you probably have some issues with Santa. Pogonophobia is a fear of beards.

- If you're like most Americans, you've stolen from your employer -- though probably not much. It seems that 58 percent of your fellow citizens admit to taking office supplies for personal use.

- The Hundred Years' War actually lasted 116 years.

- Albert Einstein's final words are lost to history. He spoke his last words in his birth tongue, German, and it seems that the nurse who was attending him during his last moments spoke only English.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." -- E.E. Cummings

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



Undressing the Light by Ellie Gause inspired a poem by James Brock

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Music has been added to this year's

ArtPoems through the partnership of award-winning flutist Kat Epple, who will perform with poet Lorraine Vail.

Visual artists are Ellie Gause, Martha Graham, Shelia Hoen, Dennis Joyce, David King, Don Mauer, Andi McCarter, Joshua Myers, JR Roberts, Paul Rodino, Carol Rosenberg, and Susan Sadler. The poets are Jim Brock, Don Brown, Vince Faraone, Katelyn Gravel, Tanya

Hochschild, Mary LaVelle, Bob Maxeiner, Joseph Pacheco, Katie Pankow, Rachel Peacock, Sid Simon, and Lorraine Vail.

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Captiva Resort Introduces Artist Lunch Series

Throughout February until early April, Canoe & Kayak Cafe at Tween Waters Inn will hold its Artist Lunch Series. Each lunch will feature elegant creations of art along with the chance to meet the area's most popular artists.

Serving Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 3 p.m., the bayfront setting event will feature scrumptious culinary selections, such as Shrimp Salad, Smoked Chicken Panini, and BBQ Pork Slider Trio, plus a children's menu.

"There's no better place than Canoe & Kayak Cafe to enjoy a waterside lunch," said Tween Waters Inn General Manager Jeff Shuff. "Add extravagant work from the area's best artists and it creates a perfect recipe for your stomach and eyes to feast."

The series schedule is as follows:
Bridgette Chandler – Jewelry, February, 24 to 28 March 31 to April 3;
Mary Angela Brown – Photography and Mosaic Designs, February 17 to 24;

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March Workshops At BIG ARTS



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BIG ARTS workshops and classes beginning the first week of March are:
 Spanish I, II and III with Barbara Peterson begins Monday, March 1.
 Intermediate Adobe Photoshop with Denny Souers begins March 2,
 Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pilates Mat Class with Marsha Wagner begins March 2, Tuesdays 9 to 10 a.m.

Hand Drumming with Dennis Dial is Tuesday March 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Painting with Hollis Jeffcoat begins March 2, Tuesdays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Life Drawing - Open Studio Non Instructed with Carol Rosenberg begins March 2,
 Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Watercolors - Realism to Abstract with Anne Kittel begins March 2, Tuesdays from
 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Child's Rocking Chair with Kassia Sparks is Wednesday, March 3, from 9:30 a.m.
 to 5 p.m.

Art of Papermaking with Lynn Russell begins March 3, Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to
 noon.

Learning to See and Draw Through Old Master Drawings with Daphne Hammond
 begins March 3, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon

Introduction to Macintosh OS X with Dick Holmes begins March 4, Thursdays 9
 a.m. to noon

Photography for Beginners with Denny Souers begins March 4, Thursdays from 1
 to 4 p.m.

Monoprinting with Martha Graham is Friday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Layer Imagery Collage with Marjorie Pesek is Friday, March 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Building on the Four Cornerstones of Painting: Series 3 with Hollis Jeffcoat begins
 March 5, Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Life Drawing - Open Studio Non Instructed with Carol Rosenberg begins March 5,
 Fridays from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

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Local Author Book Discussion At The Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library will host a book discussion with author Charles
 Sobczak on Tuesday February 23 at 2 p.m.

Sobczak has published four novels and two works of non-fiction, the latest being
Living Sanibel, a Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands. He lives and writes on
 Sanibel and formed Indigo Press, L.L.C. in 1999 with the publication of his first novel,
Six Mornings on Sanibel. From the original print run of 3,000 copies the novel went
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Porter Goss Addresses BIG ARTS FORUM

by Max Friedersdorf

Porter J. Goss, a Sanibel founding father and former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, delivered a "not entirely happy message" to a capacity audience on February 3 before The FORUM at BIG ARTS in Schein Hall.



Porter J. Goss (center), former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, addressed The FORUM at BIG ARTS on February 3. Following his remarks on the necessity of a secret intelligence agency, Goss, a former Sanibel mayor, county commissioner and U.S. congressman from Southwest Florida, was honored with a reception in Phillips Gallery where he was greeted by Joanne and Andy McKelvey of Sanibel.

photo by Charles Simms

"I like to come home to Sanibel," Goss remarked, "to get away from all the problems we confront in the world."

Speaking on the topic, Does America Need and Want A Secret Intelligence Agency, Goss noted that America's intelligence agencies "are regularly maligned, but these people don't have all of the facts because they are classified."

A clandestine CIA agent during the Cold War, Goss served 11 months as director during the George W. Bush Administration in 2005-2006. Goss' political career

started in 1974 when he was elected to his first of three terms as Sanibel mayor after playing a key role in incorporating the City of Sanibel as a separate entity from Lee County, guaranteeing the sanctity of the island's environmental and developmental well-being. The popular founder then moved on to election as county commissioner and U.S. congressman from Southwest Florida.

Discussing the CIA's present role, Goss said the agency is the only U.S. department "allowed to break the law overseas" to obtain secret intelligence information.

"We will never be 100 percent safe; there are no guarantees," Goss added. "This is not a global war against terrorism, but, mortal combat against a worldwide network of fundamental extremists."

Despite the CIA's diminished role since 9/11, Goss continued, it is the only agency capable of penetrating "uncontrolled wild areas" such as Somalia and Yemen where the military and FBI cannot enter. "This is a critical reason to keep the CIA up and running and strong," he added.

"The U.S. is not imperial; that's not our role; America is good, not perfect; it's nonsense that the U.S. is evil; most people respect our country and want to come here," Goss said.

Goss characterized the atmosphere in Washington, DC, as "mean spirited; there is a deficit of trust and a confidence gap."

During the question period, Goss was asked, "How effective is torture?" He responded that during the Bush Administration, enhanced interrogation techniques were used, "not based on bodily harm," but designed to be "mildly unpleasant" involving conditioning and manipulative aspects such as solitary confinement and noise.✪

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March Workshops

Life Drawing - Open Studio Non Instructed with Carol Rosenberg begins March 5, Fridays from 12 to 2:45 p.m.

Flow Yoga with Connie Caracappa begins March 6, Saturdays 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Watermedia Techniques: Pouring with Watercolor with Bea Pappas is Saturday, March 6, and Sunday March 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

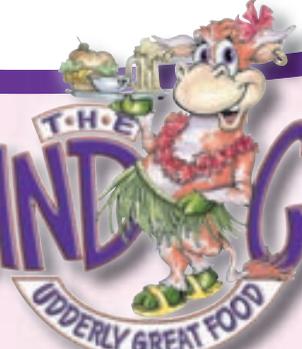
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Monday Night Movie

Seraphine



by Priscilla Friedersdorf

A French film, *Seraphine*, based on the life of a 20th-century painter, naive artist

Seraphine Louis, will be shown on Monday night, February 22 at 7 p.m. in Schein Hall. This film, released in 2009, won nearly all of France's top film honors, sweeping the field with seven Cesars; comparable to our Oscars. Seraphine is played by Yolande Moreau who was named best actress by the French Film Academy. Seraphine works as a maid and housekeeper until she is discovered by art dealer Willheim Unde (Ulrich Tukur) during the early 1900s; the era prior to World War I and the Great Depression. Colorful canvases of naive art represent her exceptional talent and add beauty to the film as she becomes known and celebrated for her artistic talent and ability.

Refreshments will be served following the film on the Gainer Veranda; Visnja Gembicki will introduce the film and lead the discussion. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at BIG ARTS in advance or on the evening of the showing. Phone 395-0900 for more information.✪



Yolande Moreau as Seraphine

SCCF And Captiva Cruises Programs On Cayo Costa And Cabbage Key

Captiva Cruises and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) recently completed a cooperative training program for docents to conduct natural and cultural history programs aboard Captiva Cruises' vessels. The docents went through an intensive program covering the ecology and history of the Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor region. This course also covered environmental interpretation exercises, techniques and principles.

Docents have regularly represented SCCF and Captiva Cruises with narration on the daily Dolphin and Wildlife Adventure Cruise. Now docents will also be aboard the trip to Cayo Costa and Cabbage Key to offer an added program on the history and ecology of the area.

Cayo Costa State Park, only accessible by boat, has eight miles of pristine beaches and live oak ridges making it a diverse and fascinating destination. Cabbage Key, also only reachable by boat, has an historic old Florida Inn, a famous restaurant papered with dollar bills and a botanical nature trail and observation tower. These special docent led programs will take place on Saturdays for Cayo Costa starting February 20 and Thursdays for Cabbage Key starting February 18.

For more information, call 472-5300.✪

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Artist Lunch Series

Beverly Spana – Functional Art and Hand Painted Glassware, March 3 to 7;
Sandra Coyle – Simply Elegant, March 10 to 14; and
Beth Collette – Designs in Glass, Jewelry, March 17 to 21.

On March 24 through 28, Tween Waters Inn employees will showcase their talents, including: Vickie Mancha – Watercolors and Acrylics; Elaine Stacy – Shell Craft; Betty Wise – Watercolors; Jeanne Rosemurgy – Handcrafted Handbags; and Dinny Froling – Seashore Creations.

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Kiwanis News

submitted by Eric Pfeifer

Socialism and Marxism. I just wanted to get your attention. And our speaker certainly got the attention of the many coffee craving Kiwanians Tuesday morning when he told us about his childhood as he grew up in Puerto Rico, the son of a committed Marxist. Ismael Hernandez is the founder of the Freedom & Virtue Institute in Southwest Florida, and he told a very emotional story of how he converted from an "empire hating" Marxist and Socialist to a loving American with a desire to build a society that respects freedom and human dignity.

Living in Puerto Rico, the FBI followed Ismael's father for 40 years, tracking his involvement in different leftist organizations. It was no surprise then that Ismael grew up wanting to support the cause which would one day hopefully defeat the United States and all of its Capitalistic allies. Castro and Che were his role models at the time. Ismael claims that this hatred, however, drove a spike between his parents and ultimately destroyed his family. All the while, Ismael refused to back down on his faith, and he became confused how to live with both



Ismael Hernandez

Marxism and God. He eventually joined the Jesuit Order of Priests to clarify some of his questions. Ismael received a full scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi to study philosophy and learn about "The Evil Empire."

Upon his arrival into the United States, he said he had a "breath of fresh air" of freedom. From that point on, he said he realized Marxism was a big lie where shame is used as a weapon. Ismael's mission is to establish a regional institute dedicated to the dissemination of the ideas of a free and virtuous society informed by the principles of the American founding. This is an idea built on the conviction that human freedom directed by the virtues is the most effective tool to assist those in need. The institute will bring to the local community and its basic structures (family, church, free associations of citizens) opportunities to learn, dialogue and implement our principles. Love for America, love of neighbor, concern for the poor, respect of the principles of freedom, and a desire to build a society that respects human dignity outline the elements of his efforts.

When asked if he sees any similarities between what he saw in Puerto Rico as a child and what he sees currently in our country, Ismael said, "Yes, the United States is showings signs of Socialism, but the movement started back in the 1930s." Ismael's goal is to help the poor through local efforts, not through an increase in government. He said one of his favorite quotes from Mother Teresa is that the rich can help the poor, and the poor can help save the rich's souls. To learn more about The Freedom and

Virtue Institute, go to www.fvinstitute.org

Two Kiwanians got older this week: neighbors Don Feiner and Allan Marcus received horrendous versions of *Happy Birthday*, and I am sure they are in the street arguing over who is older. Let's hope they stop and put on their happy faces before they serve spaghetti and meatballs on Saturday February 27 at The Community House. Tickets to the annual spaghetti dinner can now be purchased from any of your local Kiwanians. We hope to see you there.*

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Music Festival

Program:

Beethoven: *String Quartet in A major, Op. 18, No. 5*; Mendelssohn: *String Quartet in F minor, Op. 80*; Franck: *Piano Quintet in F minor*.

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Returning to SMF after several triumphal appearances, Opera Theater of Connecticut (OTC) will present a dynamic new program of opera highlights. Artistic Director Alan Mann adds his witty and informative commentary before each selection. Several of the company's gifted young singers who have performed at the festival through the years have gone on to the Met, the New York City Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago. OTC will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2010. This year's voices: soprano Teresa Eickel; mezzo-soprano Gala El Hadidi; tenor Michael-Paul Krubitzer; lyric-tenor Brian Cheney; and baritone Scott Bearden.

Kate Ford, co-founder of the company, serves as general director and Kyle Swann, conductor.

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The Sanibel Music Festival was incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization. Its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.

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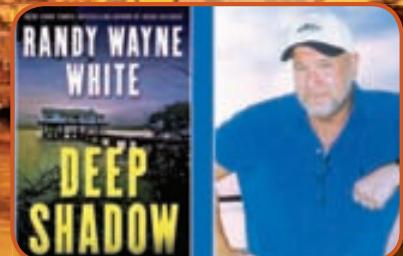
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More Broadway At Broadway Palm Theatre



by Di Saggau

Baritone Lee Lessack and soprano Joanne O'Brien will present *An Enchanted Evening: The Music of Broadway* Monday, March 8 at the Broadway Palm Dinner



Joanne O'Brien and Lee Lessack

of Broadway truly celebrates over six decades of Broadway favorites, from *West Side Story* to *Phantom of the Opera*, and features myself and mezzo soprano, Joanne O'Brien. Joanne and I have been friends for over 30 years and have performed this concert in over 300 cities across the country over the past decade. It truly encompasses some of my all-time favorite classics."

With so many Broadway songs to choose from, Lessack explained how they selected what to use in the show. "We worked through so many songs and it was hard to make a final selection. In the end we wanted to create a nice arc to the show and also highlight a few areas. For instance, we felt that Rodgers and Hammerstein were really the backbone to American musical theater as we know it. So we wrote an entire medley celebrating their songs. We also have an Andrew Lloyd Webber medley because his music continues to be an audience favorite wherever we perform." The show will also feature music from Lerner and Lowe

Theatre. This talented vocal duo will regale the audience with some of the greatest hits of Broadway. At the time of my interview with Lessack, he was cruising on the lovely *Regent Mariner* in Antarctica. "I joined the ship in Ushuaia, Argentina, which is the southern most point in the world. We have been rockin' and rollin' on the Drake Passage (known to be the roughest seas in the world) for a few days now and I am ready for calmer waters. I am performing with my trio, 3 Men and a Baby... Grand! and we'll stay onboard until we reach Buenos Aires."

Lessack and his trio wowed audiences last year at BIG ARTS. Now you can hear him in a totally different show. I asked him to describe the concert. What can the audience expect? "An Enchanted Evening: The Music

and Stephen Sondheim.

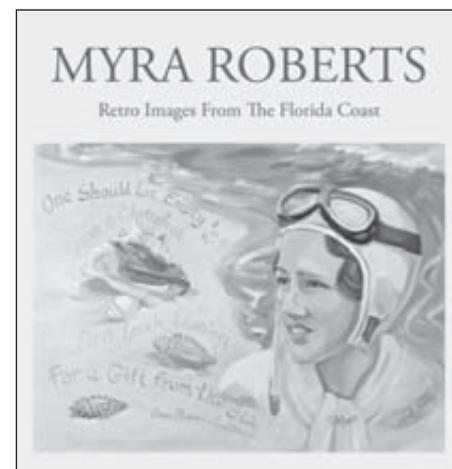
Lessack explained how he and O'Brien met. "I attended a public school, and Joanne, an all-girl Catholic school. The good news for me is that they always needed men for their annual musical production. I auditioned for *Oklahoma* and was cast as Ali Hakim (the peddler man) while Joanne was starring as Laurie. We've been friends ever since."

When asked what he likes best about being an entertainer, he said, "I absolutely love connecting with the audience. Finding that connection through the use of my voice is the most thrilling thing in the world."

Lessack's graceful lyric vocals and sophisticated yet endearing persona have made him a shining star on the international cabaret scene. O'Brien appears regularly in concert from Los Angeles to New York. Both have received rave reviews. This is a show for everyone who enjoys the hit songs of Broadway.

