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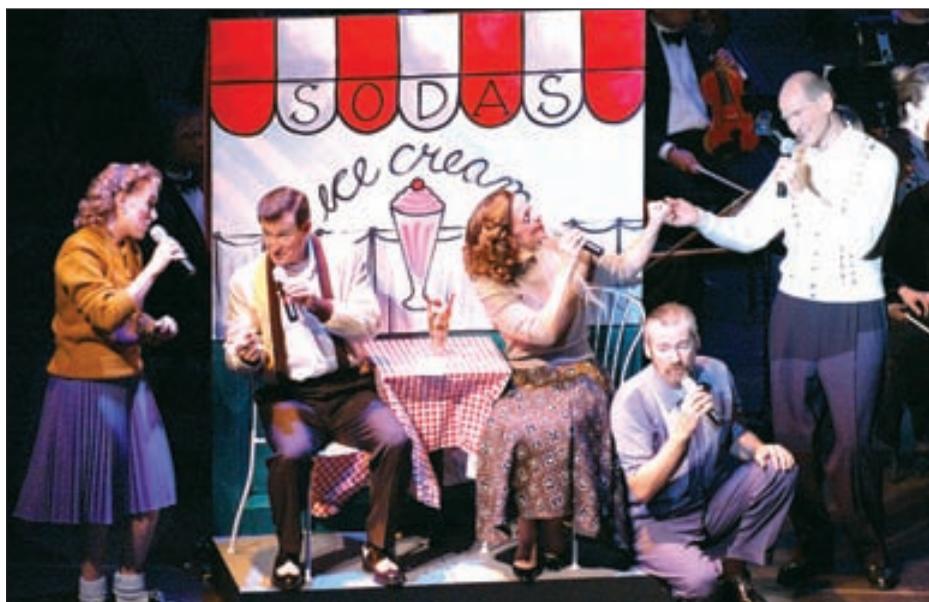
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Five by Design Soda Shop: Sheridan Zuther, Kurt Niska, Lorie Carpenter-Niska, Michael Swedberg and Terrence Niska

Five By Design's Musical Tribute To The Early Days Of Television

On Friday, March 12 Five By Design's *Stay Tuned* variety show comes to BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall at 8 p.m.

Backed by a studio big band, Five By Design's vibrant harmonies embrace the unforgettable melodies of early television. *Stay Tuned* is an evening of music,

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A Year's Worth Of Work By Shell Crafters On Sale

by Vicki Ross

It's Shell Fair time again. The Sanibel Shellcrafters are ready to display and sell hundreds of shells and shell craft items during the annual Sanibel Shell Fair & Show.

There are all kinds of critters, figurines, jewelry, ornaments and flower arrangements for which the shellcrafters are famous, all made out of shells. There are beach shells, collector shells and fossil shells, too, all cleaned up and ready for purchase.

All of these items will be available for sale in large tents erected at The Community House.

The Sanibel Shellcrafters is an informal group of volunteers who meet almost every Monday at The Community House to create crafts from shells.

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Some of the Sanibel Shellcrafters' flower arrangements from last year's shell fair

Sparky, To Be Sold At The ABC Sale

Here's a great island treasure created by Vic Weber, a long-time Sanibel resident and IWA employee. He decorated an out-of-service Captiva fire hydrant into one of the more creative efforts to be auctioned March 6 at the ABC sale.

The sale will take place at The Sanctuary Golf Club. The event begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by the auction, dinner, music and dancing.

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Sparky the fire hydrant dog



Three trailers loaded with bikes head for Immokalee

Sanibel's Old Bikes Given New Life In Immokalee

The used bikes of Sanibel now have a new home in Immokalee thanks to the generosity of island residents. Over the past month, the island's second Bike Collection Drive accumulated 150 used bicycles, plus boxes of accessories such as helmets, saddles, kickstands, pedals, baskets and child seats. All were recently delivered to appreciative new owners among the seasonal farm worker community in Immokalee.

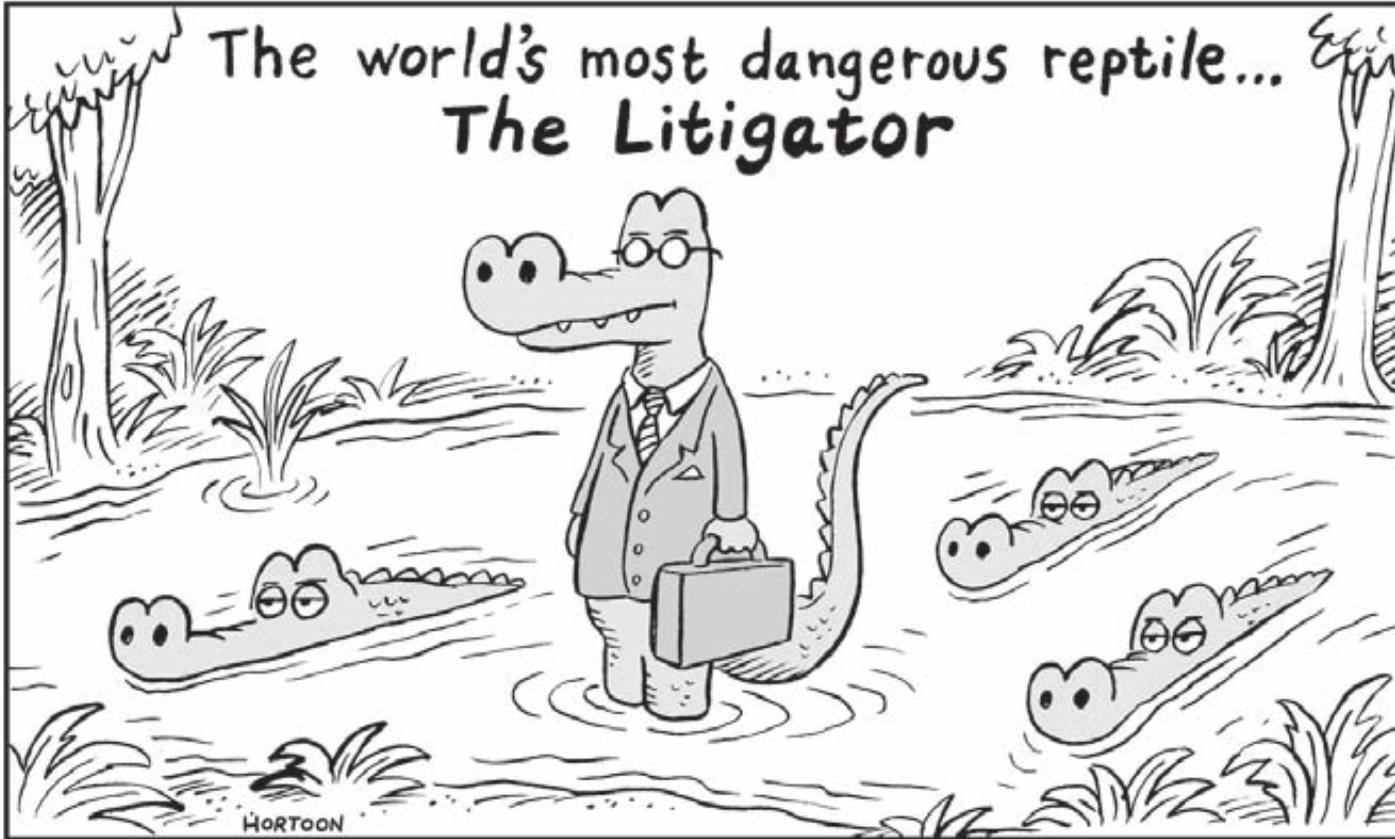
The agricultural worker community in Immokalee is one of the poorest in the country, and living conditions are difficult for many of the families there. This year's cold weather has created additional problems, damaging crops and reducing the jobs available for agricultural workers. Immokalee residents have many needs, from clothing to basic household goods, and prominent among the items they need are bicycles, which they use for basic transportation.

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Sanibel residents Annie Nachtshiem and Patti and George Sousa with bikes and accessories bound for Immokalee

HORTOONS



American Legion Post 123 News

Every Friday until Easter will be a fish and shrimp fry from noon to 8 p.m. This is offered along with the popular six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich with fries every Friday. On Sunday, March 7, spaghetti and meatballs is served all day.

Saturday, March 13, there will be a music fest from 2 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door, and are available at the Legion.

Every Monday night is the 8 Ball Pool League at 6 p.m. Every Thursday night is cards night at 7 p.m.

Dougie Fresh is now cooking lunches. Food is served all day every day. Stop in and check out the menu. The public is welcome. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 9 p.m., American Legion Post 123 is at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-9979.*

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Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, March 25. Children who will be turning five years old on or before September 1 are welcome to attend a daytime presentation beginning at 9 a.m. A program for parents only will also be held at the school at 6:30 p.m. on March 25.

If you are planning to enroll a child in kindergarten at The Sanibel School next year you need to complete the necessary paperwork prior to the end of this school year.

Call Donna Marks in the school front office at 472-1617 for an enrollment packet.

Items you will need to bring to enroll:

- Birth certificate;
- Social Security card;
- Health examination yellow card completed by a doctor within the last 12 months;

- Florida certificate of immunization (blue card);
- Proof of residence (lease agreement, mortgage acceptance letter, or electric bill);
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- Drivers license;
- Student registration (form from our enrollment packet);
- Authorization to use student photo-

graphs/directory information (form with enrollment packet);

- Walking field trip permission form (with enrollment packet).*

Cheeburger Hosts The Sanibel School Fundraiser

Cheeburger Cheeburger in Tahitian Gardens, 1975 Periwinkle Way, will host the monthly fundraiser for The Sanibel School on Tuesday, March 9 from 3 to 8 p.m.

All fundraiser dinners are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month through the end of the school year.

A new school art display will be up in the unit between Wilford & Lee Home Décor and Adventures In Paradise outdoor clothing and gear boutique located at the opposite end of the plaza. Be sure to stop by and see the student's art.

Cheeburger Cheeburger donates 15 percent from the fundraiser dinner tickets to The Sanibel School. Monies raised enhance existing programs and in some cases offer additional educational experiences outside the traditional curriculum.

This year's fundraising efforts are important given the severe district budget cuts.*



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Sanibel Historical Museum And Village

Docent Profile: Kevin O'Donnell

by Ray Buck

Kevin O'Donnell's reasons for liking the Burnap Cottage best among the seven buildings on the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village grounds on Dunlop Road are more personal than any of the other 100-plus docents.

Living on Dixie Beach Boulevard for 17 years, "the cottage was seen on the evening excursions where it seemed seldom occupied." Then one morning "what a surprise," he said, "when it passed right by our house on a flat bed truck on its way to the museum. We took many pictures of this event and gave them to the museum for safe keeping."

The Burnap is also his favorite "because of all of the island history tucked inside." His wife, Deirdre, reminded him that 35 years ago, when they had a condo next to the stately, but beached, riverboat *Algiers* – the story of which unfolds at the Burnap in the great wheel, bell, and anchor – their young children "regularly taunted the caretaker and the nasty dog." The caretaker and dog were behind the fence that closed in the riverboat until it was burned down. "No shots were ever fired."

The Burnap Cottage, as docent O'Donnell views it, is an island museum all by itself. Here the visitor will hear about the saga of the Sanibel Lighthouse, the battle with the U.S. Government, the chores of the lighthouse keeper, what it took to keep the light lit, and the wooden World War II towers to keep a watch for enemy subs.

He reports that "the stained glass window and the portable foot organ tell the story of visiting minister Gatewood who came to his services at the cottage by boat, the shell



Kevin O'Donnell

collections tell of the activities of lighthouse keepers when trudging up all those steps with cans of oil, and the glass cases with many photographs introduce visitors to the neighbors, the Woodring family.

The Woodrings are a continuing story on Sanibel. "To this day you can land at the Woodring dock, scoop out some live bait and put your money in a little cup without anyone saying a word," O'Donnell notes. "The nightly runs of the Woodring shrimper on San Carlos bay are a joy to all.

"And at about 6 a.m., there's a little truck making the run to the Bait Box on Periwinkle Way with a portion the day's live bait down Dixie Beach," O'Donnell said, "and the neighbors know that all is well."

That's just a small portion of what docents (especially O'Donnell) have to talk about in the Burnap Cottage.

"One of the very special treats for the docents," O'Donnell adds to his tales of old Sanibel, "are the wonderful visitors who always manage to add their own stories and tales of their adventures on our island." He extends a cordial invitation for you to join "our crew of docents and be part of the fun."

Stop by the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village on Dunlop Road to learn more about becoming a docent. ✨

Caesar The Great In The Spotlight At Historical Museum And Village



The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is celebrating pirates and Sanibel's legendary Caesar the Great during March



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A hoy, mateys... hoist the Jolly Roger! The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is being overrun with pirates this month as the museum celebrates the Ides of March, buried treasure and Sanibel's celebrated pirate Caesar the Great. Legend recounts that Caesar inhabited the island in the early 1800s and amassed a treasure that has never been found. Could it be buried on Sanibel? He sailed the waters and sounds between Sanibel and Gasparilla, plundering as he went. Elinor Dormer, historian and a founding member of the historical museum and village, documents Caesar and his exploits in her book about the history of Sanibel, *Sea Shell Island*.

During the month of March, the museum gift shop will feature pirate-themed items, including games, books and treasure maps. Children who visit the museum will be invited to go on a pirate treasure hunt throughout the village's seven historic buildings and choose a special prize from the gift shop treasure chest.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing Sanibel history. The museum is open from 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. For more information call 472-4648 during business hours. ✨

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Council Faces Critics On Resort Redevelopment

by Anne Mitchell

Two residents charged the city council Tuesday with going against “the hopes and aspirations” of the founding fathers if it forges ahead with a plan to allow resort properties to redevelop with the same density as they have at present.

Karen Storjohann said, “Many of the buildings... were built under permits from Lee County... which prompted Sanibel to incorporate.” She said the Sanibel Plan states that once these buildings come down they would have to comply with the Sanibel codes. They lost that density 35 years ago. You are giving it back.

“If you continue on this path you are eviscerating Sanibel’s plan and you are opening us up to everybody on the island suing to get that (same) density,” Storjohann said.

Herb Rubin agreed. With such action, Sanibel would be “saying goodbye to the goals, hopes and aspirations of the people who founded this community.” He added, “Somebody mentioned Sundial (Resort) and I urge everybody to drive there and see what a terrible footprint and density problem there is... There are many others but I think this is the most blatant.”

The council is working on guidelines for the planning commission which will come up with potential amendments to the Land Use Plan to encourage non-conforming hotels, motels and condominiums in the resort housing district to upgrade without sacrificing the number of units.

Resort units represent 68 percent of the dwelling units in this inventory and 31

percent of the city’s overall housing stock, according to a staff report.

Six properties with a combined 686 units have four habitable floors, which exceeds current codes and will be problematic if they redevelop because they would have to meet flood elevation regulations that would put their height well over the 45 feet now allowed. A further eight properties have three floors and could face the same issue.

Councilman Peter Pappas said, “Reason tells me that what Karen is suggesting is a real problem and we may be placing our codes at risk.”

Mayor Mick Denham agreed it was a dilemma, but said, “The reason we are doing this is there are a number (of properties) that, quite frankly, are in very terrible shape and require some work not only to make them look better, but to make them safer.

“Do we do nothing and wait until they fall down or make some modest changes? Doing nothing seems to be an abrogation of our responsibility. This process will include the planning commission and lots of public input,” Denham added.

Staff will prepare a final draft of the proposed changes for its March 16 meeting and will then hand it off to the planning commission.*

Get Fit For Life With Island Seniors

HAPPY Hour Fitness, 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Happy Hour stands for an Hour of Aerobics and Positions of Pilates & Yoga. Find your strength, balance and flexibility with simple yoga poses and a great core with the dynamics of pilates.

Power Hour Fitness, 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Gain strength in all mus-

cles. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats will be used to strengthen and lengthen muscles.

Essential Total Fitness, 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. No floor mat work.

Gentle Yoga, 11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Exercises make use of chairs and mats to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Participants are encouraged to bring a towel.

Bridge for Fun, 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Mah Jongg, 1 p.m. Thursday. Prizes for both games are awarded and includes materials and supplies. Cost is \$2.50 for members, \$5 for non-members.

Meditation with Karl and Ann, 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. One half hour to relax the soul and relieve stress. This has become a popular concept in America for all faiths and philosophical backgrounds.

Kayak Launching is every Tuesday. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those with their own kayaks. Each outing has two leaders who determine the location. Meet at the center. Kayaks, paddles and required life jackets provided. Fees are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-member per trip. Members are given first priority. Come by The Center or call to sign up.

Dessert & Discussion Book Group You do not need to read the book to attend. Discussion is every second Tuesday at 2 p.m. March 9 is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan, facilitated by Mary Kelly.