An Enchanted Evening: The Music of Broadway plays at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre for one night only, Monday, March 8, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and show at 7:30. Tickets are on sale and are \$52 for dinner and the show or \$32 for the performance only. Call 278-4422 or stop by the box office, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. ✨

Myra Roberts Book Signing



Come meet artist Myra Roberts at a book signing at BIG ARTS Periwinkle Gallery and Gift Shop on Tuesday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The new gallery, at 2244 Periwinkle, is located adjacent to The Bean.

Roberts will sign copies of her new book, *Myra Roberts: Retro Images From The Florida Coast*, which introduces her stunning new portraits of famous personalities who came to Sanibel and Captiva, such as Anne Morrow Linbergh, JN "Ding" Darling and Thomas Edison, as well as historic places such as Tween Waters Inn, Jensen's Marina and Casa Ybel Resort. ✨



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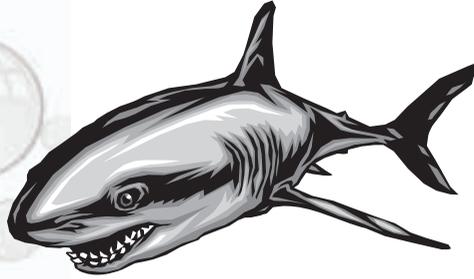
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Kistler began studying at the School of American Ballet (SAB), the official school of NYCB, at the age of 12. She has danced with the company since 1980 and in the rank of principal dancer since 1982. She is the last dancer at NYCB hired by legendary choreographer George Balanchine, who gave her many lead roles. She also starred as the Sugarplum Fairy in the 1993 film version of George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*.

BRAVO! Ballet, which features eight other NYCB principal dancers and two renowned musicians in the company's orchestra, raises funds for Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida's only nonprofit classical ballet school. The March 14 performance starts at 3 p.m. at the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts. The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall box office is the official ticket outlet. General admission tickets can be purchased by calling 481-4849 or visiting www.bbmnpah.com. Patron tickets at \$150 include preferred seating, reserved parking, and a Sunset with the Dancers party where guests mingle with the NYCB dancers, including Darci Kistler; to purchase these tickets contact bravoballet@gulfshoreballet.org.

For more information contact Audrea Anderson at 334-2905.✪



Darci Kistler

photo by Paul Kolnik

Shell Point Speaker Series Draws To A Close

Shell Point Retirement Community presents Dr. Harold G. Koenig, founding co-director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health, as the final speaker in the 2009-10 Speaker Series. The presentation will take place on Thursday, February 25, at 7 p.m. in the Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point.

Dr. Koenig will examine the relationship of religion/spirituality and mental health in our lives and propose a model of how it may impact physical health through mind-body connections. He will then explore the relationship between religion and physical health, immune functioning, cardiovascular functioning and longevity.

Dr. Koenig is board certified in general psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry, and geriatric medicine, is on the faculty at Duke University as professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, and associate professor of medicine. He is founding co-director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University Medical Center. His research on the connection between religion and health has been featured on national and international TV news programs. He has given testimony before U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives concerning the benefits of religion and spirituality on public health.

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An Education



Carey Mulligan as Jenny, Peter Sarsgaard as David photos by Kerry Brown

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

This week's film from the list of those nominated for Academy Awards continues with *An Education*. It will be shown at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24 at the Island Cinema. The film's award nominations include; Best Picture, Carey Mulligan for Best Actress, and author Nick Hornby for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Set in London in 1961, Jenny (Carey Mulligan), is a young intelligent woman with ambitions, among them attending Oxford University. Her sweet, doting parents are from the British middle class and want the best for their only child. Jenny is



Rosamund Pike as Helen, and Carey Mulligan as Jenny

in those restless years when she strives to be older and more sophisticated than her age of 16 allows. The "education" she experiences is not of the classroom, but in her young life does it ultimately prove just as valuable?

Peter Sarsgaard plays David, a 30-ish man; clever, witty and brimming with sophisticated charm. His urbanity and cunning overwhelm the reservations of Jenny's parents as he pursues the girl. Sarsgaard's performance and those of Alfred Molina and Cara Seymour as her parents are exceptionally well acted.

The film is rated PG 13 for some mild sexual situations. Tickets are \$7.50 and can be purchased at the Island Cinema. Everyone is invited to attend a discussion led by Tom McCarter following the film at 3:30 p.m. at The Sanibel Bean, 2240 Periwinkle Way. ✨



Alfred Molina as Jack, Cara Seymour as Marjorie, Carey Mulligan as Jenny, and Peter Sarsgaard as David

Library Author Series



Author Elizabeth Berg, right, chats with Nancy Cleara, left, and Carol Gregorio of Sanibel, following a luncheon hosted by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation at The Sanctuary Clubhouse on Sanibel on February 11. Berg has written many novels, including *Durable Goods*, *The Last Time I Saw You*, and *Talk Before Sleep*, which was featured as one of Oprah's picks.

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Buy Local encapsulates the growing local and organic food movement. The painting features fresh produce carried in the basket of a vintage bicycle. Roberts also created graphic prints highlighting the theme of the event: Bloom Where You're Planted: Focus on the Local. The center will serve local and organic food at the event.

Roberts delights in bike rides to gather organic ingredients for her kitchen. "I was inspired to paint *Buy Local* after making regular Sunday morning trips to the Sanibel farmers' market," says Roberts. She donated the *Buy Local* giclée, in addition to a signed, limited edition copy of her new biographical art book, to the fundraiser.

For more information or to request an invitation to the fundraiser, call 590-7166 or email cese@fgcu.edu.

Above and right, two of Myra Roberts' giclees

Myra Roberts has donated a signed, limited edition giclée print to the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at FGCU. The center will feature the print at its 6th annual Fundraising Celebration at Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer's Sanibel home on Thursday, March 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Bald Eagle Sightings



Juvenile bald eagle perched on the guardrail of the Sanibel Causeway



Adult bald eagle taking his lunch in flight

On Saturday, February 6 Rick Zurbriggen took a photo of a juvenile bald eagle while he was perched on the guardrail of the Sanibel Causeway. He is still in between the colors of a baby and an adult bald eagle – even the beak changes color. Zurbriggen also captured a full grown bald eagle that took flight during a kayaking adventure on the Sanibel River. Zurbriggen commented, "We are so lucky to live on such a beautiful island." ❄️

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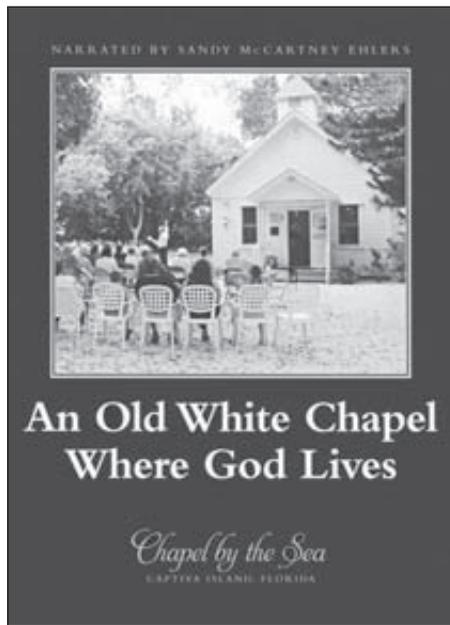
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Book Review

An Old White Chapel Where God Lives

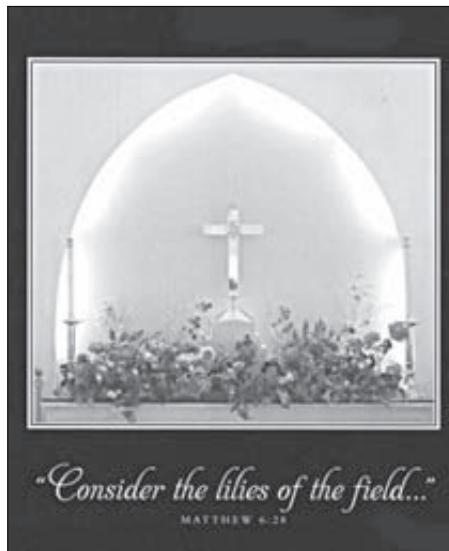


by Priscilla Friedersdorf

If you have ever gone there for a service, that is just what it feels like, you know this is a place where God would live; the quiet, the simplicity; an aura of peace permeates without the pretensions of more elaborate structures.

Sandy Mc Cartney Ehlers has captured this in her new book, *An Old White Chapel Where God Lives*, a sensitive and loving tribute to Chapel by the Sea on Captiva Island. It is a history of the church and a remembrance of those who were instrumental in creating this place of worship.

Twenty-eight separate essays recall the experiences of those who have worshiped there. In addition Ehlers has compiled exquisite photographs by 26 photographers.



You learn through this remarkable book why you feel so welcome there... because you are, and why your particular religious outlook does not seem an issue... because it isn't.

Ehlers in her foreword, *An Interdenominational Church*, describes how pastors are chosen, "We carefully select retired pastors... No pastor remains for more than three years... No pastor can be of the same Christian denomination as the pastor that proceeded them."

Why does it seem so non-judgemental; because it is, the love of God encompassing. Ehlers writes, "The people who attend... represent the Abrahamic traditions, primarily, being Christians. There are, though, those who have no religious persuasion and a few... in their most honest moments – would define themselves as agnostic. It creates a remarkable soup!"

Pastors' reminiscences are among the essays and a list of the chapel's ministers is included dating from 1949 until the present with the current Pastor Robert Hansel. A former pastor, Bruce McLeod, initiated a Pets Are Welcome concept with his dog, Clover. As Susan Stuart writes in her essay about pet inclusion, "A few doze. No arguments. No tiffs..."

All seem to sense that this is a welcoming place!"

Dick Pyle, who remained on Captiva during Hurricane Charley, writes of his experiences during the storm and how the chapel survived intact, "...in a strange way, the chapel will continue to defy the odds – remaining as a timeless part of our island community."

Weddings is a special section describing how a couple can arrange one of the thousands of ceremonies which have taken place at the chapel over the past hundred years. In the essay *Where Dreams are Fulfilled*, Susen Berg anticipates the coming marriage of her daughter in the Chapel by the Sea.

Also focal at this remarkable little church are the memorial services conducted there and the cemetery which was purchased in 1900 through the gift from a 10-year old girl, Ann Brainerd, of a \$50 gold piece. Reading this book on the chapel reminded me of attending a memorial service for a friend; his sons giving the eulogy wearing their father's old, favorite shirts and then during a prayer and reflecting his love of boating, hearing the steady thrum of a nearby off shore motor.

Ehlers remembers how she began the project of assembling the photos and stories for this book in her essay,

God's People Loving God's People.

She thought, "How good it would be to gather all the wonderful stories we were sharing into a big bouquet and put them between the covers of a book."

Closing the book is a benediction written by Bruce McLeod, a former pastor.

An Old White Chapel Where God Lives is available at Sanibel Island Bookshop on Sanibel and at McCarthy's Marina, and Tween Waters on Captiva. Books can also be purchased and signed each Sunday after services at Chapel by the Sea. Proceeds go to the mission projects of the church.✱

Seminole Wars Discussion

Dr. David T. Childress will make an appearance at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday February 24 at 2 p.m. for a presentation on the First and Second Seminole Wars.

A resident of Fort Myers, Dr. Childress is professor emeritus of history and has a PhD in history from Mississippi State University. His expertise is in American Colonial History, American Indian History, and American Civil War.✱

Poetic Voices



For consideration, please send typed poems with a short biography to Island Sun, 1640 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel, FL 33957 Attn: Don Brown or send a Microsoft Word attachment to donbrown@alum.mit.edu

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STINGRAY

by Mari Messer

At waters edge it lies
So near, so near
Eyes big as oysters
Raw with fear

Beseech a fisherman
Whose hook now impales
Flesh limp as liver
On butcher scales.

Rubber wings flap
Helplessly, slap sand
That holds it prisoner
On land.

Wide lips blubber
Like a child in tears,
Suck sand each frenzied
Breath adheres.

We watchers voice our empathy
With this wild thing
Until we see, extended aft,
The spine that stings.

Mari Messer is the author of *Shore Lines: Reflections Beside the Wide Water that celebrates the inspiring beachscapes of Southwest Florida*. A chapter in the book, entitled Taking a Cup of Seawater Home, won the "enny" Award for Writing from N Magazine. Poetry journals and publications including the Wall Street Journal's National Business Employment Weekly, Writers' Digest, The Artists' Magazine, and Artists' Sketchbook have featured Messer's writing. An instructor of workshops on writing, art and creativity, she taught at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Center for the Arts in Bonita Springs. She was keynote speaker for The International Conference on Creativity in Michigan and for the Pennwriters Writers' Conference in Pennsylvania.✱

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Living Sanibel* by Charles Sobczak
 2. *Piano Teacher* by Janice Y. Lee
 3. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
 4. *Help* by Kathryn Stockett
 5. *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum
 6. *Deep Shadow* by Randy Wayne White
 7. *Ordinary Life* by Elizabeth Berg
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Community Foundation And The Sanctuary Tee Up To Help Islanders



Gross Champions, Team 3B: from left: Jerry, Andy, Dan and Dick Muench

The Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva's (GNCFSC) eighth annual Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge held on January 23 grossed over \$75,000. The event benefits GNCFSC, a division of Southwest Florida Community Foundation, which has been assisting island non-profit organizations and individual island residents and workers in crisis for over 10 years.

One-hundred thirty-six golfers had a day of perfect weather, great golf, food, and camaraderie. In the present economy, tournament planners were humbled by the generosity of everyone who participated. The tournament committee was especially thankful for the work of The Sanctuary's Drew Donnelly and his team.

The funds raised will be used in three ways: for direct community grants to help islanders in need; for the GNCFSC competitive grant cycle to help non-profits that serve island residents by enhancing local education, the environment, arts and culture, animal welfare, historic preservation, and human services; and for endowment building of GNCFSC's Good Neighbor Fund.

In total, the eight annual golf events held so far have raised over \$504,000 to benefit island communities.

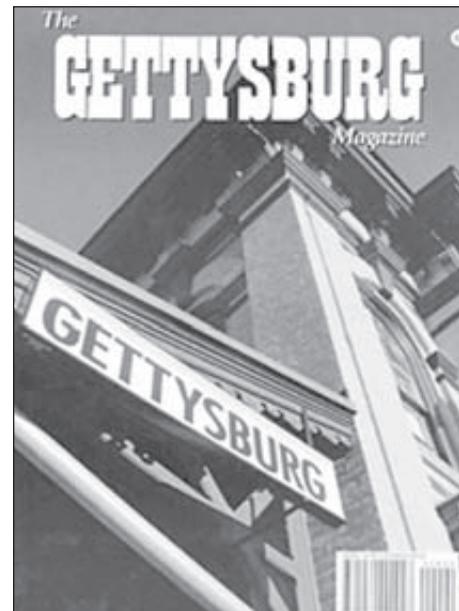
The following teams and individuals won special awards: Gross Champions were

Andy, Dan, Dick and Jerry Muench; Net Champions were Brian Cunningham, Rob Cutler, Bobby Hodosky, and Ken Steele; Net Runners-up were John Dale, Dave Hunt, Bill LaMothe, and Jeff McManus; Closest to the pin on hole #4 was Ron Heidel; Closest to the pin on hole #16 was Andrew Carnell; Helicopter Drop prizewinners were Bob and Carol Amerine, Rene Lohser, and Judy Risch.

This year's honorary chairpersons were John and Donna Schubert. The tournament committee members were Ann Arnoff, Francis Bailey, Bob Chrenc, Ralph Clark, Drew Donnelly, Terry Igo, Brian Johnson, Martin Packard, and Arlene Knox. The Sanctuary's past support of the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva has helped the board bring critical resources to area non-profit organizations to enhance local education, the environment, arts and culture, animal welfare, historic preservation and human services.

Since 2000, the local foundation has distributed over \$3 million in grants and scholarships.*

Gettysburg Magazine At The Sanibel Library



Assistant editors of *Gettysburg Magazine* David and Audrey Ladd will be giving a multimedia presentation on The Importance of the Battle of Gettysburg on Friday February 26 at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room #4 of the Sanibel Public Library.

The battle, fought in the small southeastern Pennsylvania of Gettysburg from July 1 to July 3, 1863, is considered by many to be the turning point of the Civil War. The Ladds will present their scholarly research on America's biggest and best known battle.

There is no fee for this program and it is open to all. The program will begin promptly at 2 p.m.*

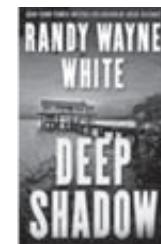
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Big smiles from students at the Children's Center of the Islands

The Children's Education Center of the Islands recently raised close to \$1,200 in its annual Trike-a-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To date, the Children's Center has donated almost \$10,000 to St. Jude's. Every student rode their bicycle, tricycle, scooter, or pedal tractor around the figure-eight track on the playground. The Trike-a-Thon ended a week of learning about bicycle safety and also was an important lesson about giving to others in need. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is recognized for finding and sharing cures for children suffering from cancer and other catastrophic diseases. All patients accepted for treatment at St. Jude are treated without regard for the family's ability to pay.*



Some children were just having fun, while others showed determination

Show And Reception For Sally-Jane Heit

In the intimacy of the historic north room at the Community House, Sally-Jane Heit will share her remembrances of a lifetime. Seating for 80 guests will allow this Sanibel storyteller to draw the audience into an evening that will be sometimes reminiscent, sometimes refreshing and sometimes poignant. Before I Forget... A Memoir with Music will be performed one time only Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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Sally-Jane Heit

photo by Annie Leibovitz

Around The Islands With Anne

Life Now Twice As Good For Synergy

by Anne Mitchell

Synergy, known for its happy atmosphere and Life is Good apparel and accessories, now has a second store on Sanibel. In addition to Periwinkle Place, Synergy is in Tahitian Gardens shopping center.

How can you not be cheerful when you're surrounded by images of grinning Jake and his trusty dog Rocket engaged in every activity under the sun, from hiking to grilling to chilling. This is a business that trades on cheerfulness and, according to recent news reports, consumers are buying into the optimism to offset economic doom and gloom.

Cathy DeGennaro and Shahana Shakur, who work in the Tahitian Gardens store, have obviously been bitten by the happy bug and say they love their new jobs.

In addition to a comprehensive collection of Life is Good T-shirts, tank tops, hats, beach towels, bags, golf balls, and other logo items including some in organic cotton, both stores also carry Columbia hats, Merrell and Chaco sandals and Uggs boots. The Uggs are now available in pink and purple as well as the usual brown.

I especially liked the pretty Grendha jelly thongs with transparent soles through which you can see colored ripples that look like waves – very island-y. The sandals are decorated with silver-tone starfish. To match the silver starfish, there are bracelets and necklaces in the same sea life motif. The sandals are \$24 and the bracelets are \$15. You'll also find some pretty little cotton sundresses, some with a retro look, at \$19.99.

For \$5 you can promote optimism wherever you go: buy a reusable tote with the big happy Jake face – big enough for groceries or the beach – knowing that all proceeds go to Camp Sunshine for children.

Stop in the new store and say hi – and don't forget to wear your Life is Good smile.

Island Girl Boutique is having a trunk sale on Tuesday, February 23 for *Espressiva*, a casual clothing line designed for baby boomer gals who want to artfully express themselves. Handpainted graphics are paired with phrases and song lyrics from the times of their lives.

Garments are embellished with beads, crystals, trims and sheer overlays on the front and graphics on the back. Fran Dioguardi, boutique owner, suggests pairing the tops with another island exclusive, Not Your Daughter's Jeans, with great tummy control. All tunics, tanks, tees and dresses are 100 percent cotton and go up to size 3X.

Island Girl Boutique is at 455 Periwinkle Way, on Sanibel's east end, phone 395-3455.

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Zonta Home Tour Features Former Veenschoten Cottage



View of spiral staircase, looking up



Original cypress ceilings were preserved

The Veenschoten family arrived on Sanibel in 1928 from Erie, Pennsylvania with two small sons, David and John. John grew up on Sanibel, served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and, after retirement, was a long-time member of the Sanibel Planning Commission. He also founded the volunteer Hammerheads who restored buildings in the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village. He passed away in February, 2009 at age 85.

Veenschoten family land on West Gulf Drive included a beachfront cottage, later relocated across the street during property exchanges within the family. Three years ago, the cottage went on the market for the first time. The lucky buyers were Vonnie and Gerry Wilson, who envisioned creating a vacation retreat for three generations of their family.

"We were the only buyers who wanted to preserve the original home, including the cypress ceilings," said Vonnie Wilson. "Our wish was to create a plan that would honor the past and its charm."

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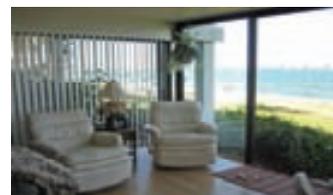
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Home Tour

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"This was a unique opportunity to work with the homeowners to maintain the integrity of the original structure while introducing modern comforts and ameni-

ties," said Kevin Vertesch, vice president of Dan Hahn Custom Builders.

A Peek at the Unique, always a sell-out, is the principal fundraiser for the Zonta Club and last year raised \$70,000 to fund programs that enhance the status of women. A few seats remain for the afternoon portion of the tour: call 1-877-750-3849.

The Wilson home is generously sponsored by Dan Hahn Custom Builders, Inc., exclusively serving Sanibel and Captiva for two decades. Kevin Vertesch will serve as speaker at the home, as well as Dick Fortune, art photographer, whose work graces the interior.

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. For more information, visit the Web site www.zontasancap.com.✧



A small nook contains historic Veenschoten memorabilia



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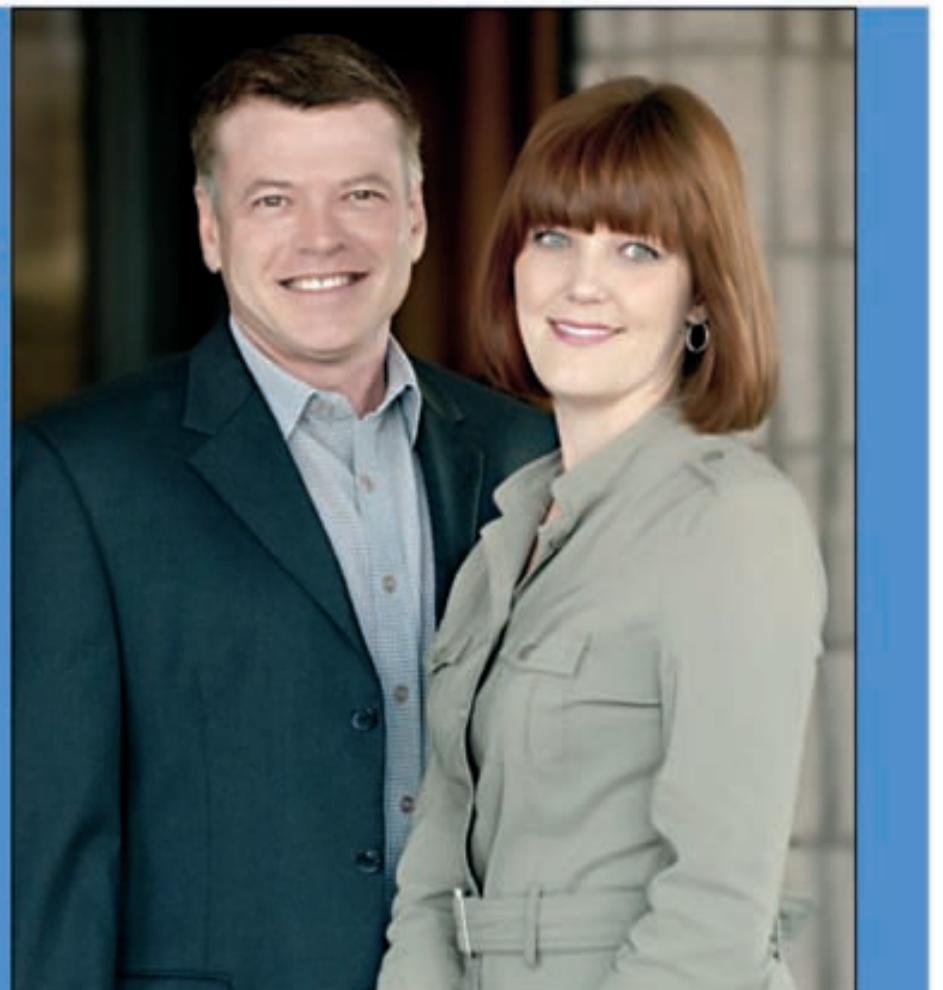
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South Seas Island Resort received No. 3 ranking on *Parents Magazine's* 2010 Top 10 Best Beach Resorts for Families, making it *Parents'* highest-ranked resort in the United States. Reviewing beach resorts throughout the U.S. and Caribbean to find the top spots for price-conscious families, *Parents* magazine chose South Seas for its abundant nature offerings, shell-laden beaches, and family programs and amenities. South Seas was also selected out of more than 75 contenders based on its range of activities, the quality and uniqueness of supervised children's programs, size and quality of rooms, safety factors, fun features for parents and the overall value.

South Seas Island Resort is a smart and exciting choice for travelers with families, offering a memorable island experience without the hassles of customs, high rates or limited island flights. Captiva Island has no stoplights, billboards, fast food restaurants or buildings higher than the tallest palm tree. South Seas encourages guests to park their cars and explore this 330-acre wildlife preserve by foot, bike, golf cart or on one of the historic trolleys.

Recently introduced, Go! South Seas Programs encourage families to actively learn something new together while on vacation, whether it be fishing, sailing, cooking or discovering nature with Go! Fish, Go! Discover, Go! Play, Go! Cook or Go! Create.

The newly opened Kay Casperson Beauty Inside Out Lifestyle Spa & Boutique at South Seas Island Resort offers uniquely-local island treatments and deeply therapeutic spa lifestyle experiences for parents. The Inside I'm a Princess parties and treatments for girls ages 12 and under are perfect for birthday celebrations or mother/daughter bonding.



Sunset from the beach at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva island

Sanibel Resident Goes To Colombia With Opportunity International

Sanibel resident Dee Dee Nye will be in Colombia, South America from February 21 to 26 to learn firsthand how impoverished people use Opportunity International's microfinance services to work their way out of poverty despite unstable politics and economic fluctuations.

Nye, who has resided in Sanibel for the last seven years, serves on Opportunity International's board of governors. She also is a champion of Opportunity's initiative to build a bank to serve the millions of displaced persons in Colombia who struggle to support their families. Colombia has the highest number of displaced persons of any South American country.

Nye says, "Staggering numbers of people are leaving their homes and all of their belongings behind to begin a new life, and the task of supporting their families is overwhelming... yet the world hardly hears about it. An Opportunity bank could make such a difference in their lives."

Along with 10 other participants in the Colombia Insight Trip sponsored by Opportunity International's International Education department, Nye will visit with clients in their homes and businesses to hear of their struggles and successes. She also will see Opportunity's business and personal development training in action during trust group meetings. A trust group consists of 10 to 30 clients, mostly women, who guarantee each other's loans and meet weekly to pay back their loans and receive training.

Nye will meet clients like Sugey Armenteo who became displaced as the result of a decades-long armed conflict. Sugey and her family live in a shanty town with no water or sewage system. But since she took out her first loan of \$109 with Opportunity in 2008, her sandal business has grown. Her children are now well-fed and they attend school. She has \$16 in savings and life insurance worth \$4,500. Every day, Sugey leaves her house at 7:30 a.m. to sell sandals at the Olympica Market in Magangué, Colombia. "My cart provides me with a living," she says. "My goal is to become a wholesaler with my own store, and make our lives so much better."

Nye says, "Through this experience, I hope to be able to share information with others and involve them in the transformational work that Opportunity is doing to provide fair access to economic opportunities so people can move beyond poverty and build better futures for their families."*

With a variety of family programs and activities including the nationally recognized Tiva Kids Camp, Skully's Arcade and Tween/Teen Lounge, Swimtastic Swim School, golf, tennis, a shopping village, nature tours, boating, fishing, sailing and water sports, South Seas is an ecologically balanced vacation destination, perfect for families.*

Tahitian Gardens Car Show In March

Saturday, March 20 marks the 2nd annual Tahitian Gardens Car Show on Sanibel. This island style event is open to all types of vehicles and this year benefits PURRE (People United to Restore our Rivers and Estuaries).

The show is being organized by Royal Shell Companies in cooperation with R+L Carriers Racing, and Performance Plus in Fort Myers, owned by Sanibel resident Jeff Friedman.

This show will bring in cars from both on and off the island. It will feature:

- NASCAR hauler and show car courtesy of R+L Carriers Racing
- Photo ops in the show car
- Tours of the hauler
- Complete line of car accessories
- Raffles
- 50/50 drawings
- Live Music by The Hat Boys
- Food, beverages

Entry fee for cars is \$20 and includes a commemorative T-shirt. Contact Barb Harrington at 472-2783 or barb.harrington@RLRLLC.com for entry information by March 1.

Admission is free for the public; a donation to PURRE is suggested. Some activities will have a fee with proceeds going toward PURRE.

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Sanibel School Fund Raffles GEM

The Sanibel School Fund is now selling tickets for its annual car raffle. This year's cost is \$20 per ticket, or three for \$50, to enter to win a sporty and environmentally-sweet 2009 GEM e4, four-passenger electric car (or \$7,500 cash). This car can be seen in front of Bank of the Islands. Raffle tickets are also available at Bank of the Islands, as well as Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, Sanibel Surveys, Congress Jewelers and The Blue Giraffe. The drawing is on March 28 and you do not have to be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Sanibel School Fund.

The Sanibel School Fund is dedicated to providing educational opportunities, such as the foreign language program, technology, arts and music resources not otherwise funded by the county school system. Since its inception in 1998, The Sanibel School Fund has supplied the school with classroom audio visual enhancements, computers, art supplies, musical instruments, library book shelves, and other equipment, in addition to the Spanish language program. The cost of these un-funded programs and resources exceeds \$100,000 per year.

"Many of the computers used by middle school students need to be replaced," said Sanibel School Fund President Craig Holston. "The tremendous support of the community is essential for the continued success of The Sanibel School. In the past the Sanibel School Fund has helped to provide musical instruments, equipment for science labs, library shelving, and enhanced audio technology in the classrooms. There are many educational programs that have an ongoing need for funding."

For more information about the Sanibel School Fund, go to www.SanibelSchoolFund.org.

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John Grey Painting and Decorating Den Interiors have recently joined forces to provide a team approach in coordinating paint colors and finishes with interior furnishings, flooring and molding. To mark the collaboration, a guest reception was held on February 11 to reintroduce clients and friends to the many applications available from the two local firms.

There was live entertainment on the deck at The Promenade, along with hors d'oeuvres, and a beer and wine bar catered by Bailey's General Store.✧



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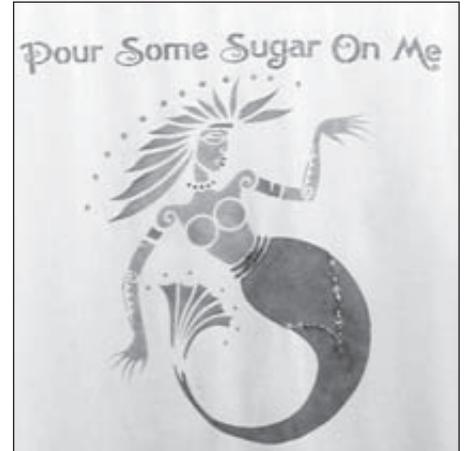
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Congress Jewelers is celebrating the grand reopening of its original Sanibel location and its new Congress Jewelers Rolex Boutique. Look forward to entertainment, champagne and light hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20 in Periwinkle Place Shops.

There will be a silent auction to benefit Sanibel-Captiva Cares and a drawing for

licensed massage therapist, is to educate the public on the valuable benefits and healing power of massage as a natural alternative therapy for body and mind.

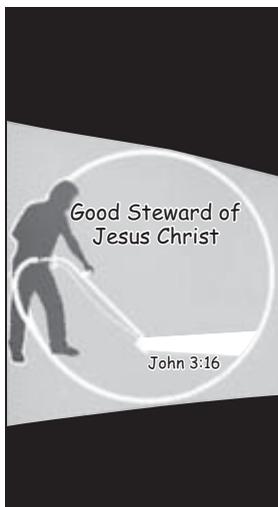
McConnell, who has extensive experience, holds the Florida State Massage Therapy Association LMT of the Year Award. She offers the following services:

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McT's Shrimp House & Tavern on Sanibel has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, phone 472-3161.