Mahjongg Lessons, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 1 through April 22. Class is limited to eight students and you must attend all four sessions. Cost is \$10

for members and \$20 for non-members. Florida Repertory Theater, March 13, Saturday, 2 p.m. *Relatively Speaking* by Alan Ayckbourn from the Tony-nominated playwright of *Absurd Person Singular* and *Bedroom Farce*, comes this uproarious comedy. Sign up to reserve your seat in advance.

Barbara B. Mann Theater, March 20, Saturday, 2 p.m., *Cirque Dreams Illumination*. This action-packed dream is enhanced with 100 inventive costumes and set in a fantastic city-scape of special effects.

Leisure Lunchers and Thrift and Consignment Shop, March 25, The Blarney Stone and Classy Exchange. Join others to carpool or be at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

Computer Classes First Steps: Digital Photos, Monday, March 15, 1 to 3 p.m. This “first look” seminar will get you started on a way to get those photos out of the camera and into an album or sent to your family friends. Bring your camera.

Introduction to Facebook, Friday, March 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. Join Susan Hanna to learn about the social networks with a focus on Facebook. Learn to create your profile, find and chat with friends, share pictures and links and find popular games like Farmville and Mafia Wars. Important issues like security and privacy are also covered. Fees involved. Call the center for details.

Intermediate Facebook, Friday, March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. Must have taken Introduction to Facebook or have a Facebook account set up to attend. Instructor Susan Hanna, will take you deeper into the ins and outs and answer all of questions. Fees involved. Call the center for details.

Beginning Tai Chi with Dr. Marc Rowe, March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 16 and 22 from 11 a.m. to noon. Tai Chi is an

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Police Want Night Vision Scopes

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel Police Department is applying for a federal grant to purchase five night vision surveillance scopes.

The city council on Tuesday approved the police department's request to apply for a 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for \$1,064 for the Night Owl Optics Marine Pro 4X monoculars.

In the application, Police Chief Bill Tomlinson says, "One of the most important aspects of law enforcement is patrol. At least 12 hours of patrol time is conducted in the night hours. Artificial lighting is not always available and flashlights produce a limited range. Being able to see 'what and who is out there' is valuable information for the patrol officers.

"Safety is of the utmost concern, to see them before they see us. This gives the patrol officer a distinct tactical advantage.

"Night operations conducted by our marine patrol and beach patrol as well as by our detective division rely on our stealth and the ability to identify safety concerns and perpetrators in less than favorable lighting," Tomlinson wrote.

The council approved the police request without comment.*

Captiva Community Panel Meeting

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 9 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Update on Captiva Land Development Code work, including proposed changes in the height restriction language as discussed at a February 18 workshop.

- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.

- Other matters as necessary.

The Captiva Community Panel is currently finalizing a draft of Land Development Code language affecting the island which will be submitted to Lee County in the spring for review and approval. Planner David W. Depew with Morris-Depew Associates Inc. is guiding the panel through this process.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. Information is also available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.*

Our email address is press@islandsunnews.com

A Quarter Century With The City

Karen Gudella was recognized by the Sanibel City Council Tuesday for 25 years' service to the city.

According to the citation, she joined the finance department as an account clerk on February 11, 1985 and was promoted to fiscal assistant I in October 1986. Gudella progressed to a fiscal assistant II in July 2000.

"She has been an exceptional performer during her career and a valuable member of the finance department," said Mayor Mick Denham, who read the proclamation amid a standing ovation from Gudella's co-workers.*



Karen Gudella and Sanibel Mayor Mick Denham

On February 18, 2010 the Sanibel Police Department put out a "silver alert" on me, **Richard K. Cook**.

This is to notify all my friends who might have been surprised that, at the time the alert was issued, I was registered in Room 103 of the Country Inn & Suites hotel next to Shell Point, working diligently with my foreign and domestic partners on business.

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73rd Annual Sanibel Shell Fair & Show

March 4,5, 9am-5pm & March 6, 9am-4pm

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Neighbor to Neighbor Series

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Thursday March 11, at 9:30 am

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Songwriters Blend- Wendy Webb

Wednesday Mar 10, Doors Open 7pm

Reminiscent of a coffee house format, listen to live music by songwriter/musician, Wendy Webb. Sit back and relax to folksy jazz, piano blues style music in an intimate setting. This is a Danny Morgan production. Tickets only \$12. Coffee by Sanibel Bean, snacks and cash bar available. Sponsored by Jensen's Twin Palm Resort Marina and Doc Fords.

50's Doo Wop Night

Friday March 19, 5:30pm Doors Open

Reminiscent of the 50's sounds, moves and tastes. The popular Del Prado's will be singing your favorite hits for dancing and listening. A 50.s style barbecue by Kiss My Butts Barbecue will include hamburgers with all the trimmings, coleslaw, potato chips, root beer floats and cherry cokes. Outside there might even be a '57 Chevy or two. Tickets \$35 non-members and \$25 members. Pre reservations required. This evening will be sponsored by Sanibel Holiday.

Class/Activities Schedule

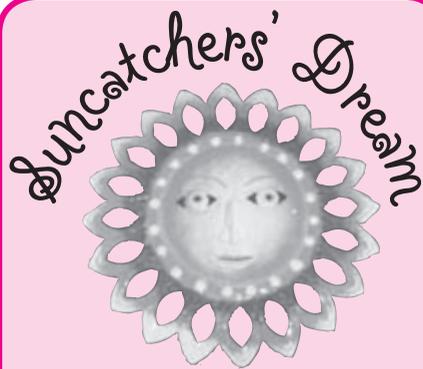
Bridge Lessons	Tues	12:30 pm
Duplicate Bridge	Mon	7:00 pm
Island Yoga	W/Th/Fri	8:30 am


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Sanibel Landscaper Teaching Children To Grow Their Own Food

by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel resident Marianne Ravenna believes more children should see for themselves where real food comes from – that it springs from the earth not from a store – and that they can learn how to grow their own food.

Ravenna, a professional landscape designer, works one day a week at Avalon Elementary School's Global Garden in Naples, showing 24 students how to plan, plant and nurture the garden's different planting zones: arid, tropical, agricultural and wetlands.

Along with a teacher at the school and more than a dozen mentors, Ravenna works with the youngsters January through May in the after-school program in cooperation with the Naples Botanical Gardens. Four 5th graders act as garden managers.

"It is a beautiful area. They have taken some of the ideas from ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization)," she said. In one project, sunflowers inter-planted with morning glories are being cultivated to make a "sunflower house" with walls and a roof. Sunflower seeds are edible, of course.

The project has been under way at Avalon for about eight or nine years and there are always more students wanting to take part than there are places available. From time to time, the children are shown how to prepare and cook the food they grow and are able to sample it and take some home.

"They hired me because my degree is in horticulture... to develop lesson plans geared more towards horticulture and edible plants," Ravenna said.

Ravenna has also volunteered with the ECHO Edible Schoolyard Gardening Project at Bonita Springs Middle School. She has also worked as a docent at ECHO's farm in North Fort Myers. She urges people to go on the ECHO Farm Tour on March 13. Tickets are on sale at ECHO at 17391 Durance Road, North Fort Myers at \$3, free for ages 12 and under. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the tour for \$5.

Recently, she constructed her own organic edible garden at her home in East Rocks, and currently is cultivating many plants purchased from ECHO that are perennial, high in nutrition and will grow in harsh conditions. In addition, she has planted lettuce, squash, peppers, tomatoes, melons, pumpkins, carrots, onions and potatoes in the eight beds she filled with black soil enriched with cow manure and other organic substances. She has already harvested lettuce and broccoli – and so have the rabbits. "I just plant extra," she remarked.

The tepees for the climbing plants such as beans and peas she makes from poles salvaged from her areca palms. Instead of using pesticides, she has added



The planting beds at Ravenna's home are already bearing crops

companion plants such as pansies and nasturtiums that help ward off bugs but are also edible. Drip irrigation keeps the soil moist without wetting the leaves.

Among the more unusual perennials are chaya, an edible shrub used in developing countries that tastes like spinach and is very nutritious; cranberry hibiscus, whose leaves are rich in Vitamin C; lemon grass for flavoring food; Malibar spinach; bush

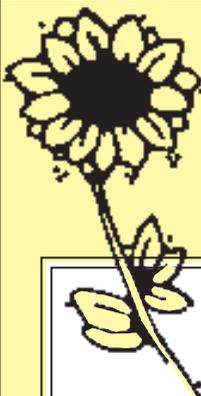
beans; oregano; and Okinawa spinach.

Ravenna would like to see more schools work gardening into their cur-

riculum. A Cape Coral school, she said, has created a salad bar garden that grows fresh produce for school lunches.

She would be happy to offer advice and assistance to anyone wishing to start an edible garden. She can be reached at 677-8465 or at mravenna@sanibelandscape.com.

If you're going on the Zonta Peek at the Unique house tour on March 13, you will see an example of Ravenna's work. She did the contemporary Asian-design landscape at the Sherman home on Captiva.*



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Second Annual Car Show At Tahitian Gardens



The Royal Shell Companies are hosting the second annual Car Show to benefit PURRE on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will be held in the parking lot at Tahitian Gardens shopping center, 1975 Periwinkle Way. The R+L Racing Team hauler and show car will be there. Sanibel resident Jeff Friedman, owner of Performance Plus in Fort Myers, will have high performance auto accessories on site. Chris Heidrick of Heidrick & Co. will be on hand to talk about classic car insurance. John Nader from The Great White Grill is providing snacks and light beverages with all purchases benefiting PURRE. A variety of cars and motorcycles have already signed up. Contact Barb at 472-2783 or barb.harrington@RLRLLC.com to sign up as a show participant. Entry fee is \$20. The show is free to the public; donations to PURRE are appreciated.

Highlights:

Silent auction items to date:

- Men's and women's cruiser bicycles
- Authentic 2009 Daytona 500 caps autographed in display boxes

- Metal sculpture

- Art image on canvas from Bonnie and Clyde's last ride, '34 Ford V8

- Ancient treasure coin

There are currently over 70 raffle items such as:

- Oil changes
- Car memorabilia
- Clocks
- Car maintenance equipment and products

PURRE receives 100 percent of auction, raffle, food, T-shirt sales and Start The Show Car proceeds.

Two professional photographers will be on site. Have your photo taken as you sit in the show car. If you are a car show participant, a photographer will take a photo of you and your car. A portion of the photography costs benefit PURRE. Photos will be available that day.

Offsite parking has been arranged at Bank of the Islands on the corner of Periwinkle and Casa Ybel. There will be a complimentary trolley service, courtesy of Adventures In Paradise, running between the bank and Tahitian Gardens. Additional offsite parking is across Purdy

Lane in the vacant lot. It is requested that visitors arrive at the event via Sanibel's shared use path as parking is always a consideration.

The Royal Shell Companies are comprised of Royal Shell Preferred Properties, Royal Shell Vacations, and Royal Shell Property Management.*

Women Voters To Discuss Home Town Democracy

On Monday, March 8, at 1 p.m. at the Sanibel Library, the Sanibel MAL Unit of the League of Women Voters will be discussing Hometown Democracy – the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution

that will be on the November ballot.

If it passes, Amendment 4 will give the Florida voter, a vote on growth in their community. It requires that changes to the local master plan for future land development (comprehensive plan) that are approved by your city or county commission must then go to the voters for final approval or rejection in a referendum.

Both sides of the issue will be presented.

Dr. Peter Bergerson, professor of public affairs at Florida Gulf Coast University, will speak against the issue. Ralf Brooks, a Cape Coral attorney, represents Florida Hometown Democracy and will speak in favor of the issue. Florida Hometown Democracy is a non-partisan, grass-roots group and is the sponsor of Amendment 4.

The speaker presentations will be followed by a Q&A session.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership is open to all U.S. citizens and men are welcome. Associate membership is also available and Sanibel residency is not a requirement. For further information go to www.sanibelwv.org.

Concerts on the Porch Series Sunday Evenings: March 7, 14, & 21 ~ 7:07 p.m.



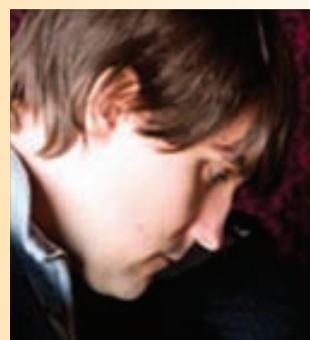
Come enjoy an evening under the stars of amazing songs of praise and worship, snacks and fellowship with friends. Bring you lawn chair... and a friend, kick back, relax and let the music swirl around you!

A love offering is received at each of the concerts to bless those who share their talents.



March 7: Tomorrow's News Bluegrass Band
It's a toe-tappin night with one of Florida's own Blue Grass Gospel Bands.

March 14: The McDonald Family
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March 21: Matthew Smith

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7:07 p.m.

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Concerts On The Porch Series Begins At Church



This Sunday evening, March 7, at 7:07 p.m., Tomorrow's News bluegrass gospel band will play at Sanibel Community Church.

It will be a toe-tappin' night so come out for an evening under the stars, and amazing songs of praise and worship.

Snacks will be available. Just bring your lawn chair. No tickets are required. A love offering will be accepted for the band.

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

Junior Girl Scouts Sell The Cookies

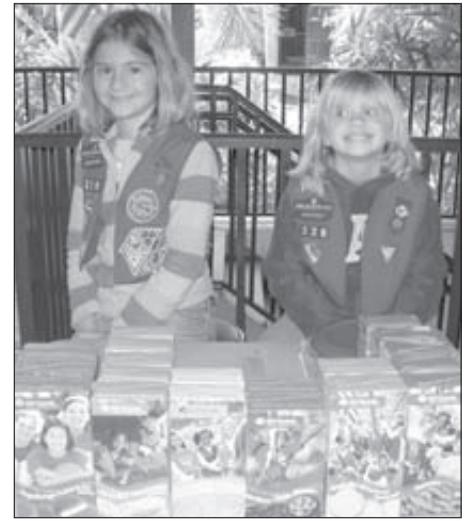
Sanibel's blended Junior Girl Scout and Brownie Troop 228 is selling Girl Scout Cookies. Weekend cookie booth sales will run until March 7 at Bailey's General Store and Jerry's Foods. Girl Scout cookies are also available at The Sanibel Bean coffee shop.

The Brownies and Girl Scouts each have a goal to sell 228 boxes to raise enough money to support their troop through the school year and next year. Each girl will receive a personalized music box with their troop number for accomplishing the goal. The troop wants to sell far more than this, hoping to not only support their troop but contribute to the community through charities on Sanibel.

For every 50 boxes they sell over and above the 228 goal, each girl will have a chance to win a brand new bike, donated by Billy and Salli Kirkland, owners of Billy's Rentals and Bike Shop on Sanibel.

Every year the Girl Scouts donate 10 percent of their money to a local charity of their choice. This year a part of that donation will be made to Trails for Bikes, an organization committed to enhancing the safety and quality of the shared use paths on Sanibel, in honor of the Kirklands, who contributed \$5,000 to the fund in November 2009.

Girl Scout cookies support troop expenses, allow the girls to do something fun at the end of the year, and give them an opportunity to give back to their community. As a group they have decided



Caroline Tesoro and Sophia Tata selling Girl Scout cookies

to spend less money doing something fun and give more to charity hoping to donate as much as 50 percent of their earnings to as many charities as possible on the island.

The cookies are \$3.50 a box. Choices are Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Lemon Chalet Cremes, Trefoils, Dulce De Leche, Tagalongs, and Thin Mints. To purchase cookies you can email raeofsunshine20@gmail.com or call Troop Leader Diane St. Pierre at 472-9211.*

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Congregational Church To Host World Day Of Prayer

The Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, will host the annual World Day of Prayer on 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, Saint 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 church members 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, "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. As WDP 2010 is observed, millions of God's people are suffering from violence, exploitation and poverty. Parishioners encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to further support the 2010 theme, which calls on everyone to sing praise to God and to bring your gifts together, ever faithful to his promise to overcome evil with good.

Registration will 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 provide singing, and participate in the service. For more information, contact Mollie Lassy at 472-1117.*



Local World Day of Prayer organizers: Back row: Jan Anderson, Bettie Modys, Bob Hansel, Mollie Lassy, Hazel Schuller, Betty Van Tassel and Mary Bondurant. Front Row: Mary Ann Seipos, Gillian Bath, Marjorie Williams, Wanda Malone and Judy Maurer.

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS:

Meets on the first Sunday of each month from December through April at the Sanibel Congregational Church 2050 Periwinkle Way at 7:30 p.m.

A pot luck is held at a member's home on the third Sunday of each month. For more information call 395-3112 or email Ry139@aol.com.*

OBITUARY



CAROL ANN (RICKER) LEARY

Beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Carol is survived by her husband, Bruce Leary; her son Philip Dyer, both of Fort Myers, Florida; her daughter Tracy Atkins and her adoring grandchildren, Thomas and Celeste Atkins of Spring, Texas.

Carol was founder of several cancer support and survivor groups, teaching numerous people to live with, and after cancer. A miraculous 30-year survivor of adenoid cystic carcinoma, she was involved with her church, the Sanibel Community Church, and volunteered for organizations such as Al-Anon; Hope House, and Hope Hospice.

A memorial service to celebrate Carol's life will be held at the Sanibel Community Church, Sanibel Island on March 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Hope Hospice of Fort Myers, Florida. Condolences may be viewed and offered at www.harvey-engelhardt-metz.com*

LOGOS Goes Camping

It's Camp Night for the LOGOS children at Sanibel Community Church on Wednesday, March 10 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Wear your camo gear because the game is Night Strike. Plan to attend Camp Endunamao is coming up in July.

For more information, call Kathy Cramer at 472-2684.*



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Church Program Open To The Community

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On Wednesday mornings in March, from 10 to 11:15 a.m., the Reverend Dr. John H. Danner will offer a five-part study titled *A Suffering World, A Suffering God: A Study in Theodicy*, in the Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. The class will explore various ways Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and others have struggled with the issue of suffering.

Examples that will be examined range from the personal to the communal, including stories from persons struggling with issues like cancer and blindness, to groups suffering under oppressive regimes. How did or do they cope with the suffering? How do they understand and explain it? Where does God fit into the picture?

Dr. Danner is the new senior pastor at the church. He was educated at Bradford College, the University of Maine, and Bangor (ME) Theological Seminary. His PhD is in religious studies, and was awarded by Boston University. Danner's studies focused on American church history. He has had articles published in *The Christian Century*, and he is a contributor to *Touch Holiness*, edited by Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi. Before moving to Sanibel, Danner served as senior pastor of the Saugatuck Congregational Church in Westport, Connecticut.

For further information, or to reserve your space in this course, which is free, and open to the public, call the church office at 472-0497.✳

Sanibel Island CROP Walk

Scores of islanders are expected to join more than 2.3 million persons across the nation in a walk for world hunger relief on Sunday, March 21. The walk is sponsored by Church World Service.

Each walker will seek donors to sponsor his or her participation. Seventy-five percent of the funds raised will benefit international hunger relief programs, and 25 percent will go to local agencies including the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Community Cooperative Ministries, the South Fort Myers Food Pantry and FISH on Sanibel. Worldwide, funds will go to some 80 different countries, including the United States, to fight hunger, develop water resources and to support self-help food programs.

Walkers will gather Sunday, March 21 at 1:30 in the parking lot at Periwinkle Place (across from Sanibel

Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way) at 1:30 to register, and be ready to leave at 2 p.m. for either a one-mile or five-mile walk. That's considerably less than the 10 kilometers that many in the world must walk for water. Maps will be available at registration. Water and rest areas will be strategically situated along the routes.

The walk is sponsored by five island ministries: Sanibel Congregational UCC, Congregation Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, Captiva Chapel by the Sea, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and Sanibel Community Church. All island residents and visitors are invited to participate, either as walkers or sponsors. Those interested may call Pastor Denise Terry of Sanibel Congregational UCC 472-0497 or their island church for more details.✳

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ABC Sale

The auction benefits the Captiva Civic Association, the CCA Foundation, and the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

For reservations phone 472-2111.✳

Christian Women's Spring Fashion Show

A Spring Fashion Show by the Sporty Seahorse Shop will be showcased at the Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Connection (SCCWC) on Thursday, March 11, at the Dunes Golf and Tennis Club. Other program highlights include the songs of Terence Flannery, an Irish tenor from the British Isles and Terry McMullen, who will speak on *How to Survive Life's Challenges*. The dinner program begins at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$18 per person. Women of all ages are invited; reservations are required.

The Sporty Seahorse Shop is owned and has been operated by Joanne Nappi for 20 years. The shop features fashions for women, men and children, all of which will be presented during the show. Four generations of the Sanibel Lear family will model along with other locals.

Attendees can help support the local Community Cooperative Ministries by bringing donations of girls or boys underwear sizes 2 to 12.

For information and reservations call Anita at 481-1957, or mail your check, payable to San-Cap of FL CWC, to Linda Yoder, 9190 Bayberry Bend, Unit 104, Fort Myers, FL 33908. The program is sponsored by SCCWC and Stonecroft Ministries.✳



Ann Morey, fashion consultant for the Sporty Seahorse Shop, shows the companion pieces to the lovely dress Grethe Christensen is wearing in preparation for the Christian Women's Connection Fashion Show

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African Journal An Invitation And An Opportunity



Group of kids



Children gather at new church in countryside



Teacher Scott Martell (center) with some of his students

by Scott Martell

I'd like to offer you an opportunity to be credited with making a difference in the lives of children, orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia, and now living on the streets and begging for daily survival. By joining the Ethiopia Hope Village team (www.EthiopiaHopeVillage.com), you can save



Sorphan Mohammed

lives, and change them. I want to make this a Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers project, because, having lived here 27 years, I know the heart that exists here. We want to do good, and we're looking for opportunities like this. This project is something God has placed in my heart. It is important and necessary. It is an opportunity, for all of us.

Let me tell you about one boy, Mohammed. For a boy whose life has been tragic, and future is bleak, Mohammed, 8, has one of the biggest smiles I've ever seen. He plays soccer on the streets - a place he also lives on at night. Orphaned, and abandoned, with the HIV virus, he survives by begging. Mohammed is a bright boy who will

engage you with conversation - but he won't say where he hides away at night.

If he comes too close to a coffee house, with a hand outstretched, the waiters hurl stones at him, driving him away. The stigma of HIV/AIDS is lessening, but it is still a terrible situation.

In the town where I work, there are about 100 street kids with HIV recorded by the City of Butajira. There are over 1,000 known families where one parent has died of AIDS. These are only the known cases. Butajira has a population of 41,000. And the rural area surrounding the town has four times the population.

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'Ding' Darling Volunteers Thanked



Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik with volunteers who have put in 1,500 hours: Latham Morris, Ed Combs, Malcolm Harpham and Barry and Francine Litofsky

by Brian Johnson

Well over 100 volunteers at the “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge attended the annual awards luncheon at The Community House on Friday, February 26.

Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik thanked the volunteers who greet visitors to the Education Center, make education presentations, offer birding tips on Wildlife Drive, and do many other things to enrich the experience of the thousands who pass through the refuge each year.

“The refuge would not be able to educate the public without the volunteer force,” said Volunteer Coordinator Jeff Combs. “They are the ones who are out there – we rely on them tremendously, and appreciate what they do.”

Tritaik handed out awards marking hours of service amid rounds of applause.

“I think we had a fabulous turnout,” said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland. “It’s great to see how many hours people put it. It’s unbelievable, really – they are amazing people doing amazing things, and it’s nice that we can honor their efforts.”

The award-winning volunteers included super-couple Jeanne Rankin (8,500 career hours) and Bill Rankin (6,500 hours). They received Plover and White Ibis wine glasses as well as name tags and pins.

Other recipients included Jack Rushworth (4,500 hours), Tim Gardner (4,000 hours), Judy Davis and Ann Wooschlager (3,500 hours) and Is Cloak (3,000 hours).

A group at 2,500 hours included Terry Baldwin, Carroll Branyon, Milena Eskew, John Masuka and Whit Smith.

At 2,000 hours were volunteers Anne Bresslau, Howard Hendricks, Carolyn Johns and Whit Smith.

At 1,500 hours were Ed Combs, Malcolm Harpham, Barry



Is Cloak, who has 3,000 hours, with Refuge Manager Paul Tritaik



Ann Wooschlager and Judy Davis have 3,500 hours



Sally Divenere and John Masuka after the lunch

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Dolphin Expert To Speak

Captiva Island Yacht Club will present Kim Bassos-Hull, a senior biologist in the Dolphin Research Program at Mote Marine Lab in Sarasota on March 10 at 11 a.m.. Her talk will be titled Dolphin Research Along the West Coast of Florida: 40 Years of Study.

She has been studying the dolphin populations along the west coast of Florida between Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor since 1990.

Bassos-Hull has a master's degree in marine sciences from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Since 2001 the focus of her research has been on the dolphins of Charlotte Harbor and Pine Island Sound. Recently she has also been involved with engaging high school students in actual field research experiences and starting up a study on spotted eagle rays in Florida Gulf Coast waters.✧

Members of the Captiva Island Yacht Club dined and danced to the music of the Dixie Strollers on Tuesday, February 23.✧



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Captiva Yacht Club First Annual Fleet Review



Commodore Jeri Magg, Vice Commodore Doug Morton, Rear Commodore Roland Garlinghouse, Fleet Captain Mel Jager

The Captiva Island Yacht Club (CIYC) celebrated its 25th anniversary by having its first annual Fleet Review. Twelve boats from Captiva and Sanibel who were members and non-members participated even with the rainy weather.

Flag officers from the Captiva Island Yacht Club and flag officers from visiting yacht clubs gathered on the reviewing stand (pontoon boat from Jensen's Marina).

George Cook, the bagpiper, played as the boats came to the reviewing stand and Dr. Bob Hansel from Chapel by the Sea blessed each boat as it passed by. ✨



Dale Hanson's boat *Lady Libby*



Michael Weiner's boat *Nina*



Tom McDermott's sailboat *Passing Wind*



Greg LeBlanc's boat *Island Style*



Commodore Tom O'Rielly from the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club, Vice Commodore Doug Morton (CIYC), Commodore Jeri Magg (CIYC), Rear Commodore Roland Garlinghouse (CIYC), Commodore Charles Williamsen from the Royal Palm Yacht Club and John Flatley from the Naples Yacht Club

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Shell Fair

Stored in three closets within the Community House is one of the greatest collections of craft supplies anywhere.

Basic flower-making classes are available to all visitors and an intermediate table is hosted by experienced shellcrafters where new members are guided through a project or two. After a few weeks, the new volunteer moves on to work one-on-one with someone and soon there is another official shellcrafter adding their skills and ideas to the mix.

During the winter season, there are demonstrations led by crafters on the finer points of shellcrafting, such as building a flower around a bead or the preparation of a shell box or floral arrangement.

A group of volunteers valiantly works through the winter, chilly or otherwise, to clean and sort hundreds of beach shells and fossils donated throughout the year. The shell sorters meet once or twice a week at Flo's Shell Shed in the yard at The Community House, where they set

up tables and boxes and sort, sort, sort. Rarer shells and collectable shells are also available, all donated by members and visitors of the Sanibel-Captiva community.

The crafters receive hundreds of hours of support and guidance from a number of professional shell artists, retired florists, expert shellers and fossil collectors who give their time and talents to the group. A big thank you goes out to all of them.

This past year the shellcrafters were the beneficiaries of six shell "estates," gifts from friends who had passed away leaving their personal collections of shells, craft supplies and tools to the group. Another big thank you goes out to all the families involved in making those donations.

The Sanibel Community Association receives the proceeds from the shellcrafter sales. Last year the gross was approximately \$62,000, the largest amount ever. As related expenses are relatively low, the total contribution to the operating budget of the house is substantial.

A truly huge thank you goes out to all the shellcrafters and shell sorters who help to make this one of the most successful fundraisers on the islands. ✨

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Checking one of the RECON units

They will also show video of the plants and animals they have encountered while diving local waters.

Cost is \$5 per adult, free for members and children.*

Saturday Birdwalk

The next Audubon Society birdwalk will take place March 6 at Bowman's Beach, Sanibel. Walkers should meet just before the wooden bridge to the beach at 8 a.m. Non-resident parking is \$2 an hour. 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.*

Horseshoe Crabs

The importance and life cycle of the ancient horseshoe crab, more closely related to spiders than crabs, will be presented by Mark Thompson on Friday, March 12 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Thompson is a research associate at the SCCF Marine Lab and knows about all things *Limulus polyphemus*. Horseshoe crabs can live over 20 years and you may find a "molt" on one of your beach walks. Come and learn why the State of Florida wants you to report live sightings of this living fossil whose ancestors go back 350,000 years.

SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, free for SCCF members and children.*



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Portraits In Print

She Of The Shells: Mistress Of Mollusks



by Jane Vos Hogg

It's a long haul from grain farming in Fargo, North Dakota to filming live mollusks in Sanibel but it's all part of Joyce Matthys' real life story. She and her husband Ken first came here for a vacation about 20 years ago... and yes... it was love at first sight. By then they'd moved way west to Oregon and, lovely as it was, those coastal areas could hardly compare with what we have here.

Vacations on the shell strewn gulf coast meant shelling, shelling, and more shelling. The passion kept growing. By the time they retired in 1993 they were both hard core shellers. It was an easy decision to hook up their 5th wheel RV and drive to

Periwinkle Park for six months each year.

In her professional life Joyce had been an x-ray technician. She was used to taking pictures all the time so personal photography was a logical leap. Early on she transferred many of her shots, animals or scenery, even lighthouses as they toured the coasts, to refrigerator magnets. They made simple gift shop sale items.

But shells on Sanibel were looming large on her horizon. Just wandering the beaches, eyes always alert, provided a new pastime... and what a pastime it was. Video camera in hand, Joyce was always out before sunrise to greet the low tide. "It's a wonderful time to observe mollusks and record the intricacies of their life cycle."

Watching her, I see she is a totally absorbed photographer. "What spurs you on?" I asked. Her "I'm curious," explained it all. Patient too, I realized, for she added, "Sometimes I run the camera for an hour to get 20 seconds of usable shots."

She volunteers at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum which, she said, "provides a special plus. Dr. Jose Leal is a great teacher and is never too busy to answer my questions." In addition she reads and researches in their library, searches on the Internet and has even called on the biologist at "Ding" Darling for help identifying sea creatures that are other than mollusks. Her highly regarded videos, *Mollusks in Action* and *Trails and Tales of Living Sea Shells*, are shown throughout the day at the museum. Joyce will soon announce the availability of her *Secret Lives of Seashells Teacher's Guide* developed for educators, home school groups and individuals who want to learn more about mollusks. She is currently working on two new videos, *Bounty of the Bahamas* and *Shell Collecting in the Pacific Northwest*.

Both her DVDs are available for sale at the shell museum gift shop. The first one is an introduction to how living shells move about, eat, protect themselves and repro-

duce. The second one focuses on the intricacies of sea life on the beach and introduces viewers to a new aspect of beachcombing by showing how to recognize different tracks left in the sand by living shells.

Now into their 17th full winter in Sanibel, I couldn't help but wonder "where can you imagine being 17 years from now?" Her thoughtful reply: "I think I'll be right here walking the beach with my camera and, by then, maybe a cane added." In whatever condition I'm sure she'll be producing and productive.*

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Ding Volunteers

Litofsky, Francine Litofsky and Latham Morris.

At 1,000 hours were Susan Cassell, William Cramer, Phyllis Gresham, Doris Hardy, Miriam Hursey, Conrad Matuzek, Susan Moore, Shirley Schiffman, Jim Scott, Jeanne Tyrer and Billy Wood.

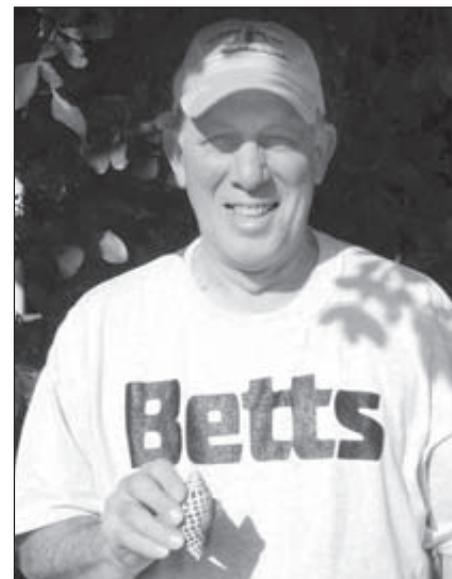
At 500 hours were Alan Gast, Carol Johnstone, Marie Monick, Kathy Mustachio, John Wolf and Martha Wolf.

At 250 hours were Ken Bergstrom, Barbara Broadhurst, Gary Dutton, Jim Griffith, Page Hartley, John McCabe, Kinnie Schmidt, Kathy Williams and Pam Windust.

At 150 hours were Craig Albert, Paul Andrews, Robert Blacklow, Kathy Boyd, Cecy FASTER, Tom Flemming, Mary Kelly, John McCabe, Tom Mehalic, Ed Sessa, Sharon Stillwell, Richard Stillwell, David Williams and Birgit Vertesch.

To become a volunteer, call Jeff Combs at the refuge at 472-1100, ext. 222.*

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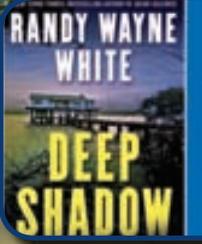
Bill Bevevino

Bill Bevevino of Warren, Pennsylvania found a junonia at Lighthouse Beach while staying on Sanibel. Bill has been shelling for 14 years.*











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CROW Case Of The Week: Osprey



by Brian Johnson

For reasons not yet fully understood, CROW finds that it receives more osprey injured from contact with power lines than any other species of bird.