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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, phone 472-1242.

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.

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Danny Morgan plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays at **Traders Store & Café**, phone 472-7242.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly from 8 p.m. to midnight, phone 472-1771.

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. Phone 472-0606.

Danny Morgan and Friends play at **Casa Ybel Resort** pool bar on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., phone 472-3145.

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Restaurant owners/managers, please e-mail or fax your entertainment schedule to Anne Mitchell at islandsuncity@aol.com or 395-2299.

The Sanibel Beet

Farmers Market Is Moving



by Jean Baer and Betsy Ventura

Brrr! It has been cold. But despite the weather we still see a great crowd at the Sanibel Island Farmers Market. With coffee in hand, local residents and visitors continue to enjoy their Sunday morning shopping amongst the vendors.

We are pleased to announce that the Market will be moving to City Hall beginning Sunday, February 28. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Much thanks to RLR and the shops at Tahitian Gardens who have allowed the growth of the market to be such success. Same time same place this Sunday... See you at the market.✪

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Sally-Jane Heit

After the show there will be an artist reception with Heit with appetizers, desserts and drinks.

"This is an evening to celebrate our talented friend and neighbor and it is one show in our Neighbor to Neighbor Series started this year at the Community House, commented Marge Meek, event chair. "Our islands attract so many interesting people with a broad range of backgrounds and expertise. We want to showcase them and their talents and in so doing, enrich all our lives".

Heit is becoming a familiar neighbor as she sings with the Island Jazz Dance Band and the Dixielanders. Her rousing rendition of *Hello Dolly* always receives thunderous applause. Her training and experience in the arts led her to a wide-ranging spectrum of media, including theater, television and movies.

Reservations are requested. All proceeds go to the operation of the Community House, a not-for-profit organization. Tickets are \$35. Call 472-2155 for reservations.✪

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Wood Carvers... They Create A World Of Wonder



by Jane Vos Hogg

It's yet another one of those little-known island treasures... the Park Carvers of Sanibel.

When Earl Frappier, a tool and die maker, retired from his job at Massachusetts

Institute of Technology he and his wife set off in their motorhome touring the south to see where they would like to spend their winters. Sanibel seduced them and, some 20 years ago, they bought a place in Periwinkle Park and have wintered here ever since.

But Earl's once busy hands needed something special to do which is why, about 16 years ago, he and some other wood carvers came together and started the Park Carvers, a group of men who met each week and carved together, mostly birds. Early on they worked in a small building at Periwinkle Park but, when a fire destroyed that site, they were offered space at the Sanibel Community Church. You'll find them there, a group of nearly a dozen people, carving away, every Thursday from early morning until

late afternoon.

Carvers loved to share ideas and expertise; they are generous with information. Now legally blind, Earl has shifted from birds to more manageable flowers. Wearing heavily magnified lenses, plus a head-mounted magniview, further enhanced by a loup, he is still able to make the rounds of the table in his mentor role, to focus in on such details as "that looks really good. Now just use this thin blade to tip up the feathers on these wings."

What brings people to carving? And who are these people? It is a wonderful mix. There is Jack Price, a retired orthodontist who hails from Columbus, Ohio and has been coming to Sanibel for 35 years. His pastimes run the gamut; he's a private pilot, boater, and biker and he's been carving for seven years. He thinks that years of dentistry, with its necessary manual dexterity, made it a logical blend. Add his love of nature and bird life and the combined ingredients all fell into place.

Harry Gardner was a grain farmer in Indiana growing soy and corn. When he retired his wife remembered reading a Readers Digest article which said that Sanibel was the "best place to shell in the U.S." Seven years ago they headed this way, liked it enough to get a second home and return each winter. Once here, several of his carving neighbors infected him with their interest.

When he was growing up, Eric Peterson wanted to be an artist but a dealer suggested he find work with a more predictable income so he became

an engineer working for Eveready Battery Co. At the same time he pursued his passion... he was a semi-professional singer doing mostly light opera but also bar mitzvahs, weddings and sweet sixteens. Some years ago surgery required losing the use of his voice so, with singing gone, he replaced it with another pastime, wood-carving. For almost seven years he did only Santa Clauses but here in Sanibel (where he has been for 28 years), he blended power tools with painting and turned to the birds he is doing today.

Janice Keeney grew up on a farm in Independence, Kentucky and still lives there in a 200-year-old house. Her husband's brother loved Sanibel and talked them into it. That was 29 years ago. They come for four months each spring and two months each fall. While here Janice, a soprano, sings with the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers and the rest of the year with the Northern Kentucky Community Chorus. The Kentucky group tours Europe every two years and while there they have six concerts, some in churches and others in cathedrals. Singing requires lengthy rehearsal time both in Kentucky and here in Sanibel and considerable time practicing at home. By contrast, carving provides a peaceful break from music. Long ago she concentrated on carving gourds but one day her husband saw carvers working in Periwinkle and he suggested Janice see what they were up to. Clearly, she was captured.

Married to an academician, Winifred Blacklow moved every seven years but she made instant friends and contacts

with her love of lace. She is a fine bobbin lace maker, a dying art in today's world. Some years ago she and a lace-making friend met some local carvers in Massachusetts and they decided to make wooden dolls. Her first one took almost five years but the experience turned her on to carving. So, for the several months she is in Sanibel each winter she works with the carvers group.

Ed Sessa is a pediatrician in a small Upstate New York town. He discovered carving when his nurse introduced him to the world of wood decoy carvers. She suggested he visit a museum in Maryland famous for their decoys of the Chesapeake area. One visit and he was turned on and he's been carving ever since. He spends almost four months each year in Sanibel, carving away.

Back in Indiana, Orton Zook was in the pharmaceutical business, specializing in veterinary and agricultural chemicals. He began coming to Sanibel in 1972 but for the past 17 years he's been spending near half his year here. He began carving about 14 years ago and, while most of the carvers like to do birds, he prefers to do more massive animals.

Elliott LaRose, from Upstate New York, is also a retired tool and die maker and he has always loved working with wood. Back north he is a furniture maker but down here, with limited room for that in his condo living space, he shifts to a second love, wood carving.

Ken Mickle, a retired pediatrician from Green Bay, Wisconsin has been carving with the group for the past six years. In his initial post-retirement period, bored

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with too much time on his hands, he took a course in wood carving at a nearby vocational school. He abandoned the pursuit deciding he lacked both patience and the steady hand required for knife work. However, some years later he met Harry Gardner through the Senior Center when they began to bowl together. Talk turned to hobbies and, once again, he found himself talking to a carver. The simple "why don't you come watch us sometime" led to a re-kindled interest.

Don Hogg, a retired anthropologist, has been carving with the group for four years. While many of the carvers work with birds, most specifically small and

precise duplicates of the real thing, he creates fanciful beasts. Most often using driftwood or found materials he likes to think of his work, not so much as carving, but rather as that of releasing the spirit captured within.

One of the group comes from an art background and she is the only person there, when painting her bird, uses oils rather than acrylics. The process, both exacting and painstaking, is exciting to watch as well as dramatic to view in its completion.

Harry Albrecht, the president of the Carvers Club, is a retired engineer from New Jersey. He winters here and carves

only ducks. "Well, not only," recalls Earl. "He once did a hibiscus and then there was his butterfly... call it a butterfly on steroids... it was huge!" With this it is clear that carvers share not only their talents and assistance but good times together, too.

For the past four years the Sanibel Library has presented a one-month display of the carvers' work. This year, the curious will have an opportunity to see the carvers at work Saturday morning, February 20 when some of them will bring their tools, talents and imagination together to work in the library entrance area. ✨

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The Village Shops Ribbon Cutting



Representatives from Royal Shell Vacations and Royal Shell Preferred Properties turned out to support Royal Shell Property Management and six other shops and businesses at The Village Shops ribbon cutting. From left: Tiffany Orsino, Randy Bacik, Sarah Ashton and Andre Arensman

A combination of seven retailers and businesses celebrated their businesses joining the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber recently at The Village Shops. Mayor Mick Denham and a variety of chamber members and business clients traveled the center and performed the ribbon cutting ceremony at each participating shop and business.

Participating in the evening's festivities were: Sanibel Tropical Wines – Vicki and Ben Miles. Their charming shop carries exclusive tropical wines and wine accessories.

Watson MacRae Gallery – Maureen Watson. The gallery specializes in museum quality art and artisan works.

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Congress Jewelers will celebrate its grand reopening this weekend, February 19 and 20, with a silent auction to benefit Sanibel-Captiva Cares. A dozen pieces of designer jewelry, worth more than \$25,000, will be offered. Many of the designers will join in the celebration.

Among the 12 pieces will be a white gold and diamond pendant from Leslie Greene. The 18-karat pendant features pave diamonds on three concentric ovals and retails for more than \$3,500. Norman Silverman has donated a \$6,000 diamond pendant to the auction, which will also include a gold necklace with a pelican-in-flight pendant from the Sealife by Congress collection valued at more than \$3,500.

Joining Leslie Greene for the festivities will be Lazare Kaplan, originator of the round, brilliant-cut diamond; representatives from Bez Ambar Designs, who invented the princess-cut diamond; and other well-known designers.

“Jewelry lovers should not miss this event,” said Scot Congress. “The pieces in the auction are amazing, and this is a rare opportunity to meet the creative minds behind some of our favorite collections.”

“We’re happy to be back in our original Sanibel location, under family ownership, and look forward to raising a significant sum for Sanibel-Captiva Cares,” Congress said.

Congress Jewelers and its Rolex boutique, located a few steps away, will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Each visitor will receive Congress Cash, gift certificates worth \$25 to \$1,000 that can be redeemed at the store during the weekend with no minimum purchase required.

Sanibel-Captiva Cares was formed in 2000 to help improve awareness and funding for children’s health care in Southwest Florida after a group of parents were inspired by the extraordinary care that saved an infant’s life. During the past decade, the group has raised \$2.5 million for The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida with support from Congress Jewelers, which has donated jewelry for annual auctions. Melissa Congress serves as one of three event co-chairs for the 10th anniversary celebration, scheduled for Sunday, March 21.

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The Bailey’s Center Merchants’ Association (BCMA) is inviting customers to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southwest Florida by purchasing shamrocks through the Shamrocks against Dystrophy campaign. The campaign will run through March 17. The campaign raised over \$1,500 in 2009 and the merchants are hoping to beat that figure in 2010 with the support of visitors to the Bailey’s Center.

Green shamrocks can be purchased for a \$1 donation and gold shamrocks are \$5. Bailey’s Center is the only location on the island that is participating in the campaign.

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Standings through February 15, 2010

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	213	91
Second	One Ball Wonders	147	157
Third	Fresh Legion Crew	131	173
Fourth	Sanibel Cafe	117	187

Bunt's Ball Busters	14	Fresh Legion Crew	2
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Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Highlights from Week 19: The league's first and second place teams posted resounding wins this week to all but close out the season barring miracles in the final two weeks.

Rich Ennis, Dave Doane, and Bob Buntrock racked up 4-0 wins for Bunt's Ball Busters. Barb Chance produced the only two wins for the reeling Fresh Legion Crew. Kelly "the Vulture" Greten had a 4-0 night for the One Ball Wonders and his teammates Bob Hodosky and Joe Stahl also went undefeated for the night.

The last night of regular play is Monday, March 1. On the next Monday night the league runs its annual year-end tournament. Entry fee is \$20 and only players who have shot 20 games or more are eligible to compete. Signed up to date are: Richard McCurry, Bob Buntrock, Doug Gentry, Jack Dalton, Terry Ricotta, Joe Stahl, Matt Hall, Dougie Fresh, Rich Ennis, Dave Doane, Kelly Greten, Pete Mindel, Scott Marcelais, John Earle, Barb Chance, Jimbo Gaubatz, Ken Rasi, and Joe Mason. A field of at least 24 players is expected for the single game double elimination format.✪

Minnesota Twins Celebrity Classic

On Thursday, February 25, The American League Central Division Champion Minnesota Twins will again lend their time and talents to raise awareness and funds for local cancer patients treated at Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center.

The Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic, being held this year at Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., marks the event's 12th year. Players will fill Fiddlesticks' Long Mean and Wee Friendly courses - both well-regarded as two of the most challenging courses in all of Southwest Florida.

American League MVP of 2009 and perennial All-Star Joe Mauer is scheduled to play in the tournament. Other Minnesota Twins celebrities who have taken part in past events include All-Stars Justin Morneau and Joe Nathan along with fan-favorite and 2009 "Cycle Hitter" Michael Cuddyer. This year's auction includes spectacular travel and ticket packages where guests can bid to attend the 2010 Master's in Augusta, sit atop TD Bank Garden in the Chairman's Suite for a Boston Celtics vs. San Antonio Spurs game, enjoy a Tampa Bay Lightning game from some of the best seats in St. Pete Times Forum and dine at some of the most popular restaurants in the area. Also featured will be luxurious island getaways, one-of-a-kind artisan jewelry and hand-signed memorabilia from some of the biggest stars in sports and entertainment.

Net proceeds from the event will support programs and treatments at the new free-standing comprehensive Regional Cancer Center located at the corner of I-75 and Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Golf slots are \$250 per person and include the auction and dinner. Dinner and auction-only tickets are available for \$50 per person.

For more information or to register your foursome call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 985-3550 or visit www.LeeMemorial.org/Foundation.✪

Fred Couples Wins 2010 ACE Group Classic

Fred Couples, shooting spectacular rounds of 68, 67 and 64 captured his first title on the Champions Tour by outlasting Tommy Armour III at The ACE Group Classic last weekend at The Quarry in Naples.

Couples shot a bogey-free final round eight-under-par and needed every bit of it to beat Armour III by one stroke. It was his first official event victory since the 2003 Shell Houston Open on the PGA Tour.

Couples got off to a strong start with five birdies on the front nine, including three to start his round, which built him a six-stroke lead over Armour III. As Couples made the turn, Armour III made his own charge, going 10-under over the final 13 holes to tie Couples on the back nine. Armour III finished with a course and tournament record 11-under 61.

"I was cruising along and I birdied the 12th hole, a par 5, and hit a really nice shot on 13 and then I birdied 14," said Couples. "Then I hit an iron on the 15th green and I looked at the leaderboard and I was tied and seriously was shocked."

On the 17th hole, Couples hit his approach shot to four feet, setting up a birdie that determined the final margin. He had eight birdies during the round. Couples earned \$240,000 for the victory and 240 Charles Schwab Cup points to take the lead over Tom Watson in the season-long points competition.

It was Couples' first full field event on the Champions Tour and he brought out golf fans of all ages. Playing in the last group, he reached the par-four 18th hole with standing room only crowds and galleries lining the length of the fairway.

Well, you know, I was impressed with how many people were out there," added Couples. "The best thing about the crowds is they're very supportive, they love golf in Naples and I don't know how many people were out there but it seemed like there were a lot."

Armour III, also making his Champions Tour debut, had nine birdies and an eagle in his final round. Couples and Armour III were the only two golfers to crack 10-under. Scott Hoch finished third at nine-under, while Bernhard Langer and Mike Goodes tied for fourth at eight-under.

The Quarry proved to be a stern challenge for the Champions Tour golfers over the course of the first two days, but ideal conditions on Sunday led to lower final round scores. The tournament scoring average was 73.05, one stroke over par.