Unfortunately, the outlook for an

osprey who has been scalded by an electrical current is usually very poor.

So when the clinic got a call from Ryan Lund on February 17 about an osprey falling from a power line it did not sound like good news. Lund, on vacation from Minnesota, saw the bird drop near the Green Flash on Captiva, close to the bay.

However, this bird arrived in a "very alert" condition and did not exhibit many of the classic symptoms of a fatal electrocution (wing droop, inability to stand, and the horrid smell of burned tissue).

"Sometimes you open the box and the burned odor comes pouring out," said CROW Veterinarian Dr. Amber McNamara. "With this osprey, the burn odor was faint and very subtle."

She noted two very small wounds on his right wing near the wrist. "We thought



Osprey

maybe he got lucky, maybe the current entered and exited in a short space and did not affect his internal organs," she said.

Staff gave him arnica, pain medication, and anti-oxidants, and applied soothing SSD cream to his wounds.

"The next morning he was standing up on his perch, bright and alert," said McNamara.

Staff tube-fed him fluids during the day and gave him a few fish, by hand, which

he ate and kept down.

"When we hit the 72-hour mark we felt we were in the clear," said McNamara. "He had no sloughing of tissue, no swelling. He looked strong."

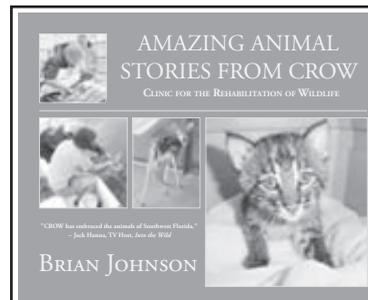
On Day 4 staff moved him to the outdoor cage, where he interacted with CROW's two other ospreys. He started flying right away and was doing loops at the top of the cage within 48 hours.

"He must have only had a glancing blow from the power line," said McNamara.

On February 23, CROW sent the osprey back to Captiva.

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High Court To Decide Who Owns Our Beach

submitted by Mike Mullins, chairman, Captiva Erosion Prevention District

A critical matter, long thought settled, finds the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) weighing the future of Florida beaches against personal property rights under the 5th and 14th Amendments. In particular, Captiva Island's renowned beach nourishment program and beach front property owner rights are brought into question. (SCOTUS blog for background info: http://tr.im/our_beaches_at_risk)



Mike Mullins

The questions:

- Who owns the beach?
- Will all (or most) beach front deeds and titles survive intact?
- Will CEPD beach nourishments continue?
- Will this affect Captiva property values?

Legislation being challenged: long standing Florida statute 161, the Beach and Shore Preservation Act (BPA) (see <http://tr.im/cepdbpa>), is the foundation for the Captiva Erosion Prevention District's (CEPD) enabling legislation for beach nourishment activities.

A small group of Walton County, Florida property owners, known as Stop the Beach Renourishment, petitioned SCOTUS to overturn Florida's Supreme Court which previously decided in favor of Walton County and Florida DEP (winter, 2008.) As the court deliberates on Stop the Beach Renourishment v. Florida (08-1151), the pending decision raises important questions for Captiva, Sanibel and most Florida beach-related communities.

Should SCOTUS hold with the petitioners, beach front owners and would-be owners will need to be assured that title insurance and deeds remain unimpaired by the possible outcomes. Without CEPD beach management processes known as beach nourishment and the erosion-detering rock groins at Redfish and Blind passes, will Captiva's beach once more fall into a critical state of erosion similar to the pre-1990s? Should the court decide against existing state legislation, will ancillary funding for CEPD become a distant memory? If the future of beach ownership is affected, will the CEPD nourishment process come into doubt?

Captiva's not too distant past saw prized beaches, houses and roads imperiled by aggressive erosion; indeed area beachfront homes have washed away in our lifetimes. Prior to the CEPD nourishment program in the late 1980s, Captiva's beach eroded

severely after Redfish Pass opened in 1929. By 1959, the CEPD was founded to address the matter of critical erosion, yet it took another 25 years and many failures before Captivans finally agreed upon the current working solution. As much as 500 feet of gulf front Captiva disappeared; this included the Old Gulf Road (seaward and parallel to Captiva Drive). Captivans were confounded for years over feasible erosion prevention measures. Even as the owners of South Seas Resort pioneered nourishing the north end beach adjacent to the resort, the middle and south end Captiva beachfront was "on the rocks." The remaining county road, Captiva Drive, washed out near Tween Waters as Captiva remained bitterly divided. Finally, this contentious period known as "the sand wars," ended with beach nourishment supporters prevailing over the opponents to nourishment. CEPD became empowered by Captiva to nourish the beach. Future decisions on nourishment will be decided by Captiva voters.

The beach nourishment process is indeed involved and costly. After over 20 years and three successful nourishments, the CEPD pumped a total of four million cubic yards of sand onto our beaches. Despite that ongoing erosion continues, a net sand gain is achieved. However, the erosion process is only partially abated by the nourishment process.

Since 1988 and over the ensuing 20-plus years, at approximately eight year intervals, the nourishment process has been the method of protecting Captiva's shoreline. During those halcyon decades, Captiva property values multiplied more than six-fold from a base value of \$225 million in 1985. The beach nourishment has added sand and over a billion dollars in property value was also created on Captiva. Captiva beach exists, as we now know it, because of several beach nourishments. But, the pending court decision may inhibit ancillary government funding from supporting CEPD's beach nourishment.

Without doubt, the process requires ongoing maintenance. Captivans have to decide whether to maintain CEPD's beach program and whether or not to do beach nourishments. But, the pending court decision may inhibit ancillary government funding from supporting nourishment. The future cost t may be born entirely or at least substantially by Captiva property owners.

The most recent nourishment project occurred in 2005/6 and was supplemented in 2008. The process resulted in 1.3 million yards of sand having been placed on Captiva (and the northern end of Sanibel). Exacerbated by the many storms of the period, the project cost \$25 million. Captiva property owners were assessed \$5.6 million with an unprecedented \$1 million to reduce assessments funded from CEPD reserves (by unanimous vote of the CEPD board); with ancillary funding of \$18-plus million having been obtained from federal, state and county sources.

To learn more about the critical SCOTUS case attend the CEPD town hall meeting: March 31 at 10 a .m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn, Captiva. If you can't come, join CEPD's email list at mycepd@gmail.com.✪

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Lower Your Expectations In Cold Weather



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Despite the cold and windy weather, fishing around the sound has been pretty good on the days I could get out. Once located, trout, sheepshead and

a few small redfish have been making clients smile. Using live shrimp for bait, anglers who could brave the cold conditions out there have been rewarded. I'm not catching big fish by any means, but if you're not too worried about catching one certain species and are willing to work at it, you can keep a rod bent and come home with enough fish for dinner.

This colder than usual winter has really kept me fishing much closer to home than I usually would. Short runs and keeping everyone warm and comfortable

have been high on the list of must-do's. Finding a nice warm spot out of the wind where I know there are fish, and sitting for an hour or so to avoid a cold run to the next spot has been the normal.

The warmer the day, generally, the better the bite has been. On the really cold, windy days when I have found a spot with any kind of action, I have really milked it, staying there as long as possible, looking for that one good fish. Often moving and looking for a better bite has just not worked out. Sure you have to fish your way through lots of small fish but small fish are better than no fish in the scheme of things this winter.

I cannot remember a winter of having to juggle my schedule around so much and cancelling so many trips due to the weather. Generally, before picking up a charter I have a species picked out to target on a certain phase of the tide. For most trips this winter the only plan seems to be to find anything that will eat a bait. Other guides and recreational anglers I talk to are having the same problem. With cold front after cold front the fish have just not gotten in a consistent pattern.

My rule of thumb for this winter has been: if you start out with low expectations on most days you can surpass

them and still have a quality day out there. I'm not the type of guide that will tell you tall tails to get you to book a trip. What's the point. I might book that one fishing trip but will that client ever be back? Probably not, and it's not the way to have happy clients at the end of the day. So now when the phone rings and I am asked, "What's going on out on the water right now?" the answer is, "Not a whole lot, and keep you fingers crossed it warms before we go fishing."

With March here the weather really has to get better soon. Spring-like weather must be just around the corner. Luckily with spring comes some of our best fishing of the year. I can hardly wait!

Capt. Matt Mitchell moved to Sanibel in 1980 and has fished local waters for more than 25 years. He now lives in St.



Donna Black with a windy day sheepshead

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.✪

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by Bruce Neill and Leah Biery

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Seafood is a delicious source of lean protein, rich in Omega-3 fatty acids and other important nutrients, but due to pollution fish may also contain dangerous levels of toxins such as mercury and pesticides that can have serious health repercussions. Current seafood harvesting methods are leading to environmental problems as we continue to develop newer and better fishing technologies to feed our ever-increasing world population. The illusion of plenty in the vast blue sea is comforting, but the reality is that the ocean is quickly approaching its limit. If we continue consuming seafood at our current rate, many species of fish will become unavailable within the next half-century.

As consumers, we want to make choices that are both healthy and environmentally responsible, but poorly labeled products and overwhelming amounts of contradictory information make it difficult to do so.

At Sanibel Sea School, we understand that choosing sustainable seafood options can be difficult, which is why, in this three-part series, we will explore ways that you can eat well and feel good about your ocean stewardship at the same time.

The course schedule is as follows:

- March 8, Captiva Yacht Club, 6 p.m.

We will watch *The End of the Line*, which is a powerful film outlining many important global fisheries issues. Following the film, Dr. Bruce Neill will further clarify some of the leading issues and comment on the movie.

- March 15, Captiva Yacht Club, 6 p.m.

Leah Biery of Sanibel Sea School will team up with a professional fish purveyor, and owner of The Fish Lady Seafood Company. They will show us how to effectively use consumer guides and how to shop for sustainable and fresh seafood.

- March 22, Sweet Melissa's Cafe, 6 p.m.

Chef Melissa Talmage will prepare an exquisite meal centered on delicious sustainable seafood that is healthy for the planet. Talmage will share her secrets for seafood preparation, and you will enjoy great food and wine – it will be the tastiest class party you'll ever experience.

Prices are as follows: March 8, \$10 donation; March 15, \$10 donation; all three classes, \$60.

Class size is limited, so sign up quickly. Call 472-8585.✳

Power Squadron Cruise Report



Bob and Rita Simpson

The Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron recently held its monthly cruise and rendezvous. Leaving from Sanibel and Captiva, boats traveled across San Carlos Bay on the Intercoastal – heading SSW from marker 101 to marker 11, then ENE into Punta Rassa Cove at a Lat. of 26 degrees 29.27' N, L0 81 degrees 59.36' W accomplished the trip.

Upon arrival, cruise directors and hosts Bob and Rita Simpson, checked in the attendees for a great buffet lunch at the Lighthouse Waterfront Restaurant. The count for the event was over 70 although, due to heavy morning fog, some did skip the boating for land travel.

Beyond their organizational efforts, the Simpsons also managed to obtain several door prizes. What is more fun than a boat trip, good food, fun companions, and a possible prize at the end.✳



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Stella Farwell Art Talk And Exhibit At BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS opened an exhibit Wednesday, March 3 with recent artwork created by Captiva resident Stella Farwell. An artist's reception will be held Saturday, March 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Farwell creates swirling shapes of biomorphic compositions, in two- and three-dimensional form. In her multi-colored world, viewers can interact with her works of art. Her organic, contemporary forms represent a hint into the artist's world that is bright, elegant, and whimsical while juxtaposed with mediums such as hand-made paper, acrylic, metal, and stone.

Formally trained in fine art at Tulane University, Farwell has exhibited in high-profile galleries and museum shows through the course of her career. Her works are in public, corporate, and private collections in North America, Europe, and Asia.

Farwell will be talking about the connection between some of her artwork on display and her journey with ovarian cancer in an Art Talk at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in Founders Gallery.

The exhibit will be on view through Monday, March 29. Founders Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Stella Farwell exhibit is supported by Visual Arts Patron season sponsors Deborah and John La Gorce.

BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road Sanibel. Call 395-0900 or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.



Exuberance by Stella Farwell

Sale Of Dancing With Stars DVDs

The After Glow Party at The Community House last Tuesday celebrated the work and joy of this special fundraiser. Volunteers and contributors watched the premier showing of the DVD from the live performance. Applause from the audience throughout the showing further demonstrated the enthusiasm of over 75 supporters.

The DVD that runs about an hour was given to all the production members and over 100 more were purchased to give to friends and family. They are available at Bailey's General Store and The Community House for \$10.

Marge Meek, event chair and the Sanibel Community Association vice president, announced that there will be another Dancing with the Islands' Stars fundraiser in mid-January, 2011 with Linda Naton as chair.

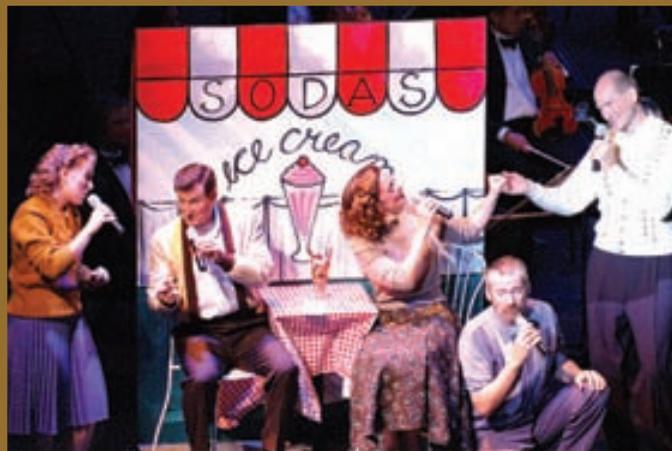
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When You Dig A Hole On The Beach, Be Sure To Fill It Back In



Amanda Bryant from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation shows the dangerous depth of this hole on the beach

Digging holes and building sand castles are part of nearly everyone's childhood memories of beach vacations. Normally, they are small and do not pose a problem. Unfortunately, holes become a safety hazard to both people and wildlife when they are dug deep and large.

It is easy to forget about some of Sanibel's less visible beachgoers, but these are the creatures that are most affected by the ambitious digging that takes place on the islands' beaches. Often human visitors simply don't see the snowy plovers and their tiny chicks roaming the beaches, or nesting sea turtles and hatchlings, which are only

on the beaches at night (May through October). If a snowy plover chick or a hatchling sea turtle falls into a hole, it is unable to climb out. The chicks cannot yet fly, and the hatchlings are simply too small to climb out. If either goes undiscovered for long, they will become easy prey for a predator or face overexposure to the elements, which will result in death.

Large holes also pose a safety risk to humans. At night there are often shellers or fishermen on the beaches. Given how dark Sanibel's beaches are, a hole is an easy thing to miss and could result in anything from a sprained ankle to a broken bone.

Digging large holes and failing to fill them in is actually a violation of the Sanibel Code section 74-182, which "prohibits the excavation, mining or hauling of sand or soil from the beach or dune." While the sand isn't leaving the beach or dune, any hole that must be filled by several shovel-wielding people or mechanical means constitutes excavating the beach. Ongoing efforts are being made by Sanibel Police Department's beach patrol as well as snowy plover program volunteers to educate the public on the hazards that holes pose to people and wildlife. Their message is a simple one: if you dig a hole, please fill it in.*

A Crocodile Video Encore



Sanibel's crocodile, who died in January

An encore viewing of *The Crocodile... a Home Video* will be shown on Wednesday, March 10 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

The video was played at the Crocodile Memorial at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation last month by Janie Howland, who videotaped the comings and goings of La Crocodile as she moved up and down her Sanibel driveway. For years the croc nested in her neighborhood and could be found guarding her nest, waiting for eggs to hatch. Come and get up close with a woman and a crocodile.

SCCF will be taking orders for copies of the video for sale through SCCF. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, free for SCCF members and children.

SCCF is at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, phone 472-2329.*

Sanibel School Seahorse Festival

The parent volunteers at The Sanibel School are busy making preparations for the 2010 Seahorse Festival. This is the largest event of the year for the school with the proceeds contributing to much needed supplies, electronics, software and equipment. The date is March 28 from noon to 4 p.m.

There will be fun for all ages including: bounce houses, bounce mazes, laser tag, carnival games, a silent auction, food and drinks.

A new twist this year is that the middle school students are designing the seahorse mascot. The winner will have their design showcased on the festival T-shirts and on event materials. Their T-shirts will become official "autograph" shirts that their friends can sign, which will make for a fun keepsake and collectible.