Couples led all players in greens in regulation (49 of 54, 90.7%). He and Armour III posted 18 birdies to lead all players in that category for the week.✪

Dunes Women's Sweetheart Tourney



First place team, Judy Yenkele, Bob Lindman, Karne Hendrick's and Carolyn Jones

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Women's Golf Association Sweetheart Tournament on Friday, February 12 was a Screwy Scramble. Results:

1st Place	
Karen Hendricks	90
Carolyn Jones	
Bob Lindman	
Judy Yenkele	
2nd Place	
Bill Hotchkiss	92
Ann Humphrey	
Jeanne Lindman	
Toni Warren	
3rd Place	
Irmingard Markusch	94*
Bonnie Byrne	
Roy Brodersen	
Lee Bogan	
4th Place	
Debbie Fairbanks	94
Gussie Blue	
Skip Richard	
Jan Baker	
5th Place	
Annie Wainwright	95
Bob Kent	
Jana Stone	
Valerie Hotchkiss	
* Scorecard playoff	

Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Nifty Niners played a 1,2,3 net better balls of the four. format on Thursday, February 11. Results were:

1st	Judy Yenkele	54
	Willie Winkler	
	Jeanne Mallon	
2nd	Joan Dyke	63
	Marge Moretzsohn	
3rd	Judy Evans	65
	Majorie Nordstrom	
	Sue Altum	
4th	Sue Norpell	66
	Mary Coddens	
	Sue Tray	
	Dorothy Hirschfeld	
5th	Gloria Martinez	69
	Patty Molnar	
	Nancy Hopkins	

Willie Winkler had a birdie on hole 8.*

Dunes Mens Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Men's Golf Association played a Two Net Best Balls of 4 (100 percent handicap) event on Wednesday, February 10. Results:

1st place	
Stan Hirschfeld	118*
Tom Winkler	
Ken Grosse	
2nd place	
Jim Burkholder	118
Jack Trautwein	
3rd place	
Roy Brodersen	120
Hubert Whitaker	
Allen Larson	
Tim O'Neill	
4th place	
Bob Kent	121
George Martinez	
Doug Mallon	

* Won in a scorecard playoff.*

Let's Get In The Groove



by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional

What does the 2010 USGA groove rule change mean for me, the average golfer? For typical golfers not playing in professional events

here's how it works:

1. There will be little effect on their play or their clubs.
2. They can continue to play their current clubs until at least 2024, which includes using these clubs in club events and establishing a USGA handicap.

3. The new grooves will have little or no effect on shots from the fairway or off the tee. If you were able to spin shots with the old grooves you will be able to with the new grooves as well.

4. The new grooves primarily affect shots from the rough by reducing spin.

5. Clubs that conform to the old groove rules will continue to be produced by manufacturers and can be sold by retailers until supplies are depleted.

For more information log onto www.dunesgolfsanibel.com.*

Jeweler Donates Live Auction Item

Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery has donated an item of jewelry to the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club for the live auction at the club's annual spaghetti dinner. The event will be held at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, on February 27 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The 30th annual spaghetti dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and choice of wine or soft drinks. Dessert will also be available. Guests can bid on items in the silent and live auctions, take a chance on a raffle prize, and listen to live music.

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Gulf Coast Sailing Club Regatta To Be Held In Naples

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Racing will be done on three separate courses. Two will be in the Gulf of Mexico just south of the Naples Pier, and the third will be in Naples Bay, across the bay from the Naples Sailing Center. Course assignments will be based on boat classes, which include one design, spinnaker, non-spinnaker, cruising, and multi-hull. Spectators are invited to watch the regatta from the beach, or on a boat. Entries into the regatta will be accepted until March 26, and registration information can be found at www.GulfCoastSailingClub.org.

Porsche of Naples, the largest Porsche dealership on Florida's west coast, is the title sponsor for the third consecutive year.



2009 Porsche Cup of Naples sailing regatta

"We are very pleased to be connected with such a premier racing event here in Southwest Florida," said John Harris, general manager of Porsche of Naples. "The high performance and excitement of the regatta nicely ties in with our high performance automobiles like the new Porsche Panamera."

Shore activities will be hosted for the second consecutive year by the Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club, which features world-class docking facilities, a beautiful clubhouse and highly trained staff. In addition to serving as the launch site of the regatta, Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club will host a buffet dinner for skippers and

crew, with entertainment and a tasting party sponsored by Slavianskaya Vodka, on Saturday, March 27.

"The Porsche Cup of Naples is a very fun event to participate in, and to watch," said Jim Gunderson, commodore of the Gulf Coast Sailing Club, and general manager of The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. "It promises to be quite a competition. So if you haven't attended a regatta before, this is a great opportunity to see some exceptional sailing."✪

Sun Splash Season Passes On Sale Now

Ahead of the March 13 opening day, season passes to Sun Splash Family Waterpark in Cape Coral are on sale now. Early Bird season passes offer savings up to 29 percent over regular season pass prices and are the most affordable way for budget-conscious families to enjoy the park all season long.

Prior to the park opening passes are on sale at the Sun Splash Administration Building, 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on three Saturdays, February 20, February 27 and March 6.

After the park re-opens, season passes will be on sale 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and weekends during normal park hours. Early Bird season pass prices are valid through April 11.

Season pass benefits include unlimited park entrance all season; discounted parking; 15 percent off at the Calypso Cafe, ice cream shop and gift shop; 15 percent off same day guest tickets; and exclusive special offers and discounts throughout the season.

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Beachview Ladies Golf League Results

The Beachview ladies headed out on yet again a cold and blustery morning, but thankfully the event was only a nine-hole shamble. The best drive of each foursome was selected and then each played their own ball through the rest of the hole. The best two net scores from each team were used for the event score. As for the best drives, in some cases it was a 100-yard drive and in others it was 300 or more depending upon the direction of the gale-force winds.

The weather was no problem for team captain Cecilia Olsson who just arrived back from the wintry mess up north. She led her team to victory posting a net 53 with teammates Joan Schmidt, Ann Cogwell and Judy Maurer.

One can only wonder if the warm weather will ever return to Southwest Florida golf. In the meantime the ladies ready themselves for next week where they will take on head pro Scott Hatto for Beat the Pro day.*

Beachview Ladies Golf League Event Results: Format - Four Person Shamble February 10, 2010

1st Place Team	2nd Place Team	3rd Place Team
Cecilia Olsson	Joan Baden	Debbie Smith
Joan Schmidt	Jane Lautermilch	Marilyn Humphries
Ann Cogwell	Mary Jane Bolon	Leonora Thurow
Judy Maurer	Nancy Stell	—
Total: 53	Total: 54	Total: 54
	scorecard playoff	scorecard playoff

No Valentine's Love Lost At Beachview

by John Boynton

Valentine's Day was just around the corner, but the Beachview men weren't passing out love and kisses on this cold and windy Saturday morning. Thirty-eight golfers braved the New England weather battling for prize money in a 2 best balls of 4 format.

Rich Rompala, Roger Triftshauser, Al Krause, and Ed Grosse claimed first place with a score of 111. It was a team effort, with architect Krause designing the victory plan, Dental guru Triftshauser quieting rattling teeth over short putts, Grosse playing his usual steady game, and CEO Rompala calling all the shots.

Tom Ware, Jim Sauer, Ralph Barton and a good blind draw finished second at 114, and third place, a heartbeat away, went to Mark Ryan, David Lewis, Jack Tukey and Don Ray.

Shocker of the day: Barry Humphries, Bjorn Olsson, Guy Tober, and leading Beachview money-winner Rene Lohser, sweeping up wilted Valentine's rose petals 23 strokes off the pace at 134.

Since its founding 32 years ago, the Beachview Men's Golf Association has been led by 28 different presidents, from Clay Marsh in 1978 to our current leader, Bill Fellows. Just six of these men are still active BMGA members. Surprisingly, 23 of the 28 Beachview czars stepped down after serving just one year. Why? Is it high job stress leading to executive burnout? Or the social isolation that comes with making enemies faster than friends try-

ing to keep everybody happy (and how many happy golfers do you know?)? Dave Bugby, 2009, served only one year because, "It would be selfish of me to deny other qualified members the opportunity to serve." Now there's a politician for you.

Jack Tukey, 2001-02 did serve two terms. He was "pressed into early service when president-elect Bill Keiffer moved over to The Dunes to escape an increase in Beachview dues;" and he only served his second term because "no one else would do it." A desperate Tukey finally escaped by collaring Bob Ritchlin for 2003 at the last minute before he could come up with a good excuse. Ritchlin enjoyed the job, but happily passed the baton to Bill Stell the next year. Stell, 2004-05, ended up staying on for two years and made his mark on history by bringing the Beachview/Dunes trophy back to Parview Drive after 14 years of frustration.

Another two-timer, the late Tom Maggio, 2006-07, also won the coveted trophy, establishing the correlation between glory and two year terms. President Barry Humphries, 2008, could not be reached for comment, reportedly because he was still smarting after his team's last place finish on Saturday.*

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From Near Extinction To The Elite The Minnesota Twins In The Last Decade



by Ed Frank

Ten years ago, 500-plus columns and stories ago, there was both anxiety and excitement as we sat down with Terry Ryan, then general manager of the Minnesota Twins, to gather information for our first *Island Sun* sports column.

Always friendly and cooperative, Ryan, shrewd and successful in his 13-year career as Twins' GM, was coming off a tough year as his 1999 team had finished fifth in the American League Central Division with a lousy 63-97 record.

His payroll in 1999 was \$16.3 million, second lowest in the major leagues. In 2000, it climbed to just \$16.5 million, dead

last in the majors. Just a few years later, Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig proposed that the Twins' franchise be eliminated.

What a difference a decade makes!

As the Twins gather this week for the start of spring training which officially begins Monday, and with the opening of their new stadium, Target Field, set for April, Minnesota has been the most active in the off-season of any team in the AL Central.

Their 2010 team payroll already exceeds \$95 million, a whopping increase from \$65.2 million last season. That's probably in the top 10 of the major leagues.

"We're fortunate as we moved from the Metrodome to Target Field that we have some additional revenues," General Manager Bill Smith, who succeeded Ryan two years ago, said recently in a conference call. "Believe me, we've probably tapped pretty well into that revenue stream," he added.

The Twins obtained shortstop JJ Hardy from Milwaukee, signed veteran slugger Jim Thome and long reliever Clay Condrey. Then, last week, All-Star second baseman Orlando Hudson agreed to a one-year \$5 million contract.

In addition, Minnesota brought back veteran right-hander Carl Pavano in a one-year deal for \$7 million and agreed to contracts with all eight arbitration-eligible players.

"We're certainly running to the upper extremes of where we can be," Smith said in that conference call. "I think it's fair to say if we were in the Metrodome we wouldn't have the revenues to be where we are right now."

There's little doubt that the moves Smith made in the off-season earns the Twins the role of heavy favorites to repeat as AL Central Division champions.

The big question remaining is whether the Twins can come to terms with their

reigning American League MVP and batting champion Joe Mauer. Mauer is entering the final year of a four-year \$34 million contract and has said he wants to remain with his hometown team.

Both sides have been negotiating in the hopes of reaching a new deal by the start of the regular season.

But it won't come cheaply for the Twins. It will likely require a six- or eight-year contract in excess of \$100 million. If agreement is not reached, teams like the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox will eagerly go after the young catcher.

Ten years ago, the picture wasn't as rosy for the Twins as it is today. No longer are they a penny-pinching franchise as the figures prove - \$16.3 million to \$95 million. And there's a feeling of confidence at the Lee County Sports Complex where the Twins gather for the 20th year.

And no one is happier than Ryan, who remained with the organization as senior adviser to the general manager.

One final note: Ryan, who always said that scouting was his first love, will be admitted into the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame in a ceremony here March 30 at Hammond Stadium.

Everblades Begin Eight-Game Home Stand

The Florida Everblades begin an eight-game home stand this week with a three-game series against the Kalamazoo Wings that started Wednesday night at Germain Arena. The series concludes this weekend with Friday and Saturday night games starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Everblades began the week with a season record of 26-18-8 and a third-place standing in the ECHL South Division.

The local team dropped a 6-3 decision last Sunday to Gwinnett, the first loss for Florida in the last five games. The Everblades are 5-2-2 against Gwinnett this season. The Gladiators will be here March 4, 5 and 6 for the last three games of the current home stand.

Following this weekend's series with Kalamazoo, first-place South Carolina provides the opposition next weekend.*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2009, Ian Kinsler became the fourth Texas Rangers player to hit for the cycle in a game. Name two of the first three to do it.
2. How many times has St. Louis' Albert Pujols hit fewer than 32 home runs in a major-league season?
3. Who was the last running back to win an NFL rushing title and a Super Bowl in the same season?
4. Twice during the 1980s, a school had back-to-back winners of the John Wooden Award for the top men's college basketball player. Name the two schools and the players involved.
5. Colorado goaltender Craig Anderson tied an NHL record in 2009 for most wins in October (10). Who else holds the mark?
6. Who was the last NASCAR driver before Jamie McMurray in 2009 to win one of the final 10 races of the season despite not being in the Chase for the Cup?
7. Name the first female to win 100 career matches at tennis' U.S. Open.

ANSWERS

1. Oddibe McDowell ('85), Mark Teixeira ('04) and Gary Matthews Jr. ('06). 2. In nine major-league seasons entering 2010, Pujols has never hit less than 32 home runs. 3. Denver's Terrell Davis in the 1998 season. 4. Virginia in 1982 and 1983 (Ralph Sampson both years) and St. John's in 1985 and '86 (Chris Mullin and Walter Berry). 5. Detroit's Manny Legace had 10 October wins in 2005. 6. Greg Biffle in 2007. 7. Chris Evert, who won 101 matches at the U.S. Open during her career.

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Green Wave Basketball Team Car Wash

The 2010 District Champion Green Wave boys' basketball team has scheduled a car wash at the Bank of the Islands on Saturday, February 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The team wants to raise \$5,000 to buy The Gun 6000, a machine that can rebound and pass the ball up to 1,800 times per hour and the Green Wave Coach Scott Guttery has been hoping for one since he first saw it two years ago.

Some teams have been able to improve their shot percentage by five points in a year with The Gun.

If you are too busy to get your car washed but would like to help the team meet its goal, call Sandy Zahorchak of Sanibel at 472-2844 or e-mail Coach Guttery at scottag@leeschools.net.

Green Wave ended its regular season on a winning note with all three teams beating their cross town rivals from Bishop Verot.

"No Lee County team has ever won a state championship in basketball, and winning state has been our goal since the beginning of the season this year," said Guttery. "In addition to our regular season games, we've played a tough tournament schedule to get ready, and I think this team has a real shot. I try to make the extra effort to get our kids noticed by college coaches, and a state championship in Lee County will cer-



Rudy Zahorchak (# 25) of Sanibel scoring against the Charlotte Tarpons

tainly help more college coaches see that we do have good basketball players here in Southwest Florida."

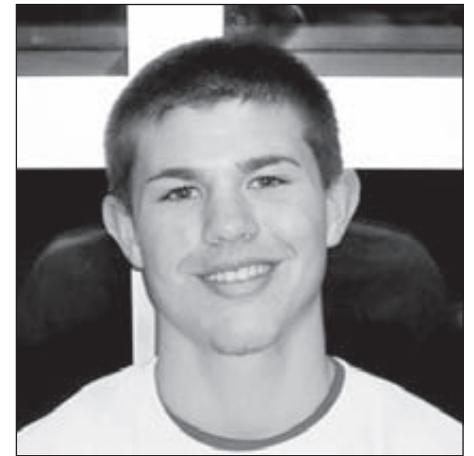
"I will lose six of my players this year to graduation, and they'll leave some very large shoes to fill," the coach said. Our JV team had a great season (16-4), but seven of the 10 players are freshmen, so we've got a lot of work to do to keep the momentum going."

Check up on the team's progress at www.fmhbsbasketball.com.*

Volunteer Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Volunteer of the Month Dakota Phillips.

Dakota has been volunteering at the Sanibel Recreation Center for a year with youth programs such as Fun Days and Summer Recreation Camps, as well as special events like the New Year's Eve Fundraiser. He is a graduate of The Sanibel School and attended youth programs at the old recreation center. Currently, Dakota is a freshman at South Fort Myers High School playing on the freshman football team and varsity basketball team. When asked about the recreation center and his volunteering experience, Dakota said, "I wanted to help make the same opportunities available to the kids attending the program today that were available to me when I was their age. The recreation center gave me a chance to be with my friends and



Dakota Phillips

the opportunity to participate in sports which has helped me now that I am in high school."

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Will Power; Management Problems In Family Businesses



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

When my family moved to Clearwater in 1980, my father joined forces with his brother in his brother's accounting firm. Unfortunately,

that partnership didn't work out. The conflicts led to family strife, and the ultimate dissolution of the business. Both brothers ended up working in separate firms, and to this day they don't interact often, and when they do it's often strained.

Looking back, I believe that a lot of the problems they experienced could have been avoided had the brothers engaged in a conversation about expectations before they began their business partnership. What were their expectations of themselves, the business and of each other? Were their expectations in line with what the other saw? Who was going to be responsible for what elements of the business? How was the business going to be managed?