The organizers would like to thank sponsors that have already contributed to making this year a success: Bailey's General Storet, Marinello Family, Doc Ford's, Crater Family, LaBar Family, Kiwanis, She Sells Sea Shells, Lucky Dog Boutique, Willis Family, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Kirchner Contracting, Barrier Island Title Services, Sandcastle Construction, Bank of the Islands, *Island Sun* newspaper, Coca-Cola, Hungry Heron, Sanctuary Island Electric and Aroma Coffee Service.

If you would like to become a sponsor or donor, contact Seahorse Festival Chair Milissa Sprecher at milissa@special-kids.com, or call 395-1636.

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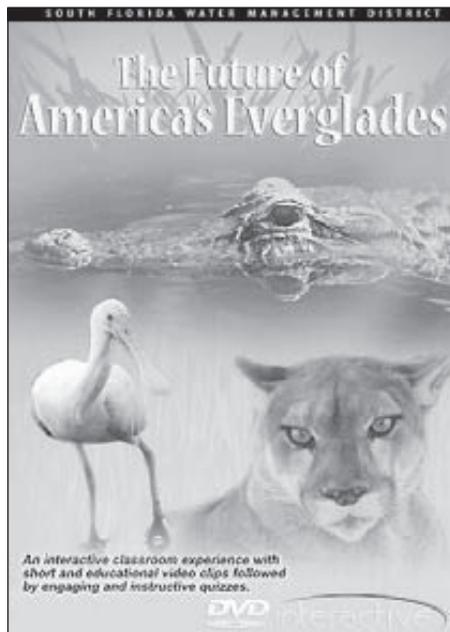
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Students To View Everglades Restoration DVD



The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is distributing the latest edition of its award-winning educational DVD, *The Future of America's Everglades*, to teachers in Lee and Hendry counties in March.

The Future of America's Everglades provides an interactive classroom experience that introduces students of all ages to the Everglades ecosystem and the efforts under way to restore it. The DVD features 24 video segments – narrated by drama students from Cypress Lake Middle School – that give viewers the opportunity to visit remote areas often accessible only by airboats or helicopters and meet the people doing the important work of restoration. Each segment is accompanied by a vocabulary list and an interactive quiz.

Created by the SFWMD Lower West Coast Service Center and Fort Myers-based Main Sail Video Productions, the DVD uses videos and scripts originally produced for broadcast news. The first version was released in 2008 as a pilot educational project and featured five segments with questions and answers developed by Lee County teachers. The project was later expanded to its current size and incorporated improvements suggested by teachers.

Lee County teachers received copies of the DVD at a March 3 meeting at the Imaginarium. Service center staff provided a demonstration during the meeting. Hendry County teachers will get their copies March 25.

Dubbed the River of Grass for the sawgrass that flourished throughout the marsh, America's Everglades is a mosaic of freshwater ponds, prairies and forested uplands that supports a rich plant and wildlife community, including dozens of federally threatened and endangered species. Everglades restoration includes many diverse research efforts, construction projects and new technologies. This unique ecosystem and the efforts to restore it provide many opportunities to engage and inspire young people in the fields of science and math.

To learn more about the district's Everglades restoration efforts, visit www.sfwmd.gov/everglades. More information about the SFWMD Lower West Coast Service Center is available at www.sfwmd.gov/lwc.✱

Update On Local Honey Bees

Seems everyone has heard that honeybees are in trouble, but what is happening with our local bees? Have the Africanized honeybees made it into our local hives?

At a program at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation On Tuesday, March 9 at 10 a.m., local author and entomologist Tom Allen will give an



Honey bees

update on what is happening with local bee populations. Allen, a beekeeper, will bring a live hive with him to view.

A guided trail walk will follow the program.

The cost of the program is \$5; free for SCCF members and children. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 472-2329 for more information.✱

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CESE Fundraisers Make Final Plans



Center Advisor Armand Ball, Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran, Host Committee members Molly Heuer, John Pryor, John Wolf, and David Bath

The Host Committee of the FGCU Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education met at The Bean to plan final details of this year's fundraising event. The sixth annual Fundraising Celebration will take place at Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer's Sanibel home on March 18.

The fundraiser, themed Bloom Where You're Planted, Focus on the Local, supports the center's efforts toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education, and action.

At its meeting, the host committee received some of the first copies of *Work Towards Realizing the Dream*, a five-year activity report published by the center.

Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran gave them the report while explaining the significance of the fundraiser's local theme. As part of the report, Nobel Laureates Wangari Maathai and Mikhail Gorbachev praise the center on its five years of work in Southwest Florida and abroad.

Each guest at this year's party will receive a copy of *Work Towards Realizing The Dream*. Locally produced organic hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a display the work of local artist Myra Roberts. David Orr, the center's board co-chair and author of *Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse* (2009), will give remarks. For more information, or to request an invitation, call 590-7166 or e-mail: cese@fgcu.edu.

Explore The Gardens Of Frank Lloyd Wright With The Garden Club

Derek Fell, award winning author, photographer and gardener, will present a lecture featuring the gardens of Frank Lloyd Wright on Tuesday, March 9 at noon at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way. The public is invited to his presentation.

Fell is the author of more than 100 garden books and calendars, and has traveled many parts of the world photographing gardens, especially those of impressionistic artists such as Monet. His work in *Architectural Digest* and *Veranda* magazine has won several literary and photography awards. Born and educated in England, Fell maintains a seasonal home and garden on Sanibel.

His latest book, *The Gardens of Frank Lloyd Wright* is available at the Sanibel Island Bookshop.

Hostesses are Karen Alleger, Maggie Butcher, Elizabeth Downey, Grace Mannix, Harriet Pattison, Dorothy Sawyer, and Jane Withers.

If you have an interest in horticulture, floral arranging or tropical gardening and would like to consider becoming a member of the Shell Islands Garden Club, call Lisa Cochrane at 472-8875.

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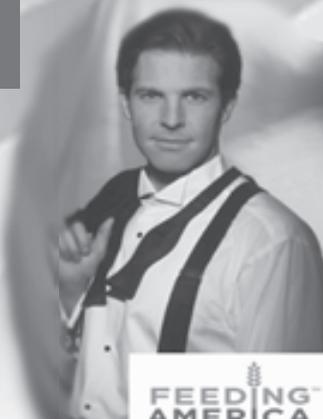
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The IrishFest Is Coming



A group of children enjoys the festivities of IrishFest 2009

The Bailey's Center Merchants' Association (BCMA) will host the second annual IrishFest on Wednesday, March 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. in Bailey's Center. Sanibel residents and guests are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish food and drink, music, dancing and more.

The merchants of Bailey's Center will open their doors to everyone on the island for the festival which will include a BIG ARTS Chorus performance, Irish dancing lessons, green beer and Irish stew from Biddles Bucket and Bailey's General Store, and Irish cream lattes from Coffee Bar @ Bailey's.

Ric Base and Bridgit Stone-Budd of the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce will be the emcees. Raffle prizes from the Bailey's Center merchants, face painting and a charity drive to support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association are among the activities planned for the day.

"Last year's inaugural event was such a success, and we'd like to invite everyone back again this year," said Ken Kasten, BCMA president. "Our event will be fun for people of all ages."

For more than a week leading up to St. Patrick's Day, from March 8 to March 17, the the Bailey's Center merchants will be offering special St. Patrick's Day sales promotions, raising money for MDA and selling limited edition IrishFest T-shirts.*



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A Sanibel School student dons her Green Team T-shirt and lots of Irish spirit



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Dr. Koenig photographing a goliath grouper

Sanibel Island Fishing Club

This coming Tuesday, March 9, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House. The featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is invited to attend.

This month's speaker is Dr. Chris Koenig PhD. Koenig is a research sci-

entist at Florida State University who specializes in reef fish ecology with an emphasis on the role of the endangered goliath grouper in these habitats. His work on goliath, gag and red grouper has led to several discoveries about the important roles these fish play in the clearing and maintenance of offshore natural ledges. Although his emphasis is on the goliath grouper, Koenig has been involved with the establishment of marine protected zones in the northern Gulf of Mexico as well as a promoter of these zones throughout the world.

For anyone interested in the science of offshore fishing, including a better

understanding of the different grouper habitats found off the waters of Sanibel and Captiva, this will be a fascinating program. Koenig will also speak briefly of the process whereby the Gulf Fisheries Commission establishes the various grouper regulations that impact all Southwest Florida anglers.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, PURRE and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend next Tuesday's meeting. The Sanibel Island Fishing Club has been an active social club for more than 20 years on the island.*

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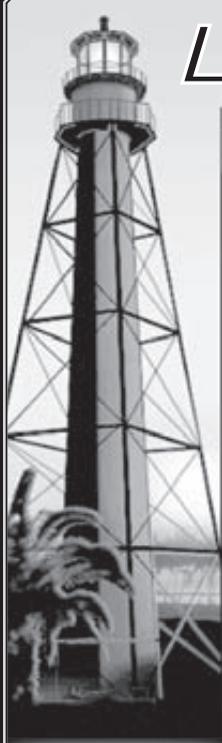
ancient Chinese form of "soft-style" martial art exercise that is based on slow, fluid movements. Rowe's instruction focuses on maintaining one's center of gravity while improving flexibility and muscle tone. Tai Chi is an excellent way to reduce stress and generate mental calmness and clarity. Participants are encouraged to wear loose fitting clothing and comfortable shoes.

The second annual Sanibel Island Senior Center Book Fair will be held on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. Your gently read books are needed. Please clean out your bookshelves, drop your books at the Island Seniors on Library Way (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and then come on March 13 to restock those empty shelves. If you need assistance with delivery, call Ann Moeder at 472-5293.

Seven local Sanibel authors will participate by selling and autographing their books at the book fair. Other local authors are invited to participate by calling Katie Reid at 472-0292 or 757-3529.

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Sanibel-Captiva Art League 34th Annual Juried Art Exhibit

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League 34th Annual Juried Art Exhibit will open at BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery on Friday, March 5. An artists' reception and awards presentation with Juror Don Mosher will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

Each year members from the art councils of Southwest Florida are invited by the Sanibel-Captiva Art League to show their works in this multi-media exhibit. The exhibition will run through Monday, March 29.

Phillips Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

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

Stories From The Edge Of The World

Ensemble Galilei will offer the next performance in the 2009-10 Fine and Performing Arts Concert Series at Shell Point Retirement Community on Friday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Church Auditorium.

The performance incorporates music and photos. Ensemble Galilei performs Irish, Scottish, early and original music on a variety of ancient and modern instruments, including the Celtic harp, Scottish small pipes, gamba, fiddle, recorders, whistles and percussion. Their performance, *First Person: Stories from the Edge of the World*, is a collaboration between the National Geographic Society; NPR's Neal Conan, host of *Talk Of The Nation*; and Ensemble Galilei. Spectacular photographs and images are projected on a large on-stage screen, with Neal Conan's compelling narration, and evocative music created specifically for this project, they work seamlessly to take the audience along on some of the world's most extraordinary expeditions.

Tickets are \$35. Call 454-2067 for payment information on individual or group packages.

Shell Point Retirement Community is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel causeway.*



Ensemble Galilei

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Do you sell fashions, jewelry or shoes that represent island style?

The Royal Shell Companies are hosting a fashion show called Island Style at Ellington's Tuesday, April 21 from noon until 3 p.m. Island retailers who carry fashions and accessories reflecting island style are invited to participate. This is an opportunity to show off your exclusive lines to a group of fashion conscious islanders.

Partnerships are \$100 and include two lunch tickets with the remainder of the proceeds benefitting BIG ARTS. Shops are encouraged to display two to three items, create your own script for your pieces and choose your model. Partners will be included in print media and brochures. If you would like to participate contact Barb Harrington at 472-2783 or by email at barb.harrington@RLRLLC.com by March 15.*

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Pianist Wu Han Joins Escher String Quartet For Special Performance



The Escher String Quartet

The Escher String Quartet, with pianist Wu Han, will perform at the Sanibel Music Festival at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Tickets at \$30 each are available at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 1037 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 336-7999, or by logging on to www.sanibelmusicfestival.org.

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,



Wu Han

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, a festival favorite, will join the Escher for the Taneyev *Piano Quintet*, which she performed in 2008 at the Aspen Festival.

The program is sponsored by Claire and Ted Sawyer and Janet and Joseph Davie and will include:

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

The Sanibel Music Festival, celebrating its 24th season, presents world renowned artists during the month of March. 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. ✨

Swing With The Symphony

NBC-2 News Anchor Craig Wolf along with special jazz musical guest Danny Sinoff, Maestro Michael Hall and the board of The Southwest Florida Symphony will present a tropical fundraiser to support the educational efforts and countdown to the symphony's 50th anniversary. It is slated for Sunday March 7 at The Plantation Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers.

There will be brunch, a silent auction and rare and one-of-a-kind live auction items including French wine tasting and

a cruise for six aboard the *Southern Comfort*, and the opportunity to conduct the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra in its 50th season.

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BIG ARTS March Workshops



Bea Pappas will teach Painting from Within

BIG ARTS is ramping up for a big month of workshops in March. Classes beginning in the middle of March are:

iPhone Boot Camp with Gerard Damiano is Monday, March 8, 9 a.m., 1 p.m.

Painting & Drawing Open Studio, Monday, March 8, 9:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

Simplified Perspective for Artists with Neil Glaser, March 8 -15, Mondays, 9 a.m to noon.

Painting from Within with Bea Pappas, March 8-29, Mondays, 1 to 4 p.m.



Blu Mermaid by Katie Gardenia

Fine Crafts: The Altered Book with Martha Graham, Tuesday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hand Drumming with Dennis Dial, Tuesday, March 9, 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 16, 6 to 8 p.m.

Glass Fusing with Petra Kaiser, March 10-31, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Painting & Drawing: Child's Rocking Chair with Kassia Sparks, Wednesday, March 10, 9:30 a.m to 5 p.m.

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11-April 1, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Introduction to Watercolor with Bea Pappas, March 11-April 1, Thursdays 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Fine Crafts: Mermaid Valentine Box with Katie Gardenia, Friday and Saturday, March 12-13, 9:30 a.m to 5 p.m.

Fine Crafts: Layer Imagery Collage with Marjorie Pesek, Friday, March 12, 1 to 4 p.m.

Painting & Drawing: Watermedia Techniques: Layering with Bea Pappas,

Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Painted Floorcloths with Kassia Sparks, Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fine Crafts: Layer Imagery Collage with Marjorie Pesek, Friday, March 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

There are ongoing workshops in Youth Dance, Life Drawing, Voice, and other music lessons.

The BIG ARTS Community Band and Chorus welcome new musicians and singers throughout season. The band is especially seeking saxophone, horn, and clarinet players. Call BIG ARTS for more information at 395-0900.

Workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.✳

Anniversary Party

Islands-based No Sweat Productions is celebrating 35 years in business with a day and night of live entertainment at the American Legion on Sanibel, Saturday, March 13 from 2 to 10 p.m.

Headlining the event will be international recording artists David Pastorius and Local 518.

Also performing are Both Hands Band, Robby Hutto Band and the Troublestarters.

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Bikes Given New Life In Immokalee



Billy Kirkland (back) supervises the unloading in Immokalee

The local collection drive was started by Annie Nachtsheim of Soon Come Waste Hauling, supported by Billy Kirkland of Billy's Rentals and by the Sanibel Bicycle Club, whose efforts were coordinated by the past club president, Patti Sousa. Commenting on the collection effort, Nachtsheim said, "We did our first Bike Collection Drive in 2008, and it was an eye-opening experience for me. It was amazing to see how much a simple bike can do to help those who don't have a motor vehicle. This year we collected 150 bikes, about 50 percent more than the last drive. And we also received some cash donations, which was wonderful."

Kirkland said, "I'm not surprised by the number of bikes we collected this year. The residents of Sanibel are very giving people, and my staff and I are happy to help get these bikes to where they are needed."

Doo-Wop Night At The Community House



Remember the days of doo-wop, when music and lyrics just moved your soul? You can relive that '50s era at The Community House on Friday, March 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Listen and dance to the popular Del Prados as they entertain with favorite '50s hits. Malt shop fare, provided by Kiss My Butts Barbecue, will include hamburgers with all the trimmings, coleslaw and potato chips. Root beer floats and cherry Cokes will top off the night, provided by the gals from On A Roll. Outside on the grounds, there might even be a '57 Chevy or two!

Reservations are a must at \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Contact The Community House at 472-2155.

The evening sponsor is Sanibel Holiday.✪



Mural in Immokalee shows the many ways old bikes and bike parts are put to use

Sanibel's used bicycles were delivered to the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) in Immokalee, a non-sectarian, non-profit group providing child care and early education for children of migrant farm workers and rural low-income families throughout Florida. RCMA in turn distributed the bikes through several other social service agencies serving the Immokalee community.✪



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you're heading in the right direction. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives -- and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of

view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New relationships -- personal or work-related -- show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you like things to go smoothly, you're not shy about making waves when you believe the situation calls for it.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 11, 1818, "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus" is published. The book, by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is frequently called the world's first science-fiction novel. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses.