In last week's column I focused on family business succession planning – its importance as well as various psychological factors that must be overcome to implement a successful plan when

transitioning a family business from one generation to the next. Today I am going to focus on management problems many family businesses face that are not common in other businesses.

Inadequate organization is probably the most common problem found in many family businesses. The lack of realistic organizational charts or specific job descriptions often causes family members to duplicate functions, or for various family members working in the business to lack true responsibility. An informal family business structure is often considered a benefit to the family patriarch or matriarch who is running the business, since decisions can be made more quickly and handed down to those below.

That same centralized management, however, can result in a less thoughtful approach to very important issues, often leading to bad decisions. Those decisions may not be based on what is really going on with those who are "on the ground" with customers, vendors and suppliers.

While some families may fight and others negotiate, it is far more common for family business members to simply ignore conflicts. It's easier, in the short term at least, to sweep things under the carpet. This causes long-smoldering conflicts to flare in stressful situations such as a bad economic downturn, or the death

of the family business owner. These are the times when the family business members must pull together to ride out the storm, but instead they find themselves venting long held grievances, with each side digging in their heels, which is exactly what the business doesn't need at a crucial moment in its history.

Another problem found in many family businesses is disgruntled family members. A key family member might leave the business, which is bad enough as the business must replace that employee. Often however, when a disgruntled family member leaves the business, he or she continues to second-guess the decisions of the family members who remain in the business. This might be due to a variety of factors, including the expectation of an inheritance or sibling rivalry or jealousy.

Compensation is yet another issue plaguing family businesses. While all businesses wrestle with compensation issues for their employees, it becomes that much more difficult when parents, children, siblings, cousins and other relatives are all working together. Perceptions that certain family members are overpaid and underworked, while other family members are underpaid and overworked could lead to many of the other problems I've highlighted.

When these and other common family business issues are present, it is important not to ignore them. But how should the business respond? There are many ways to respond. It's not so important that you find the "best way" so much as the family business finds "a way" that will work for

them.

For example, I've found success leading a "family business retreat" where the attorney, accountant and other important advisors meet privately – first with the family business owner (typically the patriarch or matriarch) to discuss the issues that he or she sees that might plague the business or that might ultimately cause problems. Next those same advisors meet privately with the family business employees to get the scoop from their end.

I next meet with the other advisors to discuss what we've witnessed to see if we are all hearing the same thing. We gather ideas that might help the business, including introducing the business owners and other family members to others that might help solve a specific problem. We've used everything from consultants familiar with the specific industry that the business is operating in to psychologists familiar with the conflicts that this particular family business may be experiencing.

From there we may engage in a family business retreat where everyone participates. This retreat might discuss the expectations and hopes that every family member harbors – similar to the conversation I wish my father would have had with his brother back in 1980.

It's never too late to put things on a better course. If any of this does sound familiar to you, suggest a family business retreat with your own advisors to see if there isn't a better path for your family business.

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Millennium Trends With Staying Power



by Jeanie Tinch

Here's your guide to the looks that were hot as the new millennium began, and continue to thrive into the 21st century.

Soft Contemporary Elements: While

furniture styles of previous centuries often featured lavish ornamentation, 21st century furniture focuses on simplicity in line and shape. Refined curves, flares and rounds are today's furniture leg shapes, and exposed legs appear frequently on sofas and chairs. In upholstery, leathers and solid-colored textured fabrics are preferred over bold prints.

Home Office Furniture: This furniture category has seen rapid growth in recent years, and will expand even more. Designed to accommodate the ever-burgeoning market with home-based businesses, today's home office furniture provides both practicality and style.

Unlicensed Contracting Activities



by Bryan Hayes

There is an ever-present problem of unlicensed activity in the construction field with contractors and sub-contractors. This point really hit home after hurricanes Andrew, Charley

and more recently, Katrina. The amount of unlicensed activity hit an all-time high or low depending on what side of the checkbook you were on. This is showing itself as well during these challenging economic times.

Homeowners need to understand the consequences of hiring an unlicensed contractor. You can be left with dangerous, faulty, or unfinished work. The unlicensed contractor most likely doesn't have insurance. You will be held accountable for accidents on the job and damage resulting from the work. This means that if your house burns down as a result of work done to it by an unlicensed individual or company, your insurance company could deny your claim. This leaves you holding the bill. Also, you relinquish your rights to the construction industry recovery fund. This is a fund set up to protect

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Small Furniture Accents: Small furniture pieces are making a big impact. There is something for everyone to update a home, including unique little side tables, one-of-a-kind occasional chairs, and space-saving chests and consoles to add needed storage.

Pacific Rim Influence: Look for oriental details in many of the newest furniture and accessory pieces, such as bamboo detailing, silks, porcelain and chinoiserie. They work beautifully with both contemporary and traditional furniture, and add an exotic touch.

Grandly Scaled Floor Lamps: The days are bright, thanks to the popularity

of grandly scaled floor lamps. Their size gives them the status of sculpture, so they add both interest and illumination to the room. Table lamps and lampshade proportions are also growing in size.

Screens, Screens and More Screens: The selection of folding screens on the market is huge and still growing. This popularity isn't surprising, given the versatility screens offer – they can be corner fillers, room dividers or works of art. Screens can provide a wall for placing furniture where no wall actually exists.

Exquisitely Framed Mirrors: Mirrors can be a dramatic reflection of your personal style. Look for exquisite frames,

impressive sizes, and round, oval or unusual shapes to enlarge your spaces, and add pizzazz to an ordinary room.

Silver-Toned Accents: Silver-toned accents in platinum, steel and aluminum are white hot in the 21st century. Softer than brass, these metals convey a cool, contemporary feeling. You'll find touches of silver in all kinds of accessories, from lamps to photo frames.

These styles are lasting, rather than trendy, and will serve you and your family for many years.

Jeanie Tinch is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at jeanie@decden.net. ✪



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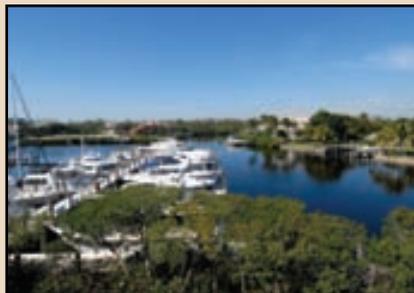


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Attendance is limited to allow for questions, and reservations are required by calling 936-6300.

"There is a lot of confusion about how and when to start collecting Social Security payments and how those payments influence long-term financial circumstances," said Financial Planner Tom Uhler, one of the workshop facilitators. "We will provide easy-to-understand information designed to lower the stress level for those facing retirement, either in the near future or in several years."

Social Security Unlocked! also will be offered in Cape Coral on February 16 and in Fort Myers on February 18, 20 and 25.

Uhler has more than three decades of experience in financial services in Southwest Florida and has qualified for 15 years for the Raymond James Financial Services Executive Council, whose membership is based on assets



Tom Uhler

under management, education, credentials and fiscal-year production. He is a member of the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida and serves on the executive board and endowment investment committee for Southwest Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America and on the board of directors for United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades, The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva.

Co-facilitator for the workshop will be Certified Financial Planner Scott Schatzle, who has seven years of financial-services experience and is one of roughly 55,000



Scott Schatzle

certified financial planners in the U.S. He serves as secretary of the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida, has been an instructor for the CFP-certification program at Florida Gulf Coast University and serves on the board of the student-run Financial Managers Association at FGCU.

Uhler and Vertich, is an independent registered investment advisory firm founded in 2002.✪

Shestokas To Run For Judge

Attorney David J. Shestokas has announced his intention to run for the Lee County Judge seat being vacated by Rad Sturgis, who is retiring. Shestokas is a criminal defense attorney practicing in Fort Myers, and an international freelance writer, author and educator of topics pertaining to the US Constitution. He is 58 years of age and a resident of Fort Myers for the past five years.



David J. Shestokas

His goal is to be the "people's judge" of Lee County. He has spent the majority of his legal career protecting the constitutional rights of his clients, both in an out of the courtroom, and now hopes to serve and protect the people of Lee County in his new role if elected.

Shestokas has been a licensed attorney since 1987, when he was admitted to practice before the Illinois Supreme Court. He was admitted to practice before the Florida Supreme Court in 2004.

In 1990 Shestokas was the Republican nominee for the U.S. Congress.✪

Naomi Chance Named Chiropractic Assistant Of The Year

The prestigious Chiropractic Assistant of the Year Award was presented at Parker Seminars Las Vegas – the world's largest chiropractic – event to Naomi Chance from Chance Chiropractic Clinic in Fort Myers. Chance and her husband Dr. Steven Chance are Sanibel residents.

The award was given for excellent contributions and dedication to the chiropractic profession. Chiropractic assistants play a vital role in supporting the doctor of chiropractic. They also benefit the patients by helping to inform them of the best way to live happier, healthier lives.

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Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, president of Parker College of Chiropractic, presents the award to Naomi Chance

Bank Welcomes New Member

Bank of the Islands President Robbie Roepstorff announced that Eric Russell has joined the Sanibel team as customer service representative.

Russell's banking career began when he was as an intern during his college years at the University of South Dakota. Upon graduation, he continued to work in banking and has four years' retail experience as a teller, customer service representative (CSR), and financial specialist.

"Eric has been a member of our banking family since 2008, and is very pleased to now be working from our Sanibel office. We are just thrilled to have Eric on our team," said Bank of the Islands Vice President/Manager Rob Lisenbee.

Eric relocated to Southwest Florida from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He brought his kayak, canoe, fishing gear and golf clubs and is excited about enjoying his hobbies year-round. He is also a big fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

"Our customers are very pleased with Eric's service as a CSR. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please stop by the lobby to meet him," said Lisenbee.✪



Bank of the Islands Vice President Rob Lisenbee welcomes Eric Russell to the team

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: My husband is in his mid-40s and I am worried that he is having a mid-life crisis. He has worked hard but he seems to feel that all of his hard work has not gotten him very far. Can

you please advise on how to help him get through this?

A: What many of us refer to as a mid-life crisis, whether in men or women, is really a spiritual crisis. By the time we reach a certain age where we are supposed to feel a sense of contentment, more and more people are feeling **dis**-content, **dis**-satisfied, **dis**-couraged and unfulfilled. With all of that hard work and effort, it has not provided the happiness and peace of mind one thought it would. I suspect this is what could be happening with your husband. One day we wake up and say to ourselves, "Is that all there is?" When one experiences a spiritual crisis, there is a lack of meaning and purpose. Your husband may be at a loss for things that fuel his spirit, and thus feels disconnected. So for your husband, the best way out of his situation is to work through it. Perhaps he could contact a minister or counselor to discuss his feelings and take action to regain his way back to wholeness.

Dr. Clancy is a licensed mental health therapist, certified hypnotherapist, life coach, author and public speaker. You may email Dr. Connie at connie@drconstance.com or call 239-472-3797.✱

Estate Planning Workshop

Attorneys Craig R. Hersch and Michael B. Hill, of Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, P.A., will present a free, informative workshop on Florida Residency and Estate Planning on February 24 at 9 a.m. at Temple Beth El, 16225 Winkler Road, in Fort Myers.

Both are Florida Bar board certified attorneys in wills, trusts and estates, specializing in estate planning, probate and trust administration, and asset protection strategies.

Attendees will learn about estate and tax advantages that Florida residency and the homestead laws provide homeowners and why changes to tax and trust laws between 2005 and 2010 necessitate individuals update their estate planning documents. Participants are invited to bring a copy of their current estate planning documents by 8:30 a.m. to receive a complimentary review and confidential 12-point, written analysis. All attendees will receive a free Florida Residency Guide and DVD. Light refreshments will be served.

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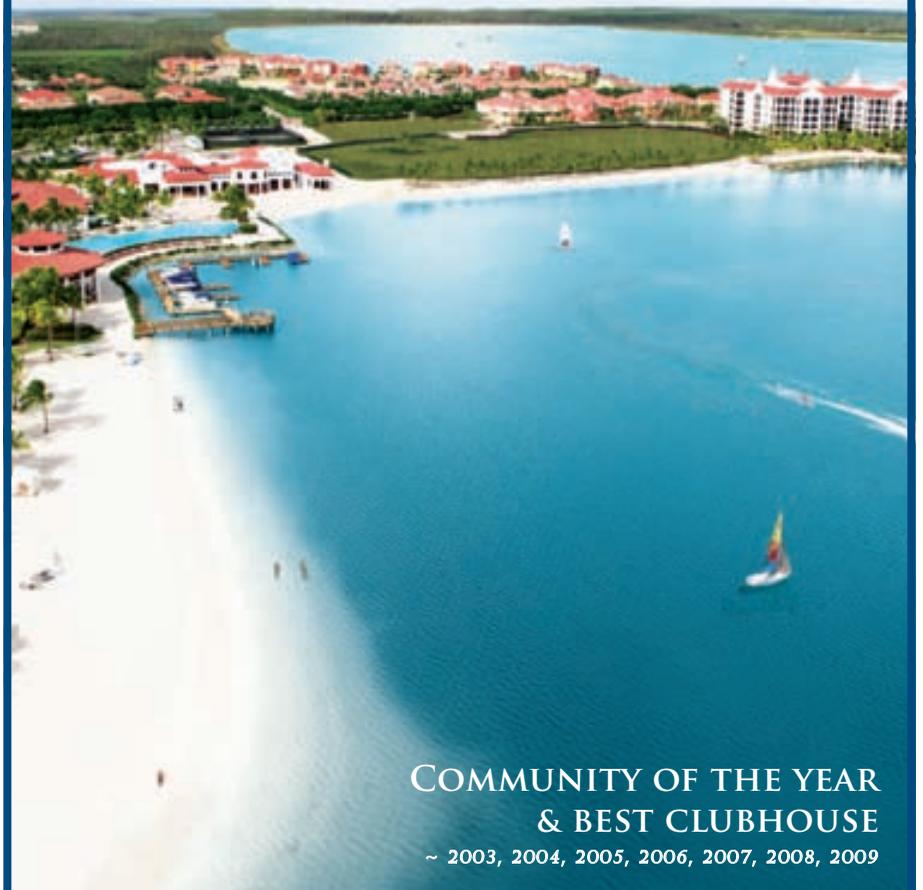
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Local Business Leaders Honored

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida will induct Jim Nathan, president of Lee Memorial Health System, and Tom Uhler, a founding principal of Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners, into the 2010 Business Hall of Fame at a dinner and awards ceremony on May 5 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Estero. The prestigious award recognizes prominent business leaders who are outstanding entrepreneurs and serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

Nathan and Uhler will join a distinguished group of individuals who have been inducted into the Business Hall of Fame since it was founded in 1987.

After a six-year career selling cars in his family's automobile business and serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, Nathan earned his master's degrees from Xavier University and moved to Lee County to begin a one-year residency at Lee Memorial Hospital. Upon completion of his residency, he was offered the position of vice president at Lee Memorial Hospital and went on to become president and CEO in 1981. Under his leadership, the company has grown from a single hospital to a large system of acute care hospitals, a children's hospital, a rehabilitation hospital, a skilled nursing facility, home health services, outpatient facilities and physician group practices. Nathan left the company in 1997 to provide leadership consulting and pursue interests in national healthcare reform, including testimony before the U.S. Senate. He returned to Lee Memorial Health System in 2000 and continues to serve as president. Nathan holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University and master's degrees in business administration and health care administration from Xavier University.

A 30-year veteran of the financial services profession and a member of the Financial Planning Association, Uhler is founding principal of Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners. This entrepreneur also founded The Wine Merchant in Fort Myers and is a member of the Society of Wine Educators. A resident of Sanibel Island since 1977, Uhler has been an active community leader, serving on the boards of



Tom Uhler



Jim Nathan

many organizations such as Kiwanis Club of Sanibel-Captiva Islands, Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva, Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Association, United Way of Lee County and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). He has a special interest in assisting nonprofit organizations with planned giving efforts and has helped a number of Lee County groups identify, educate and establish long term relationships with donors. He is a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association, a former Cub master and serves on the Council Executive Board and Endowment Investment Committee of the Southwest Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Many Lee County students involved with Junior Achievement will attend the Hall of Fame event, where they can interact with local professionals and practice their etiquette skills. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the event are now available. Proceeds benefit Junior Achievement programs. For event tickets and sponsorship information, call the Junior Achievement office at 225-2590.✪



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Speaker To Discuss Responsible Governance

Florida Gulf Coast University's Institute for Responsible Corporate Governance will host Jim Johnson to discuss How the World Has Changed: A Veteran Director's View of What Constitutes Responsible Corporate Governance Today. The event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 23 at the Sugden Welcome Center on campus.