- On March 10, 1876, the first discernible speech is transmitted over a telephone system when inventor Alexander Graham Bell summons his assistant in another room by saying, "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you." Bell had received a telephone patent three days before, just hours ahead of another inventor,

Elisha Gray.

- On March 12, 1903, the New York Highlanders are given the go-ahead by team owners to join baseball's American League. The Highlanders had recently moved from Baltimore, where they were called the Orioles. The team officially changed its name to the New York Yankees in 1913.

- On March 14, 1935, 6-year-old actress Shirley Temple presses her hands in cement outside Grauman's Chinese Theater in Los Angeles. She first won attention with a song and dance in the 1934 movie "Get Up and Cheer."

- On March 13, 1942, the Quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army begins training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps." The top canine hero of World War II was Chips, who attacked an enemy machine gun nest in Italy, forcing the entire crew to surrender. The wounded Chips was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and the Purple Heart -- all of which were later revoked due to an Army policy preventing official commendation of animals.

- On March 9, 1959, the first Barbie doll goes on display at the American Toy Fair in New York City. Barbie was the first mass-produced toy doll in the United States with adult features. Barbie's appearance was modeled on a doll named Lilli, based on a German comic-strip character.

- On March 8, 1969, the Pontiac Firebird Trans Am is introduced. The Trans Am was one in a series of muscle cars released by Pontiac in the 1960s, including the Grand Prix and the GTO designed by a young John DeLorean.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American sports writer Art Spander who made the following sage obser-

vation: "The great thing about democracy is that it gives every voter a chance to do something stupid."

- With only two known to exist, the rarest U.S. postage stamp is the 1-cent 1868 Benjamin Franklin Z-Grill, so called because of the shape that was impressed into the stamp. One of the Z-Grills is in the collection of the New York Public Library, and the other was sold in 1998 for \$935,000. That's not the end of the story, though; in October of 2005, the same stamp was traded for a block of stamps valued at \$3 million.

- The next time you're eating an Oreo cookie, consider this: It takes 90 minutes to make each cookie, and each one has precisely 90 ridges on the rim.

- Hindus do not eat eggs, believing them to be a valuable source of life.

- It may be hard to believe, but there is an official competition to see who can sit in a sauna for the longest period of time. The World Sauna Championships have taken place in Heinola, Finland, annually since 1999. The starting temperature is a sweltering 110 degrees Celsius (230 F), and a liter of water is poured on the stove every 30 seconds. The winner is the last person who is able to leave the sauna without assistance. Competitors participate at their own risk, and they are required to sign a waiver agreeing not to take legal action against the event organizers.

The word hippopotamus comes from the Greek for "river horse."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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This year's exhibit will feature: paintings, pottery, sculptures, stained glass, polished stonework, wood carvings and unique jewelry.

The event will be held in the Social Center on The Island at Shell Point from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free and it is open to the public. For more information, call Sandra Ashley, program coordinator at 454-2057.✳

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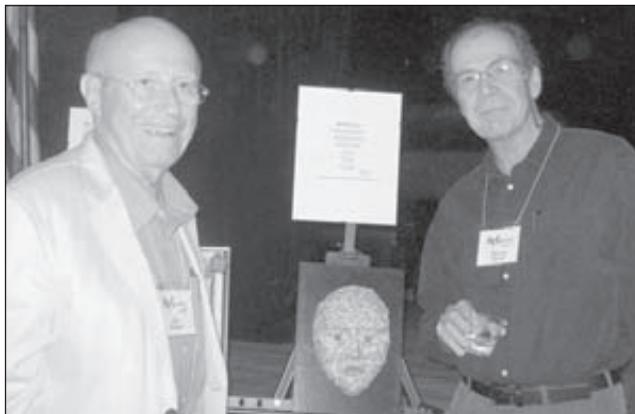
Poets And Artists Band Together

by Di Saggau

ArtPoems is a collaboration between poets and artists with artwork inspired by poems and poems inspired by artwork. This year's ArtPoems was held February 26 in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS and it was bigger and better than ever. All of the artworks and poems were on display and the audience had an opportunity to meet and talk with the various artists during a reception prior to the actual performance.

While the poets read their pieces, the collaborative work of art was projected on screen, giving the audience a real feel for how the two related. Each artist also explained what inspired them to create their work of art.

Several mediums were represented. In addition to various paintings, this included clay, paper mache, photography, collage, and an altered book.



Blue Eyed Mud Mask, by Don Brown and Dennis Joyce



Escape by Sid Simon and Joshua Myers



Rodeo Night by Tanya Hochschild and Don Mauer



Prima Donna by Kat Epple and Lorraine Vail



Three Questions by Bob Maxeiner and Carol Rosenberg



Flock by Mary LaVelle and Martha Graham

A special touch was award winning flutist Kat Epple playing original music to Lorraine Vail's two poems, *The Madonna of Fort Myers* and *Prima Donna*. The ArtPoems multi-media presentation was repeated March 3 at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.*

Commissioner Speaks To Republicans

On February 20, Lee County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Tammy Hall spoke at a meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus. Hall addressed a number of questions asked by those present regarding county government and decisions made by the board of commissioners.

Among the concerns addressed were the new baseball stadium and the usage of the other county stadiums. She said that contrary to popular belief, the stadiums used by the major league teams for spring training are in use throughout the year for various sports events, many of them attracting the participation of teams from all over the country. Lee County competes with other cities and counties to host these events, bringing in considerable money not only to the county coffers but also to Lee hotels and restaurants.

Hall also discussed how county employee compensation is determined using a study done every two years; government plans and promotions to attract new businesses to the area; the use by municipalities of a little known "voluntary" tax to create revenue, and several other items of interest to those present.

One of the other issues raised was an apparent water quality problem affecting the bay side near the eastern end of Sanibel. Hall said that she would have the problem looked into.

The March meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus is being put together by the events committee and will be announced shortly. Meetings are open to all Republican voters regardless of where they are registered. Call Robb Moran at 472-9035 for more information.*

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Shell Museum's Under The Sea Fundraiser

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will hold its annual fundraiser, Under The Sea, Sunday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m. The gala will begin with a silent auction accompanied by canapés and cocktails. Dinner and dancing will follow. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased by calling Betty English at 395-0308.

The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company is serving as the Grand Sponsor of the event. Lily and Company Jewelry Gallery, Tween Waters Inn, Bailey's General Store, Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grill, Bank Of The Islands, Sandcastle Construction Company, Traders, and Adventures In Paradise are serving as Junonia sponsors

Those unable to attend the event may



Neptune will be in attendance

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Tickets, which are \$25 each or five for \$100. They may be purchased prior to the event in the Museum Store.

All proceeds from the silent and live auction, ticket sales, and raffle will benefit exhibit refurbishment, development of new exhibits, and continued support for educational programs.

Since it opened to the public in 1995, the museum has operated not just as a local attraction but also as an information, education, and reference center for national and international scientists, students, and shell enthusiasts interested in marine, terrestrial, and land mollusks. The museum offers facilities in its collection and research area for visiting researchers, interns and students. Over the past 11 years more than 29,000 Lee County Students have attended the Fourth Grade Educational Program. In 1997 the museum became the publisher of *The Nautilus*, the oldest English-language malacological journal. This journal has been published since 1886. Dr. José H. Leal, director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, serves as the editor.*

Clay Jenkinson Plays Steinbeck

Francisco, won the 1940 Pulitzer Prize for Literature.

Tickets are \$35 general seating, students \$15.*

Clay Jenkinson takes the stage at BIG ARTS Wednesday, March 10, at 8 p.m. Jenkinson is a humanities scholar, author, and social commentator who will adopt the persona of writer John Steinbeck for this presentation.

Rooted in the earth and the people of California's Salinas Valley, author John Steinbeck achieved worldwide recognition for his keen observations and powerful descriptions of the human condition. His life was as rich and provocative as the places he immortalized in his writing. *The Grapes of Wrath*, based on newspaper articles Steinbeck had written in San

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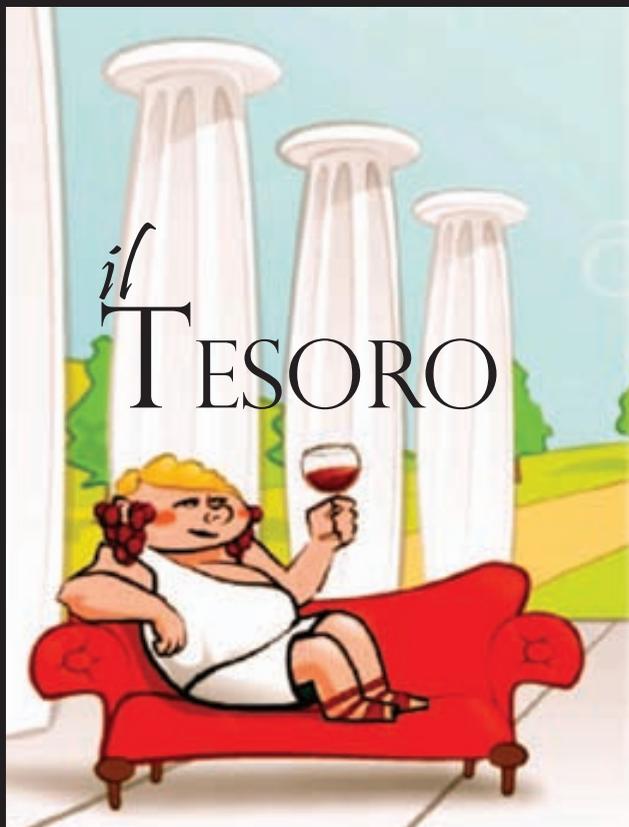
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Purdue Varsity Glee Club Performing Next Weekend



The Purdue Varsity Glee Club

The Shell Point Season of Praise Concert Series continues on Sunday, March 14 with the Purdue Varsity Glee Club. The performance will be at 6:15 p.m. in The Village Church Auditorium at Shell Point Retirement Community. "The Purdue Varsity Glee Club is a very popular group that entertains audiences all over the country and has quite a following of fans," said Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "We are pleased to have them in the

2009-10 Season of Praise Concert series, and know that all who come to the performance will enjoy it. Tickets are going quickly for this concert, so we anticipate a sold out crowd."
The Purdue Varsity Glee Club features 60 young men who will perform gospel music with the charisma, high-standard of academics, and performance excellence that defines their reputation. They have performed in the Crystal Cathedral and Carnegie Hall, as well as at five presidential inaugurations.
Tickets are available for \$10 each by calling 454-2147, or go to www.shellpoint.org/villagechurch/events.
The Village Church at Shell Point is a ministry of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and serves a congregation of more than 600. The Village Church is located near the entrance to the Island at Shell Point and seats 1,000 people. Shell Point Retirement Community is just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.*

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Five By Design's Musical Tribute

humor, novelty acts, and parodies on *Name That Tune* and *This Is Your Life* accompanied by a theme song medley and some very familiar commercial jingles. You'll find yourself singing *Sh Boom* outside a soda shop in varsity sweater and saddle shoes, or playing along as quiz show contestants.
Five By Design changes the channel for you as the quintet glides effortlessly from *Hey There* to *'S Wonderful* to *The Girl From Ipanema* in the blink of an eye.
Five By Design includes Lorie Carpenter-Niska, Sheridan Zuther, Kurt Niska, Michael Swedberg, and Terrence Niska. The group's national media exposure includes National Public Radio's *Weekend Edition - Sunday*, *Swingin' Down the Lane*, and a feature story in *Symphony* magazine.
Tickets are \$46 loge, \$41 floor, and student \$15.
Five By Design performance is supported by Patron sponsor West Wind Inn and sponsor Bailey's General Store.
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Monday Night Movie

Everlasting Moments



by Priscilla Friedersdorf

A Swedish film, *Everlasting Moments*, by renowned director Jan Troell will be shown on Monday night, March 8, at 7 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Hall.

Troell's work as a director has been highly acclaimed in the United States and in his native country, Sweden. *Everlasting Moments* won five Academy Awards this past year in Sweden; including best picture. His earlier film from 1971, *The Emigrants*, starring Liv Ullmann, had five Academy Award nominations in the United States.

The story of Maria Larsson, although set in Malmo, Sweden, is somewhat similar to the French film *Seraphine*, reminiscent of the Norwegian film, *Babette's Feast* and *Angela's Ashes*. It is based on the life of Maria (Maria Heiskanen), a Finnish-born woman who marries Sigfrid Larsson. They settle, before the first World War, in the port city of Malmo and have seven children. "Sigge" is a laborer on the docks, usually kind and loving, but sometimes violent when he is drunk.



Maria Heiskanen as Maria Larsson in *Everlasting Moments*

photos by Nille Leander

When Maria was first married she won a camera and she takes it to a pawn shop in order to get enough money to buy food for her family. A man in the shop, Sebastian Pedersen, examines the camera and develops a plate; he is impressed by her photographic gifts and buys the camera from her with the understanding that she will keep it and continue to take pictures. Over time, and in spite of their differences in age and background, an affectionate relationship becomes apparent.

Maria is a woman who finds, if not redemption, some solace in a camera; hope in art. A certain freedom unknown to women in that era. While never a model of feminine liberation, she experiences a small triumph when she ignores a direct order from Sigge.



Jesper Christensen as Sebastian Pedersen and Maria Heiskanen as Maria Larsson in *Everlasting Moments*

Troell, serving as his own cinematographer, has produced a film with splendid photographic images. Todd McCarthy of *Variety* wrote, "Beholding Troell's exquisite images is like having your eyes washed, the better to behold moving pictures of uncorrupted purity and clarity." A particularly startling frame to look for is Maria leading her children through fog and snow; caught briefly in the glare of a streetcar's headlights.

The film is in Swedish and Finnish with English subtitles and has a running time of 131 minutes. It is not rated but contains some disturbing situations. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at BIG ARTS in advance or on the evening

of the showing. Refreshments will be served on the Gainer Veranda following the film. I will introduce the film and afterward lead the discussion. Phone 395-0900 for further information.*



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Gala March 14 At Ellington's Aids Domestic Animals



Elayne Boosler

by Brian Johnson

The first annual Island Gala, a new fundraiser created to benefit dogs, cats and other domestic pets on Sanibel and Captiva and Lee County, is now just two weeks away. A hundred percent of the funds will go to the welfare of animals.

The gala will be held at Ellington's Jazz Club and Restaurant, 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, and will include a cocktail hour, open bar, four-course dinner, jazz music, live and silent auctions, and dancing.



All three girls, Rio, Tuxie and Shadow

Famous comedian Elayne Boosler, who has performed for both President Clinton and the Queen of England, will perform a live comedy act for guests.

Tickets are limited – call 850-9998 to reserve a place.

Islanders Mark and Wanda Shefts are spearheading the gala and are hoping to establish a strong fundraising vehicle that will provide much needed food, shelter, and medical care for domestic animals living on or around Sanibel and Captiva.

"We are so thrilled by the number of individuals and local businesses who are sponsoring or supporting this new event," said Wanda Shefts. "We want to

make sure the animals in this area receive the type of care they want and need."

The Shefts started The Onyx & Breezy Foundation, a non-profit that helps animals nationwide, in 2004 in

memory of their two Labrador retrievers.

To date, The Onyx & Breezy Foundation has helped numerous animal causes in Florida and the local area, including a six-month food supply for ARC, towels and a month's supply of cat food to Lee County Animal Shelter and Rescue, 42 beds to Collier County Animal Shelter, and many individuals who needed help for their pets.

Since its inception The Onyx & Breezy Foundation has saved or enriched the lives of tens of thousands of animals. The national attention that came from their work attracted Ken Howard, a Tony- and Emmy-Award winning actor and president of The Screen Actors Guild, to take an interest in the foundation and become its national spokesperson and a board member.

Sponsors include the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, McMurray & Nette of VIP Realty, Lily & Co., the Karen Bell Real Estate Team, Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank, Kay Casperson's Beauty Inside Out at South Seas, Over Easy Cafe, Tribeca Salon, Island Paws, Ellington's, Bailey's General Store, Myra Roberts, Why Knot, and Watson MacRae Gallery.✪

Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan At BIG ARTS



Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan

The Forum at BIG ARTS lecture series will present Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan on Sunday, March 7 to Schein Performance Hall.

Sarukhan is the Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S. Previously, he was deputy assistant secretary for inter-American affairs, chief of staff to the ambassador and head of the counternarcotics office at the Mexican Embassy, chief of policy planning at the Foreign Ministry, and was appointed by the President as Mexican Consul General to New York City.

Ambassador Sarukhan has taught in several universities and published articles on issues related to foreign policy in a variety of journals and magazines. He holds a master's in U.S. foreign

policy from the School of Advanced International Studies where he was a Fulbright Scholar and Ford Foundation Fellow. Sarukhan has been decorated by the governments of Spain and Sweden.

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.

Grand Patron series sponsors are Northern Trust and Sue and Tom Pick.✪

Book Discussion On Edison

Author Michele Albion will discuss her book *The Florida Life of Thomas Edison* at the Sanibel Public Library on Wednesday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

Albion grew up in Maine with a great respect for the past. She has degrees from the University of Maine and George Washington University. Before becoming a writer, Albion worked at a number of museums including Fort Western Museum, The Maine State Museum, The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and The Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

While curator at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Albion was fascinated by both Thomas and Mina Edison. The *Florida Life of Thomas Edison* was published in 2008. Her second, tentatively titled, *The Quotable Thomas Edison*, is in the process of being published. She is working on her third book, *The Quotable Henry Ford*. While Albion has found both Edison and Ford fascinating, she is seeking to do her next major project on a significant American woman.✪



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Visual Arts Explored In Movie Maker's Event



Janina Monkute-Marks

BIG ARTS Film Society presents Movie Maker's Showcase, featuring local filmmakers on Wednesday, March 17. The film program starts at 1 p.m., followed by a question and answer session. There is no charge for this event.

The films featured will be *Janina: Weaving the Future through Art*, produced by Dorothy Mackevich Marks, and directed by Gail Gilbert, and *The Art of Mary Keogh* directed and produced by JR Pascall.



Painting by Mary Keogh

Weaving the Future through Art is the story of a courageous and powerful woman, Janina Monkute-Marks. Her life spans decades of world crises and personal deprivation, then gets a fresh start in America. Her artistic voice grew from the personal to the political as she established the first independent museum in Lithuania, and demonstrated the vital relationship between art and freedom. *Weaving the Future through Art* is the story of a survivor, artist, and activist.

Mary Keogh began painting in abstract forms and gradually adopted a style that



Sanibel After Hurricane Charley, tapestry by Janina Monkute-Marks

incorporates more recognizable forms. Her works reflect her admiration of Richard Diebenkorn and the Bay Area figurative movements. *The Art of Mary Keogh* will explore her belief "that a work of art, especially painting, must seem spontaneous, even though the artist may have slaved over it for many hours. This means days of great exasperation, but some of exultation, when a painting looks right."

Filmmakers and film students interested in showing their films on the big screen in Schein Performance Hall should contact BIG ARTS for further information. Film submissions in DVD

format will be reviewed by the Movie Maker's Showcase Film Selection Committee who will select the films for next year's screening.

A sound-enhancement system for the hearing impaired is available.

For the complete listing of BIG ARTS films, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Deep Shadow* by Randy Wayne White
2. *Living Sanibel* by Charles Sobczak
3. *Dead Silence* by Randy Wayne White
4. *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave
5. *Sanibel Flats* by Randy Wayne White
6. *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer
7. *Help* by Kathryn Stockett
8. *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
9. *Gator-A-Go-Go* by Tim Dorsey
10. *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Steig Larsson

Courtesy of Sanibel Island Bookshop.*

Book Review

FORUM Told Dangers Of Iranian War



by Max Friedersdorf

Action by the United States to engage in a third war by bombing Iraq's nuclear sites would be "catastrophic," declared Ellen Laipson during a lecture before The

FORUM at BIG ARTS on February 21.

Laipson, director of the Henry L. Stimson Center for peace and security, said such an attack would put the U.S. at war with Iran which is three times the size of Iraq and has conventional and non-conventional weapons to retaliate against American forces in the gulf region, including the 100,000 American troops remaining in Iraq.

Laipson said there are people in Washington "who formerly served in the government, and hold the view, quite strongly, that now is the time to go for regime change in Iran."

"This makes me gasp," Laipson commented, and "I personally object, after

Iraq, that we can affect their choice of government... "I support President Obama's strong preference for non-military action" in dealing with Iran.

The speaker pointed out that the U.S. and Iran have had "a dysfunctional relationship for 30 years," and we are at a "very scary moment" as the Iranian regime is "uncertain about its domestic control."

"The U.S. and Israel have to think about a worst case scenario," with regard to Iran, Laipson continued, "but, I favor Obama's view that we hold out the prospect of engagement," rather than military action.

Speaking on the general topic, "Obama's Foreign Policy After One Year," Laipson said Obama became president during an "extraordinarily vulnerable time" in American history, inheriting two wars and a financial crisis.

"Obama's first year has been by design focused on the domestic financial crisis, "and it is a tad too early to tell whether he has a successful foreign policy."

Laipson said that Obama has made choices regarding the Afghanistan war that has made it "his war," by giving the military resources for a limited time to prove they can win, but indicated it is "not my intention to stay there forever."

Obama is willing to debate the issues, Laipson added, and is operating pragmatically, rather than ideologically.*

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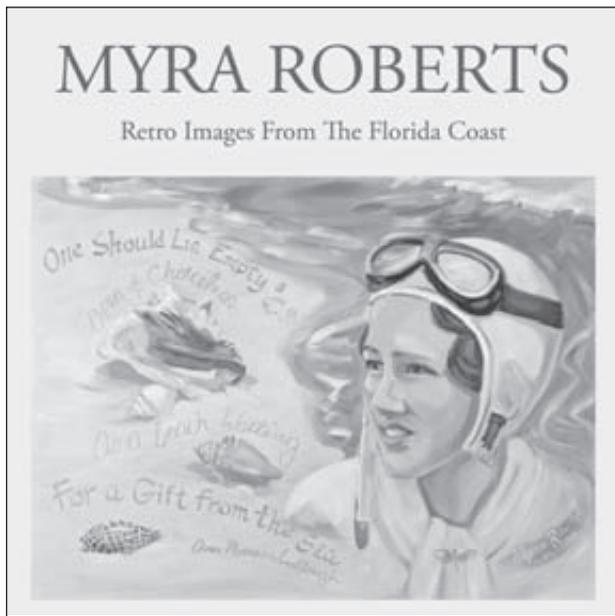
Book Review

Myra Roberts Retro Images From The Florida Coast

by Priscilla Friedersdorf

Myra Roberts and her husband, Wes, moved to Sanibel 10 years ago after discovering this island on a vacation trip. She remembers, "I fell in love with the beach and the sky, and embarked on a whole new line of painting about a vintage-era lady relaxing under an umbrella by the Gulf of Mexico... guess that lady was me!"

This new book, *Retro Images From The Florida Coast* is a compilation of her work, mostly from the last 10 years. Author and journalist Brian Johnson collaborated with Roberts on this book of splendid reproductions by interspersing the paintings with text from a series of interviews he conducted with the artist.



Roberts and Johnson will be greeting the public at a series of book signings and art exhibits this season, including this Saturday, March 6 at Sanibel Art & Frame (12 to 4 p.m.), March 18 at the Captiva Civic Center (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.), and March 24 at the Captiva Library (4:30 p.m.).

Something in her paintings evokes a nostalgia for an earlier era; a simpler time with a similarity to the quietude of Norman Rockwell folksiness in his portrayals of family life.

Although with Roberts, it is represented as a laidback life on our peaceful little island with its sun warmed beaches and wildlife. The edges are soft, the palette pale but warm with color. Her art career began, as a child in Chicago, when she visited a painter friend of her mother's; "She showed me around her studio, and gave me art prints and crayons - I didn't want to leave her home. I loved all the supplies, the brushes, the smell of the paint..."

Through highschool and college she signed up for art classes and workshops; "In college, I painted like crazy... there was a huge art studio on campus... late at night, I was usually the last one to leave."

Roberts cites Mary Cassatt as a particular artist who has influenced her, "I love everything about her... subject matter, styles, brushwork, skin tones and the beautiful impressionist colors..."

The second chapter of her book contains paintings inspired by Hurricane Charley in August of 2004; the astonished woman shown on the beaches is modeled after a pin-up girl from the 1940s and 1950s. Roberts remembers the hurricane bringing people together, "One reason I am so attached to Bailey's store now is that it became a hub - the owners provided showers and gave away food and water."

Sanibel Scenes is a treasure of paintings representing favorite places on the island; businesses, restaurants, museums and resorts. A romantic painting in dramatic tones of a lovely woman gazing across the table at an unseen man in Traders is my favorite; also the sarong clad beauty among palm trees holding aloft a colorful parrot at Jerry's.

Captiva is represented as well with her paintings of Robert Rauschenberg, Maybelle Stamper and Laetitia Nutt; the latter sitting pensively on a dock, surrounded by luggage cases while awaiting the approach of the *Dixie* ferryboat.

Starlets features Hollywood beauties; the Audrey Hepburn painting was purchased by Robert Rauschenberg and a stunningly beautiful oil of Marilyn Monroe is among Roberts' work in the collection of Jim and Susen Berg. Ginny Fleming's photos of her grandchildren playing on the beach were "the basis for several of Roberts' beach paintings" and are cherished by Fleming.

Johnson is a columnist for the *Island Sun* and is the author of the island bestseller, *Amazing Animal Stories From CROW*, which is a compilation of some of his weekly columns about inspiring wildlife rescues and animal rehabilitation.

Vandy Major, whose work so enhances this collection, photographed Roberts' paintings for this book; she is a freelance photojournalist and portrait artist who through her company, Sanibel Island Productions, offers photography, printmaking and marketing services.

Myra Roberts Retro Images From The Florida Coast is available at Sanibel and Captiva gift shops and bookstores ✨



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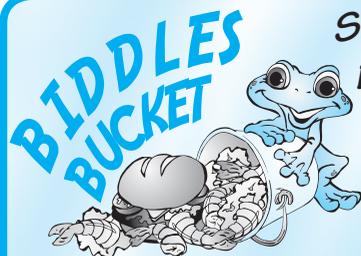


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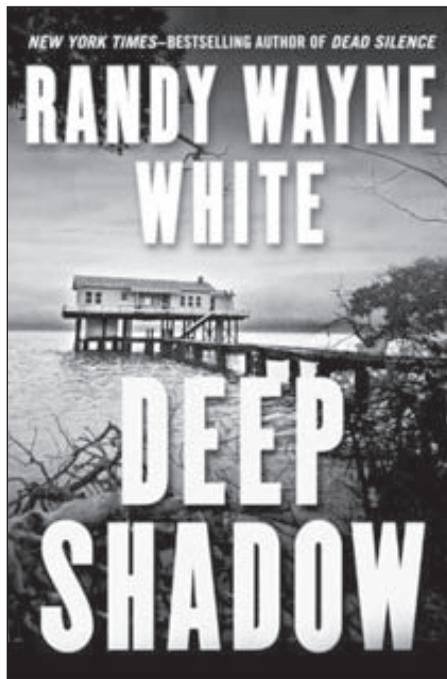


Randy Wayne White

Randy Wayne White will be at the Sanibel Island Bookshop, 1571 Periwinkle Way, on Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. to sign copies of his latest book *Deep Shadow*.

At the start of bestseller White's 17th Doc Ford thriller (after *Dead Silence*), two low-life ex-cons, King and Perry, are on the lam after killing a family of five in a burglary. They end up in Doc's neck of the woods, or rather his neck of the swamp, in central Florida.

Doc, his boat-bum hipster pal Tomlinson, troubled Indian teen Will Chaser, who played a key role in *Dead Silence*; and Arlis Futch, a crusty old



fisherman, have arrived at a small lake, which they intend to search for Batista's treasure plane, which disappeared in 1958 while flying the ex-dictator's looted booty out of Cuba during the Castro takeover.

King and Perry, who are as bad as they come, quickly take control of the others, forcing Doc and friends to continue diving in the lake, after which the pair plan to kill them all. Throw in a giant, mysterious swamp creature with an appetite for cattle, horses and divers, and you've got a nail-biter that's virtually impossible to put down.

White's novels featuring marine biologist Doc Ford and quirky pal Tomlinson have a growing cult following since the

first book appeared in 1990.

White was a light-tackle fishing guide at Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel for 13 years, did more than 3,000 charters, and draws heavily on those experiences for his novels about Dr. Marion Ford and friends at Dinkin's Bay. He has won the Conch Republic Award for literature, along with notables John Cheever, Peter Matthiessen, Jim Harrison, and Thomas McGuane. He also won the John D. MacDonald Award for Literary Excellence.

If you have any questions or can't make the signing and would like to have a copy reserved for you call 472-5223.*

Island Writers Read At BIG ARTS

Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers Spring Read will be on Thursday, March 11 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Philips Gallery, BIG ARTS.

The writers will perform selections from their prose and poetic works. These evening "reads" have been an island tradition since 1987.

Island Writers, established in 1984, meets weekly. Members read and critique each other's work and share writing-related information. Currently, five groups of 10 writers comprise Island Writers.

The selections have been chosen for quality, listener friendliness and length by a panel representing each of the five groups. Last year's December Read was received enthusiastically by an audience

New Sanibel Book Is Topic At 'Ding' Darling Lecture Series

Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will make a special guest appearance to speak about his latest book, *Living Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands*, on Thursday, March 11, at 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Education Center.

Newly released in February 2010, this comprehensive field guide to the birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, shells, insects, and plants found on Sanibel and Captiva islands contains more than 650 color photographs and illustrations to help identify the rich diversity of life found here.

The book concludes with a guide to all of the island museums and eco-attractions and a detailed map section of all the bike paths and trails of Sanibel and Captiva.

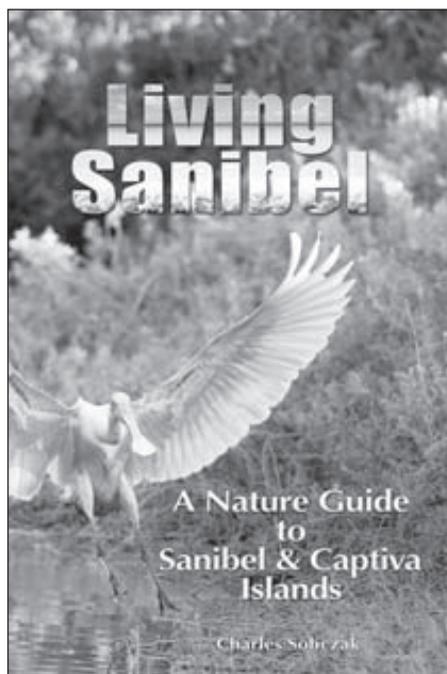
Admission is free to the lecture, which is sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge as part of its Thursday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

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

For more information on the lecture series call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Event:

• March 18 - Rick Bonney, Cornell Lab of Ornithology - *Birds of the Florida Gulf Coast: What Does the Future Hold?***



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Sanibel opera buff Bern Katchen and Sanibel Public Library staff member Betsy Eidem are reviewing the opera collection currently on display at the library.

The library offers close to 300 opera titles available for checkout – books, DVDs, and CDs. Katchen, a retired biochemist who has lived on Sanibel since 1993, lent his expertise to the staff to help develop the display.

A recognized opera expert, Katchen learned to love opera at age nine, listen-

ing to his mother's 78 rpm records. Jussi Björling was an early favorite. Maria Callas and Claudia Muzio are also favorites, and Katchen says they are two of the greatest sopranos of the 20th century.

If you're just starting out with opera, Katchen advises *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss. It's a comic opera and the final act is hilarious. *Rigoletto* is Katchen's favorite opera because "It's a Verdi opera!"

The love of opera and music runs in the family. Katchen's wife Lola was also an opera buff; his daughter plays the flute and his grandson is a drummer.

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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

selected by Don Brown

Equine Couple

by Carol H. Ehrlich

Two horses stand at the fence like statues. They make neither sound nor move, the old bay and the brown mare, Shoulder-to-shoulder, heads together, round eyes following us. What do they think as we pass by? Do they share their thoughts on our age, our smiles, our holding hands?

Do they see themselves?

Mother

by Carol H. Ehrlich

She lies in my memory clear as the ring of a tuning fork, eyes soft and loving, willing to help

when my babies were new; always there for a question. She turned worry into comfort. My memory of her seemed lost for many years. Now she is there once more dreams at night, impulse in the day to call her on the phone, desire to let my children know her as I did.

You can't remember her laugh, how she sang clear liquid soprano in the choir, how her black hair flashed blue in the sunlight, how she almost ran through the store when shopping, so we were out of breath trying to keep up, how she relished a cookie every night, and a good joke; how pretty she was, how lovely her bearing.

I knew it was time when she left us. Yet it was hard. these memories help. They lie warm and sweet like a satin blessing in my breast.

An 18-year veteran of Island Writers Group 2, Carol Ehrlich has written a book of poetry, *Winds in My Sails*, available from *iUniverse.com* and *Barnes and Noble*. Other publications include *All Kinds of Love*, *Experiencing Hospice with co-author C. Jaffe*. She says poetry is fun, it invites feelings and play with language.*



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The Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers members have been meeting weekly since 1984 to read and critique each other's work and share writing-related information. Currently, five groups of 10 writers comprise Island Writers.