This program will appeal to parties interested in understanding how American corporations are governed and the new responsibilities and accountabilities of directorship.

Johnson currently serves on the boards of The Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Target Corporation, and Forestar Real Estate Group. Previously, he served on the UnitedHealth Group, Gannett, KB Home, Temple Inland, Cummins, and Fannie Mae boards. He is also a member of the council on foreign relations, the council of the National Museum of African American History, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Johnson is currently a vice chairman for Perseus, LLC Prior to joining Perseus in 2001, he served as vice chairman, chairman and chief executive officer, and chairman of the executive committee for Fannie Mae; managing director in corporate finance at Lehman Brothers;

president of Public Strategies, a consulting firm he founded to advise corporations on strategic issues; and executive assistant to former vice president of the United States Walter F. Mondale, where he advised the vice president on domestic and foreign policy and political matters. Earlier, Johnson was employed by Target Corporation, worked as a staff member in the U.S. Senate, and was on the faculty of Princeton University.

Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. and a speaker reception follows from 5 to 6 p.m. Participants may obtain educational credits from the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Register on-line at www.fgcu.edu/cob/ircg/programs.html. The cost is \$25 with advanced registration; or \$35 at the door. Seating is limited to 50.

For general information about the Institute for Responsible Corporate Governance (IRCG) contact Executive Director Darlene Andert at 590-7322 or dandert@fgcu.edu.✪

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Edison State High School To Hold Open House

Edison State Collegiate High School Lee Campus is taking applications for the inaugural class of freshman students. The innovative public school will provide motivated students the opportunity to graduate simultaneously with a high school diploma and an Associate of arts (AA) degree.

The school will be the first full term collegiate high school in Lee County.

The school's advanced curriculum emphasizes science, technology, engineering and mathematics to prepare students for an increasingly highly skilled workforce.

Founding Principal Dr. Erin Harrel will lead open houses for the school on February 25 and March 3. The March open house is full. Those interested are encouraged to register for the event on March 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

To register visit <http://echslee.edison.edu/> or call 432-6767.*

Music Students Advance To State Level

Canterbury students participated in the District Solo/Ensemble Music Performance Assessments and did very well, said Band Director Dana Williams. "Students received 21 superior and 11 excellent ratings. Seven musicians qualified to go on to the state level assessments. I am so proud of all of them!"

The following students received superior ratings and will advance to the state level (March 29 to 31). Woodwind quintet: Carl Nist-Lund, Yumiko Nakamura, Will Heise, Wyatt Smith and Aislinn Kane; alto sax solo: Matt Hembling; flute soloists: Aislinn Kane and Katie Longmire; and oboe solo: Carl Nist-Lund.

The following students also received superior ratings: (intermediate school) Eve Bailey, Maddie Goldberg, Evelyn Pizzolato-Murray and Martin Winton; (middle school) Emily Edwards, Grace Keating, Leili Molzan, Adam Tardif and Emma Wynekoop; (upper school) Alex Edwards, Leigh Miller and Kelly Thompson.

These upper school students received excellent ratings: Alexandra Dadrat, Alexandra Gerberick, Mercedes Espina, Mariela Hernandez, Tara Kini, Kate Lewis, Christine Orlando, Alex

Ghanem, Zach Leatherman and Jordan Wingenroth.*

April ACT Test Registration

Registration is now open for the April 10 ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam

must register before March 5.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It tests what students have actually learned in school, not their aptitude for learning. The ACT also measures what students need to know to be ready for entry-level college-credit courses based on ACT College Readiness Standards.

The cost for the ACT test without the optional writing test is \$32 or \$47 with

the writing test. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

Most students register online at www.actstudent.org. They may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices. Late registration is available until March 19 for an extra \$21 fee.*

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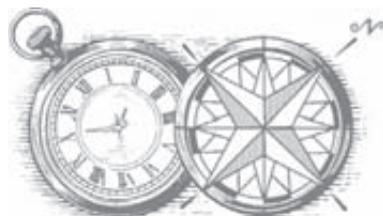
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United Way Makes Final Push Toward Goal



Joe Catti

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades is approaching the conclusion of the 2009-2010 campaign. As of January 30, the United Way Campaign raised \$7,020,605, or 86 percent of the goal of \$8,020,330.

Joe Catti, United Way campaign chair and president of FineMark National Bank and Trust said, "Now is the time for action. Now is the time where your help is truly needed."

"As this year's United Way chair, I personally visited all 72 United Way Partner Agencies and saw firsthand the

positive impact that the 160 United Way supported programs are making in people's lives. I know the United Way Network is in place and working diligently to assist the people in our community at a time when they need it most," Catti said.

"In order to meet these needs, the United Way's goal this year is \$8,020,330. Is it attainable? Absolutely, but only with your help. You have the power to make a difference in the lives of your neighbor, friends, co-workers, and even your own family members who may need the services of a United Way Partner Agency.

"Last year was a tough year for this community, but we pulled together and reached the \$8 million goal. Our community's citizens have shown time and again that they will help their friends, neighbors, and co-workers when times are really tough. The increased human needs in our community are huge but so is the generosity of people like you.

"The community has really rallied this year to help meet the increased social service needs. So far, our community has raised just over \$7 million. We still have a million more to raise with three weeks to go. It will take every one of us doing what we can to make it. However, this isn't just about making a number. The ultimate goal is to meet the needs in our community. That will be true success!

"Thank you to those of you who have already given. If you haven't given yet, it's not too late. Remember that you have the power to make a difference in our community. Thank you for your continued support of United Way," Catti concluded.

The support of the community will allow the 72 United Way Partner

Agencies and over 160 programs and initiatives to receive their full United Way funding. This means that essential human services will be available in the community at a time when there are record needs.

Since the inception of United Way in 1957, \$88 million has been raised in the community. All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way Partner Agencies and initiatives such as the Alvin A Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, LARC and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in the community such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

For more information, or to make a contribution call United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.

Healthy Living Lecture Series

The Wellness Center of Cape Coral's Healthy Living Lecture Series continues this month with the following events aimed to promote a healthy living lifestyle.

February 23, 6 p.m. and February 25 at 11 a.m., The Art of Healthy Aging, presenter Mary-Day Power, exercise specialist.

The Wellness Center of Cape Coral is at 609 SE 13th Court, Cape Coral.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information or a reservation, call 573-4800.*

5K Run/Walk Festival

The Dr. Piper Center for Social Services will host the Dr. Ella Piper Legacy 5k Run/Walk Festival on March 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include a giant slide, games, Battle of the Choirs, American Dance Studio dancers, Shining Stars dancers, and Dunbar High School Drumline team.

Local businesses will be on hand with information and samples.

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dearRPharmacist



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:
I take

Celebrex for joint pain, but I am experiencing some side-effects. My sister uses herbs and vitamins that she read about in your *24-Hour* book and it helps

her, but unfortunately, they did not work as well for me. Is there any brand new information to help people with arthritis?

—K.M. Dallas, Texas

When people think of joint pain and arthritis, they think of Celebrex, one of the most popular prescription drugs of all time. For pocket change of about 250 bucks a month, you can relieve your painful, swollen joints.

Most people don't realize that Celebrex is a patented drug version that belongs to a whole class of pharmaceuticals known as COX-2 inhibitors. By blocking an enzyme called COX-2, or cyclooxygenase-2, the drugs squash pain and inflammation. Natural botanicals contain essential oils that also block COX-2, just like Celebrex.

Thyme is chock full of flavonoids, such as apigenin, naringenin, luteolin and thymonin, which act as antioxidants, scooping up those nasty free radicals which can damage your cells. This pungent smelling herb, (lit as incense in ancient

Greek temples) happens to be packed with minerals such as iron, manganese and bone-building calcium. Thyme is an oral deodorizer and is frequently included in natural mouthwashes so your sweetie may appreciate the 'thyme' to kiss with confidence!

Not all thyme is created equal; there are more than 60 different varieties. Certain types are revered as natural medicine for coughs, bronchitis and chest congestion; they work in part, because of their strong anti-microbial activity against a wide variety of bacteria and fungi.

According to a January 2010 study in the *Journal of Lipid Research*, Japanese researchers showed that carvacrol, a component of thyme oil, is the major ingredient that works the magic. In fact, carvacrol works similarly to resveratrol (a compound in red wine) as well as clove, rose, eucalyptus, fennel and bergamont oils, all of which have some anti-inflammatory properties.

But thyme oil is the undisputed winner, reducing COX-2 levels by a whopping 75 percent. When pure carvacrol extracts were used, COX-2 levels dropped by over 80 percent.

So how will you get more thyme into your diet? My preference is that you buy the fresh herb at your grocery store and just cook with it. There are dried forms in the spice rack too. Aim for a teaspoon each day, chopped into your salad, soup or breads. You can also buy prepared thyme tea or steep your own with one teaspoon of dried thyme to one cup of hot water and honey. Oral dietary supple

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Program Allows For More Access To Substance Abuse Treatment

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) is one of 25 organizations selected nationwide to participate in a national program to prepare communities for anticipated health care reform.

The program, called the Accelerating Reform Initiative, is designed to help health care organizations develop closer working relationships to reach more people in need of substance abuse treatment. SWFAS will partner with Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) to identify patients in need of substance abuse services earlier and help them to access SWFAS treatment in a more seamless manner.

"We are very excited to join with colleagues from across the country and from Lee Memorial Health System to participate in this important project," said SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis. "Staff from both SWFAS and Lee Memorial Health System worked very hard on this effort. It offers a chance for us to improve access to care for individuals with substance use disorders."

Lewis said the grant provides technical assistance and guidance from national experts to assist SWFAS and LMHS,

and covers travel costs for required workshops.

The grant was awarded by the Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment (NIATx), a partnership that includes the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and several independent addiction treatment organizations, including SWFAS.

"With expected health care reform, we anticipate that there will be more people eligible for substance abuse treatment services through their new health insurance plans," Lewis said. "Currently, patients often turn to hospital emergency rooms for substance abuse treatment. This is the most expensive option and hospital emergency rooms are not equipped to offer this type of specialized care.

"Not only will this help alleviate hospital overcrowding, but it will ensure that patients with addictive disorders receive the specialized care that can effectively meet their needs," Lewis said.

LMHS will work with SWFAS to improve the system of referring those patients to SWFAS for treatment, when needed.

SWFAS opened a new state-of-the-art Detoxification and Outpatient Treatment Center last April on Evans Avenue that can provide up to 40 beds for detoxification as well as outpatient and prevention services.

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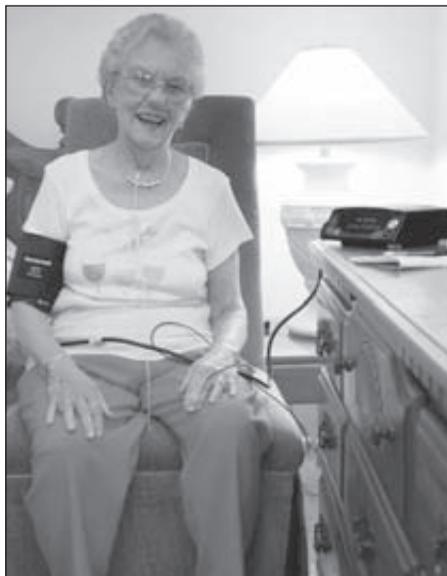
Lee Memorial Home Health telehealth monitors track and transmit patient statistics to health professionals seven days a week from the comfort of their own homes

Patients hospitalized for problems resulting from congestive heart failure, hypertension or diabetes often require ongoing monitoring, either through home health agencies or frequent trips to the doctor. Failure to pay careful attention to vitals like heart rate and blood pressure could result in further health risks, or even a trip back to the hospital. In fact, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration found 7.3 percent of

patients readmitted to hospitals within 15 days of being sent home had "potentially preventable" readmission reasons. Of these, nearly half were readmitted for cardiology-related concerns.

That readmission risk is about to get a little bit lower in Lee County, thanks to 50 new telehealth monitors purchased for Lee Memorial Home Health by Lee Memorial Health System hospitals' auxiliaries.

Telehealth monitors are essentially home stations set up with scales, blood pressure sleeves, and other equipment patients need to conduct basic health tests. At a designated time each morning, the monitors "talk" patients through the



Patient Jeanne Nesbitt uses a telehealth monitor daily to check her vital statistics

tests, giving them step-by-step instructions to put on or remove sleeves or sensors and asking them three to four basic questions. Once the tests are complete, the results are sent to the Home Health office through an analog or wireless phone line.

"The monitors don't replace home visits from our nurses, but they do allow us to monitor patients daily even when a nurse isn't there," says Cindy Christman, RN and executive director of Lee Memorial Home Health. "This is very important for patients with heart conditions at risk of sudden severe symptoms or worsening of their conditions."



The monitors transmit test results wirelessly or through a land phone line

Lee Memorial Home Health's 30-nurse team offers home-based care for 250-450 patients in Lee County at a time, depending on the time of year. Nurses, therapists and social workers visit patients' homes an average of three times per week, depending on the care they require.

Christman says the monitors improve patient care and make good sense financially.

"We also can provide daily readouts of patients' results to their physicians at their request, so the physicians can also monitor their progress and give us further instruction if needed."

"Earlier detection of minor changes helps us keep patients at home and avoids the cost of additional emergency room treatment or hospital readmissions, which benefits all LMHS patients," Christman continues. AHCA found that the average cost of potentially preventable readmissions was \$31,643 for a six-day stay.

Since deploying its first monitors earlier this month, Lee Memorial Home Health has installed approximately 30 in patients' homes. Christman hopes to have the rest installed by mid-February. Patients are selected by level of risk, which is determined in partnership with the hospital and physicians.

"The monitors are definitely part of the future of health care in Lee County," Christman says. "We probably aren't the only health system or home health agency using the monitors, but the partnership between all of the systems' departments is unique and adds to the monitors' potential."

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dearPharmacist

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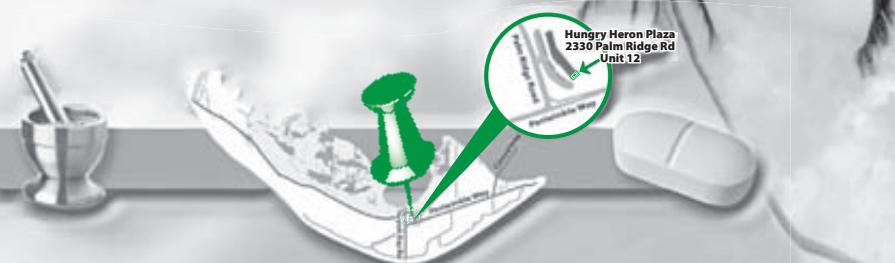
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Mom And Me



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,

I am fed up being treated as if I am an inconvenience at my medical center. I would leave in a flash but no one else around here takes Medicare. I am not a nuisance having been there only once in a year.

I called and, after going through all of their hoops on their telephone system, I finally reached a "live one." She asked my name and birth date and then asked "Why do you want to see the doctor, what's wrong with you?" The earliest appointment was in six weeks, and then

she said, "If you're not satisfied call 911 or go to the hospital emergency."

It is bad enough being old, but being abused along with it is getting hard to take. Is it like this where you live?

Doris

Dear Doris,

Medical care is an industry, a very complex industry. To stay in business, medical practices need more revenue coming in than expenses going out. Unfortunately, the strategies for reducing expenses include reducing the number of support staff; using technology, i.e. phone routing systems to increase productivity, minimum education requirements for staff and increasing the number of patients seen per day. What all of this seems to mean to patients is that we have become "work units," "tasks" and to some office staff, "interruptions" in their productivity.

To the credit of some offices I have found, the physicians and support staff have found a way to practice medicine and run a business in a way that does not forget the patient. I hope you can find a similar office.

Pryce

Dear Doris,

Exactly the same – this seems to be the way modern medical offices are going. No longer will physicians know our name or even care because it is only a business. However, some people do have physicians who do care, will call on the phone and run their offices the old fashioned way.

My husband goes out of state and has a team of physicians who are wonderful

and it is no wonder Johns Hopkins has been rated number one for patient care for about the last 20 years.

Lizzie

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

Seminar On Hip Replacement

To provide more information and answer questions about treatment options for severe hip pain, including the anterior approach to hip replacement, Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Peter Curcione will host a free educational seminar on Thursday, February 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center, 13681 Doctors Way in Fort Myers. The topics to be addressed will include:

- Osteoarthritis and causes of hip pain
- Treatment options including anterior approach to hip replacement
- How hip replacement works, what to expect and recovery

Hip replacement is a major surgery. While traditional hip replacement involves operating from the side or back of the hip, the direct anterior approach requires a smaller incision, about three to four inches long at the front or anterior of the hip.

"The anterior approach procedure to total hip replacement has been gaining popularity due to the benefits for patients including reduced scarring and minimized risk of muscle damage," said Curcione. "The time from replacement to recovery is reduced and patients are returning to their active lifestyles more quickly."

For reservations, call 368-8277, ext. 2302. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited.✱

Night For Life Dinner Show Is March 15

A Night for Life, the third annual dinner and show to benefit organ transplant recipients, will take place on Monday, March 15 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers.



Barry Newman

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For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' Web site at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer



Yeller ID# 459911

to the animal's ID number. The Web site updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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Lee County second Urban Farm Bus Tour, Wednesday, March 17. The bus will be leaving from Lee County Extension Office, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cost \$50 per person.

The second Urban Farm Bus Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bus will leave from Lee County Extension office, 3406 Palm Beach Boulevard. Guide will be Roy Beckford, agriculture agent, IFAS Lee County Extension. The tour will bring you to four urban farms located in Lee County. This is a unique opportunity to meet farmers who will share their business experience and to learn about

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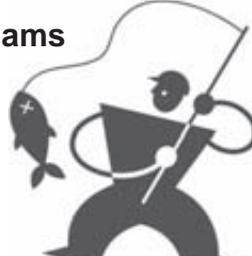
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answer on page 34B

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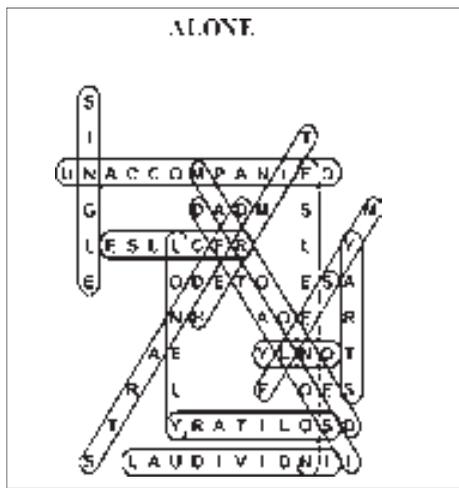
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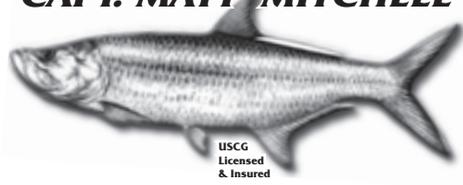
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GARAGE/YARD SALES

YARD SALES AT THE SANIBEL SCHOOL

The Sanibel School middle schoolers will be having two yard sales again this year to raise money for upcoming field trips. The next yard sale is 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.
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TIME TO SAY

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NEXT WEEK

From page 21B

Unlicensed Contracting

the consumer in the event that losses are experienced due to work performed by a licensed contractor. This does not apply to unlicensed activity. The only recourse the state has is to prosecute the individual for unlicensed activity. The state cannot assist in recouping losses you may have sustained.

There are ways that you can protect yourself:

- Ask to see the individual's contracting license, workman's comp and proof of insurance.
- The city requires a City of Sanibel occupational license to perform any work, ask to see it. This applies to most municipalities.
- Ask to see proof of identification, so you know who you are dealing with.
- Require a written contract outlining what's going to be done, for what price and under what timeline.
- This is a big one: **DON'T PULL YOUR OWN PERMITS.** If you are asked to pull your own permits this should be a red flag. Inquire why.
- Ask some general background questions: How long have you been in business in the area, under what names, reason for the name change if applicable, do you have experience with this particular facet of work and how much.

Pets Of The Week



Bobbi ID# 462276

Hi I'm Bobbi, a three-year-old female hound mix. There's still time to make me your valentine because we celebrate for the entire month of February. I have lots of love to give. I just need somebody to love. My owner moved and left me behind. I don't know why because I'm really smart and affectionate and I could learn anything you want to teach me.

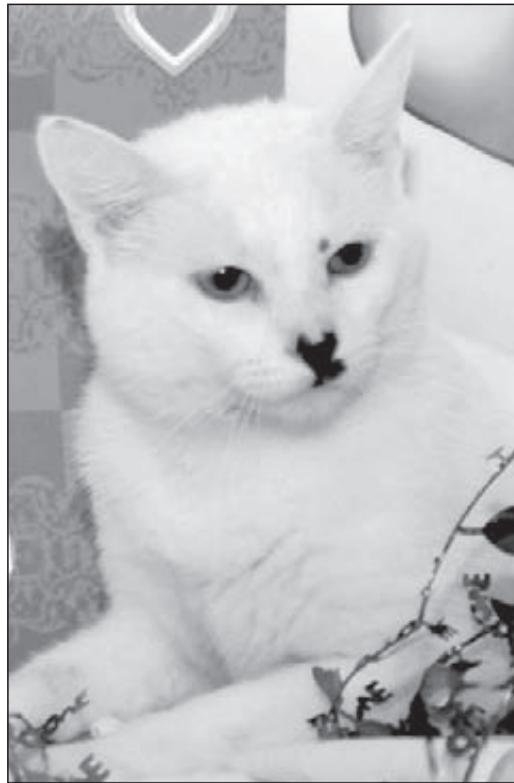
And last but definitely not least, get referrals from friends, neighbors and relatives. Also, ask for some from the contractor you are thinking about hiring. This is probably the closest you're going to get to that crystal ball that sees into the future. If a trusted friend has had good firsthand experiences with an organization, then that's at least a step in the right direction.

It may be very tempting to hire an unlicensed individual because of price or a deal that sounds too good to pass up, but the ramifications are enormous. One final point that I left out, the hiring of an unlicensed contractor is illegal in the state of Florida and you are breaking the law. A philosophical ending: The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of the low price is forgotten.

Thanks, as always.

*Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at Bryan@Sanibelair.com.**

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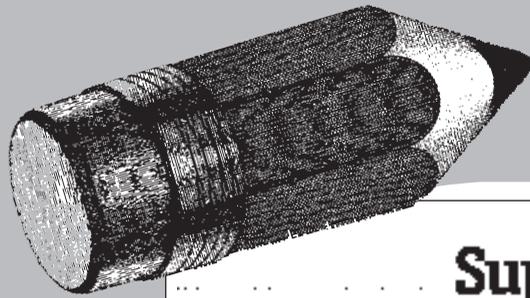
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Lee County Alliance of the Arts	939-2787
Naples Philharmonic	597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
Sanibel Music Festival	336-7999
Sanibel-Captiva Art League	472-4258
S.W. Florida Symphony	418-0996
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
ABWA (American Business Women's Assoc.)	472-4499
..... or csimontacchi@earthlink.net	
American Legion	472-9979
Angel Flight SE (Ted Tyson)	472-8394
Audubon Society	472-3156
Sanibel Bike Club	sanibelbicycleclub.org
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	418-9693
Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	274-5900
CROW (Clinic For The Care & Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	472-3644
FISH of Sanibel (Friends in Service Here)	472-0404
Fishing Club	472-7257
Horticultural Society of the Islands	472-6940
Horticulture and Tea Society of Sanibel and Captiva	472-8334
Kiwanis Club	395-1056
Lion's Club (Jack Samler)	472-1511
Master Gardeners of the Islands	472-6940
Newcomers	472-9332
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
Optimist Club	472-0836
PAWS	472-1027 or 472-9383
Rotary Club	472-7257 or 472-0141
Sanibel Beautification Inc.	470-2866
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron	472-3828
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club	395-1770
Sanibel Youth Soccer	395-2040
www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Assc. of America	
(MOAA, Alex MacKenzie)	395-9232
The Sanibel Rocks Association	rocksassn@aol.com
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline	(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900
Zonta Club	671-6381
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Sanibel Historical Village & Museum	472-4648
SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation)	472-2329



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers page 34B

Super Crossword CAN'T STANDISH STILL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wavil site
 - 7 Serenity
 - 12 Brazos River city
 - 16 Clerical garb
 - 19 Point the finger at
 - 20 Synthetic fiber
 - 21 Christiania, today
 - 22 Remote
 - 23 Riddle, Part 1
 - 25 Gershwin's "— in Blue"
 - 27 Beauty or bunline
 - 28 Gaggle gal
 - 29 Watch part
 - 30 Fountain order
 - 31 Rocker
 - 32 Marc
 - 33 Nature spirit
 - 36 Sable, for one
 - 38 Lay of "The Fall Guy"
 - 41 Cantaloupe's cousin
 - 43 Team
 - 44 Skater
 - 45 Bleak
 - 46 Riddle, Part 2
 - 51 Papua New Guinea part
 - 52 Contaminates
 - 55 Blitz of
 - 56 Warren
 - 56 Sapporo sash
 - 57 Tactile
 - 59 Consider
 - 61 Ford flop
 - 63 Maire town
 - 64 Space
 - 66 Al — (book title term)
 - 67 Lear, to General
 - 69 Riddle, Part 3
 - 74 Flour-de —
 - 75 Desert
 - 77 — Romeo
 - 78 Heap of Dickens
 - 80 Coeur d'Alene
 - 81 Cartoonist
 - 83 Hard to describe
 - 88 Harmed
 - 89 Little one
 - 91 Prate
 - 92 4 (Toyota model)
 - 93 Riddle, Part 4
 - 98 Lodger part
 - 99 Gladden
 - 101 Ajar of "Gulliver's Island"
 - 102 Frequent Funicello co-star
 - 104 Scanny
 - 105 Rofler-coaster feeling
 - 108 1970 World's Fair site
 - 109 Chastity or Windermere
 - 110 Director
 - 111 Skip
 - 113 Turbina part
 - 116 — Coocako, Brazil
 - 119 Avoidance
 - 121 Answer to riddle
 - 125 Swell place?
 - 126 Actor Barry
 - 127 Muzo master
 - 128 Farm
 - 128 Weaken
 - 130 — -Nelsa Line
 - 131 Early German
 - 132 Spanish producer
 - 5 Shake-speakean snake
 - 6 Equine exclamations
 - 7 Kelly's possum
 - 8 Goola
 - 9 Tabloid subjects
 - 10 Don follower
 - 11 Mantis owner?
 - 12 Merl
 - 13 75
 - 14 More humid
 - 15 "Alley —"
 - 16 In progress
 - 17 Soup scoop
 - 18 Adams or Ferry
 - 24 Actor
 - 26 He needs to be inhaled
 - 29 Boom or gas!
 - 31 Swindle
 - 32 Wind implement?
 - 34 Spitz sound
 - 35 Esoc's dog
 - 37 Perplexed
 - 38 Blend
 - 39 Jai —
 - 40 Army vehicle
 - 41 "Makin' Whoopee" singer
 - 42 Pro lor
 - 43 "The King and I" setting
 - 45 Brondel's instrument
 - 47 Pigskin group
 - 48 Wabarak of Egypt
 - 49 Helps a nood
 - 50 Mosad b:1
 - 53 Singer Teri
 - 54 Torah, e.g.
 - 58 Shade of green
 - 59 Realm
 - 60 Big bird
 - 62 Indian city
 - 65 Overt setting
 - 67 — Lama
 - 68 Improve
 - 70 — kwon do
 - 71 London
 - 73 brough
 - 72 Fungus
 - 73 Sport
 - 75 Funny fellow
 - 76 Deadly well
 - 79 "It's a deal!"
 - 81 — learner
 - 82 Onk sergeant's shout
 - 84 West. at ance
 - 85 Improve oneself, in a way
 - 88 Behind schedule
 - 67 Always
 - 90 Aged, as paper
 - 94 Poultry serving
 - 95 Cobble's need
 - 96 Palindromic name
 - 97 Asian ox
 - 100 Nonclerical
 - 103 It's down in the mouth
 - 104 Vandelas' leader
 - 105 Lock
 - 106 Biblical book
 - 107 Summerize
 - 108 Ocean vessel
 - 109 Christie or Castello
 - 112 Lion's pride
 - 114 Melville
 - 115 Like
 - 116 Caugh
 - 117 Served
 - 118 Crepe
 - 120 — Trip
 - 121 Lit.
 - 122 Where rocks
 - 123 "Tall — Mc" (65 fit)
 - 124 Outer edge

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ACROSS

- 1 Feathery
- 2 Weevil
- 3 Diplomatic
- 4 Puncturing tool
- 5 Reed instrument
- 6 Peinedish
- 7 Giving
- 8 Notice
- 9 Carline address
- 10 Extension
- 11 Deposit
- 12 With 21
- 13 Duce
- 14 Arbor
- 15 Knight's hero
- 16 Scoop
- 17 Rubble
- 18 Exclamation
- 19 Colder or
- 20 — potting
- 21 Battle
- 22 verbally
- 23 Afternoon
- 24 Flaunter —
- 25 Substrata
- 26 Gravity
- 27 Ja
- 28 Baton
- 29 Journal
- 31 Funicello
- 32 Soothing
- 33 Fido!
- 34 Name of
- 35 From a
- 36 Teachers'
- 37 Town
- 38 A handful
- 39 Baker
- 5 Hunter's cry
- 6 Chick and
- 7 Sinner Vike
- 8 Duce
- 9 Scooter
- 10 Tonic di —
- 11 Wise
- 12 Sex, 7th
- 13 Across
- 14 Wisd
- 15 Across
- 16 Address
- 17 Multimeter
- 18 Trailer prop
- 19 Making a
- 20 Game
- 21 Bridge
- 22 Fabric
- 23 Author
- 24 Ruse
- 25 Pack away
- 26 Bumping
- 27 A name
- 28 Comb of
- 29 Whoopee and
- 30 Huckleberry's
- 31 Dermatology
- 32 Cotton
- 33 Ornamental
- 34 Hedgepodge
- 35 Ready
- 36 Translator
- 37 Tie up the
- 38 change
- 39 address

DOWN

- 1 Sheepish
- 2 Hecker
- 3 Sexy
- 4 Alley
- 5 War
- 6 King
- 7 Phrazed
- 8 Genial
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MAGIC MAZE • ALONE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Hermit | Marooned | Recluse | Stranded |
| Individual | Myself | Self | Stray |
| Isolated | No one else | Single | Unaccompanied |
| Lonely | Only | Solitary | |



LOCATION AND VALUE

Near Beach Home Site
Sanibel's East End
Walk to Beach and Gulf
On Shared Use Path

\$224,900 - SANIBEL
Jim Branyon, 239.565.3233



6 LOTS FROM THE BEACH

Located on West End of Sanibel
Quiet, Low Density Area of Beach
Building Costs Are Low
Great Time to Build

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The Burns Family, 239.464.2984



NEAR BEACH UNIT

1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
Screened Lanai
Remodeled with Open Kitchen
Boat Dockage Behind Unit

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NEAR HEART OF BLIND PASS

2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
Ground Level Unit
Remodeled Kitchen and Baths
Close to Pool and Clubhouse

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*The treatment you expect.
The treatment you deserve.*

ROYAL SHELL
PREFERRED PROPERTIES



PET FRIENDLY FOR OWNERS!

2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
Fully Furnished on Beach
Close to All Amenities
Beautifully Updated Throughout

\$644,000 - SANIBEL
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SUNWARD OF SANIBEL

2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
Direct Gulf Front Complex
Screened Lanai Overlooks Gulf
Located on West Gulf Drive

\$835,000 - SANIBEL
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CAPTIVA TOWNHOME!

2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths
Heart of Captiva Village
Exceptional Amenities
New Everything in 2005

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HEATHER LANE

5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
Very Private Neighborhood
Deeded Beach Access and Pool
Great Vacation/Rental Home

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LAND'S END AT SOUTH SEAS

2 Bedrooms
Gulf Views Across Golf Course
Easterly Views to Pine Island Sound
Extensive Screened and Open Lanais

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Act Now to Select Interior Finishes

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Close to Captiva Village Yet Private
Community Pool, Tennis, Grills and Docks

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Customized Luxury Throughout
Private Dock with Direct Gulf Access

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