The readers for the March 11 read include Hazel Barber, Ray Buck, Duke Barron, Victor Dix, Sandra Greco, Vince Faraone, Tanya Hochschild, Chuck Higgins, Jane Hogg, Francesca Joyce, Mary Lavelle, Morton Levy, Joe Pacheco, Joyce Rand, Marcia Rudin, Di Saggau, Sid Simon, Alan Smith, and Beth Ellen Warner.

Selections for this reading have been chosen carefully for quality, listener friendliness, and length, by a panel representing each of the five groups. Admission to the read will be a \$3 donation to BIG ARTS.

BIG ARTS is at 900 Dunlop Road. Call 395-0900 or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

Local Authors In Seniors Book Fair

Island Seniors, Inc. is holding a Used Book and Local Author Fair on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center on Library Way. Come by, pick up some gently used books for your reading pleasure and peruse the many books by local

authors. Ray Buck, Laura D'Amelio, Christine Lemmon, Kyle Miller, Randon Eddy, Bob Sabatino, Lorraine Vail and Charles Sobczak will be on hand to autograph and sell their books. Autographed books by Jodi Picault, Clive Cussler, Elizabeth Berg, Jane Hamilton, Elizabeth Strout (from the Sanibel Library Author Series) will also be available for sale. Other local authors are invited to participate.*

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Artist Signing Books At Frame Shop

Myra Roberts will sign copies of her new book, *Myra Roberts: Retro Images From The Florida Coast*, at Sanibel Art & Frame on March 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Roberts will also have on display her latest painting of Sanibel's crocodile, who was recently found dead. Guests will get the chance to see her complete the last brush strokes on the canvas.

The book contains 71 color plates and provides an inside look at the life and creative process of one of Southwest Florida's most popular artists.✱



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March Madness At The Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library is bustling with activity during the month of March. The adult program lineup is brimming with excitement.

First Fridays for Grownups is on March 5 at 2 p.m., followed by a music program with Miles Hoffman at 3:30 p.m. Author and astronomer John Hicks returns to the library for an all-star astronomy program on March 8 at 2 p.m.

Other events include:

- Friday March 12, 2 p.m., Laurie Nienhaus as Miss Millay
- Saturday March 13, 1 p.m., How to Sustain Wildlife and Marine Plants
- Tuesday March 16, 2 p.m., author Jacqueline Ferguson, *Let Your Body Win Stress Management Plain and Simple*
- Wednesday March 17, 2 p.m., author Michele Albion, *The Florida Life of Thomas A. Edison*
- Thursday March 18, 2 p.m., author Gary McClouth, *Natural Causes*
- Wednesday March 24, 2 p.m.

Fiction Book Discussion Group, *Laura Rider's Masterpiece* by Jane Hamilton

- Wednesday March 24, 2 p.m., author Kathy Sumner, *Captiva Island*
- Thursday March 25, 2 p.m., Non-fiction Book Discussion Group, *In the Graveyard of Empires: America's War in Afghanistan* by Seth Jones
- Tuesday March 30, 2 p.m., author Mary Tatarian, *Sea Bliss*
- Wednesday March 31, Poetry Month kick-off, Celebration of the Spoken Word.

There is no charge for these programs and they are open to all. For additional information call 472-2483.✱

New Mystery Novel By Sanibel Author

Hard Days in Paradise, a mystery novel by Sanibel author Bill Hallstead, has just been released by BlueWaterPress. The story, set in a fictional but familiar Florida locale, features wry and sometimes befuddled private investigator Rod Montgomery. Hallstead's Philadelphia-based PI has appeared in five short stories in *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine* and *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*.

A 24-year member of Island Writers Group 1, Hallstead has had 26 books published, beginning with his ghost-writing the 31st book in the famous Hardy Boys series. Eleven books for young adults followed, then six suspense novels under the pen name William Beechcroft.

His most recent work includes two co-authored memoirs. One of them, *In Hiding* (Valentine Mitchell, London, 2007), relates his family's two-year hiding from the Nazis in Holland by now-Sanibel resident Benno Benninga.

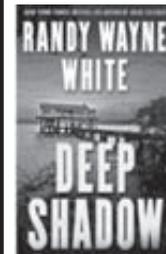
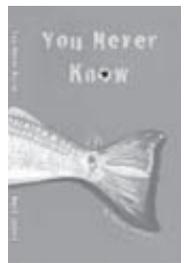
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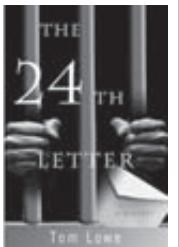
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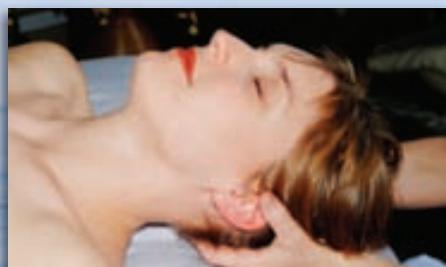
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Dedication Reception At BIG ARTS



Chuck Bonser, Laverne Phillips with great grandson Shea Benson

by Di Saggau

A pre-concert dedication reception honoring the late William “Bill” Phillips and his wife Laverne, was held Thursday, February 25 in Boler Garden at BIG ARTS. In spite of the chilly temperature there was a warm feeling in the air as people sampled various foods with a Russian flair. BIG ARTS President Chuck Bonser told the crowd, “Bill was a great role model, a kind and

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Sanibel Sea School's Sea Fandango A Huge Success

by Leah Biery, Sanibel Sea School

Thanks to support from our clients and the Sanibel community, Sanibel Sea School's annual ocean celebration and fundraiser, Sea Fandango, was a huge success!

Guests arrived at The Community House dressed in white and entered along a path lit with glowing luminaries. Once inside, everyone had cocktails and appetizers while they placed bids on silent auction items, which included original artwork by Patty Sprankle, a fishing trip with local author Charlie Sobczak, a Yamaha scooter, and baseball tickets.

There was also a Gifts to Give table, where people could sign up to purchase items sorely needed for our programs, things like surfboards, scientific equipment and snorkel gear. Our supporters were remarkably generous, and thanks to their contributions we will be able to make many improvements to the school this year.

We'll be getting lots of equipment to enjoy with students and campers, and we will get to experience some new and exciting adventures, like an offshore snorkeling trip in the Keys during Coral Reef Week.

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Bruce and Evelyn Neill, founders of Sanibel Sea School

CROW Hosts Woodstork Fundraiser At Traders Cafe

by Brian Johnson

Islanders came out attired in 1960s fashions for CROW's Woodstork Art & Wine Fest, held at Traders Cafe this past Sunday, to help raise funds for Sanibel's popular wildlife hospital.

Early estimates put the net total over \$35,000 for the evening, a jump up from last year.

“Everyone at CROW is pleased with the results,” said Steve Greenstein, the new executive director at CROW. “The community was generous, and the patients at CROW will experience the benefits for a long time.”

“Thanks so much to the people who support us each year,” added Susan Dunn, board president. “It's amazing how people went all out on the costumes – they let down their hair and had a great time.”

Artists from around the islands and Southwest Florida donated their work for the silent and live auctions. Jean Baer led the live auction, which featured two remarkable

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Mark Lewis

Baileyfest Benefits FISH



Sharon Thomas, board secretary; Chip Specht, board treasurer; Bill Fellows, board vice president; Ken Kasten, Bailey's Center Merchants Association president; Sam Bailey, Baileyfest founder; and Maggi Feiner, board president.

The Bailey's Center Merchants' Association presented a \$1,000 check to Friends in Service Here (FISH) of Sanibel. The funds were raised at Baileyfest 2009 in October.

Sam Bailey, who founded Baileyfest in 1985, and Ken Kasten, president of the Bailey's Center Merchants' Association, presented the check to members of the FISH board of directors.

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Part 1 of a 4 Part Series

Operating, Reserves Or Endowment: What's A Donor To Do?

by Arlene Knox, Director of Relationships
Southwest Florida Community Foundation

In this series on philanthropy and giving, you've learned the basic framework of community foundations, including how they support charitable organizations, not only here on Sanibel and Captiva Islands, but throughout the United States as well. We've also looked at how community foundations provide significant funding to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations through endowed funds. This week, let's take a closer look at the ways that nonprofits designate their funds and at how donors can be more strategic and impactful in their giving.

First, a clarification

The term "nonprofit" is often used to describe a wide variety of charities, service groups, churches, hospitals, daycares, and civic organizations. The IRS categorizes nonprofits as exempt from paying income taxes in Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and further describes charitable organizations in Subsection 501(3). Not only are such organizations exempt from income taxes, but contributions by the donors to those organizations are tax-deductible.

In this series, the term "nonprofit" means 501(c)3 organizations. Nonprofits provide many services that government either won't or is unable to provide for society's benefit. The IRS provides that special incentive (tax-deductibility) to individuals who support nonprofit work and who invest in the nonprofit sector.

In addition, the term nonprofit does not mean that the agency cannot earn money or make a profit in its normal course of business while carrying out its mission. It simply means that money must go directly to support the mission of the organization. The money earned or profits made cannot be used to pay the governing board. Although a nonprofit's governing board, or board of directors, is comprised of volunteer leadership, the directors are still responsible for the fiduciary, legal, ethical, and governance issues of the organization.

Nonprofits, then, must pay careful attention to professional standards in their operations. Both staff members and volunteer leaders must work together to ensure that programs and operations are run in a responsible manner.

One of the areas where diligence is key is in fiscal management. The most successful nonprofits have a variety of ways they manage their funds. The most common are operations, reserve, and endowment.

Operational Funds

Nonprofit agencies are just like any professional organization entities; they must pay for overhead, salaries, and programs. The annual operations budget may include

expenses needed for volunteer and board training, auditing services, meals for clients, transportation (gas, mileage, and maintenance), or any other function that is used to carry out the mission. Nonprofits typically use fundraising events, annual fund mail-outs, major gifts, and program fees to cover the annual budgets.

Reserve Funds

A reserve fund is an account that holds a specific amount of money that can be accessed quickly by the agency in case of an emergency. For example, some agencies have a three-month reserve fund that is not accessed unless it is needed. The agency's board usually creates policies that will determine the conditions under which the reserve fund is accessed. A reserve fund is held and managed by the agency. The fund can be held in a savings account, short term CD, or other vehicle.

Endowment Funds

You know the old adage: "slow and steady wins the race." An endowment fund is set aside for the nonprofit by the agency or a third-party entity for perpetuity; only a specified percentage may be expended each year. Nonprofits may invest their endowment with a commercial financial firm or they may use their local community foundation by placing it in an agency endowment. The endowment is built through donations, and typically, nonprofits will start an endowment when they receive a substantial donation.

An agency endowment fund is a permanently endowed fund that is established exclusively for the long-term and future needs of a 501(c)3 non-profit. It is money set aside normally for the future operational needs of the agency. Normally, the agency may choose to receive a percentage payout each year from the endowment or may leave the payout in the fund to grow. Over time, as the agency increases the principal by additional funds or as the funds earn income on the investments in the fund, the amount of the payout grows also, thereby creating a permanent income stream for the agency.

Community foundations are experts at endowment management. In fact, 97 nonprofit agencies have agency endowment funds at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

What does this mean for the donor?

Donors should ask agencies whether a reserve fund or endowment fund is a part of the fiscal planning process. Reserve funds and endowment funds allow the nonprofit to weather emergencies and unforeseen needs. And the staff members and board members of the nonprofits need to be prepared to answer these questions!

Donors like to give to organizations that are strategic in their fiscal thinking. This allows the donor flexibility in how they give. Some donors may have no interest in giving to an operational budget that will be used up in a year, but would rather place

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Sea Fandango



Patty Sprankle poses with the custom art she created for the Sea Fandango silent auction

Jordan Webster Catering prepared dinner for the event, and the menu was centered on sustainable seafood and organically grown offerings. While dining on wild-caught Alaskan salmon with risotto cakes, attendees took part in a spirited live auction.

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A quilt custom made by Captiva resident Susan Scott for the live auction



Doug Towle, Kim Alexander, and Mark Marinello



Dick Muench auctions off the Sanibel Sea School staff's pressure washing services during the spirited live auction



Marcia Kimball, left, owner of Giggles and the overall sponsor of Sea Fandango, with friend Stephanie Powers

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Sea Fandango

They were competing for highly coveted items like a trip to a NY Yankees game, a beautiful necklace from Lily & Co., a day of pressure washing service from the Sanibel Sea School pressure washing team, and a unique, beautiful quilt handmade by Captiva resident Susan Scott.

The Community House was pulsing to the sounds of a Latin drumming trio from Miami. The co-founders, Bruce and Evelyn Neill, made a small presentation about Sanibel Sea School and guests watched a short film about some of the things the school does, which was kindly created by Sisbro Studios. The major sponsor of Sea Fandango was Giggles - A Unique Kidz Boutique located on Captiva. We owe a giant thank you to everyone who participated in the event, including the planning committee, sponsors, attendees, and donors. Your support is what allows Sanibel Sea School to thrive.

Much of the money raised at Sea Fandango will support our scholarship programs to help more local kids enjoy our programs to learn about and love the ocean, but we want adults to benefit from our programs too. This Spring, we are offering weekly adult classes on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Come out and study some very interesting marine topics with your peers - it's a great way to enjoy our island ecosystem and socialize with like-minded people. For more information about topics and registration, call 472-8585.

Sanibel Sea School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to teaching people about marine ecosystems. To learn more, visit us online at www.sanibelseaschool.org.

Nominate Teachers

Elementary, middle, and high school teacher nominations are being sought for the annual Character Education Awards to be presented by the Uncommon Friends Foundation. Teachers and staff members in public and private schools in Lee, Charlotte, and Collier counties are eligible to be nominated - either by themselves or co-workers. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 19.

Awards will be presented to those selected during the Uncommon Evening dinner on Thursday, June 3, at Harborside Event Center, Fort Myers.

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Criteria and the nomination form are available at www.uncommonfriends.org.

Non-Profits Can Learn From Fund Raising Execs

Strategic Planning for the Small Nonprofit will be the topic at the Gulf Coast Society of Fund Raising Executives meeting March 9 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The purpose is to teach nonprofits the key components needed for strategic planning, including identifying organizational purpose, mission, goals, and strategies.

Brad Pollins, president of Change Horizons Incorporated, is the presenter. He has 24 years experience in consulting, primarily focused on organizational effectiveness, change management, and business transformation. He has worked for and with several companies in providing change solutions including: Lee Memorial Health System, Ernst & Young, Andersen Consulting, Chick-fil-A, BellSouth, Milliken & Company, Ford, Northeast Utilities, Southern Company, MCI, Atlanta Gas Light Company, Aetna, London Life, Cigna, Home Depot, and Coca-Cola.

Locally, Pollins has helped many organizations develop strategic plans including: FineMark National Bank & Trust, the City of Fort Myers, the Youth Coalition of SW Florida, the Harry Chapin Food Bank, the Fort Myers Police Department, the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and the Ronald McDonald House of SW Florida.

Deadline to register is March 8. Lunch is \$16 for members and \$20 for non-members. For membership or other GCFSRE information, log onto www.gcfsre.org or call Joyce Jacobs/Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007, ext. 303.

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Dedication Reception At BIG ARTS



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Marina Dowling, Terry and Barbara Nagle

decent man and without their hard work we wouldn't be here tonight, because they made BIG ARTS possible. His influence continues today."

Laverne Phillips was there with three of her children and five great grandchildren. She extended a warm

welcome to everyone and joked about the cold weather.

"This is a special night for sure, and I want to thank everyone who tried to make me wear their jackets." She said that in the 1980s when Bill became treasurer for BIG ARTS, the budget was \$20,000. Sixteen years later he had a million dollar budget.

"Whatever had to be done he did and he said the secret to BIG ARTS is its volunteers. He also believed in

teamwork." Two large dragonfly sculptures were dedicated in Bill's name. Laverne said dragonflies are something they both loved. Audience members raised a glass of champagne to toast the Phillips.

The evening was capped off with a performance by the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin, one of Russia's leading ensembles, featuring some of their finest young string players, and directed by Misha Rachlevsky. It was a night to remember.*

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Will Power: Five Things Men And Women Want From Each Other



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

Dr. David G. Kelley, a local marriage and family therapy consultant, spoke to my clients last week and had something very interesting to say that I thought was

worthy of sharing. You see, I hold annual maintenance workshops for my estate planning clients, occasionally inviting guest speakers to lecture on their area of expertise. Dr. Kelley was our most recent guest speaker.

Dr. Kelley is a retired minister, so his background in helping families dealing with conflict and communication runs deep – some forty years or more. He pointed out that more than 50 percent of first marriages end in divorce in our country, and that of those that get married a second time the failure rate is even higher, at 65 percent. He informed us that more than 80 percent of children in the Lee County Public School system live in one-parent households.

I found those statistics astonishing. Maybe it's because so many of my friends remain married to their first spouse, and most who are raising children do so in a two-parent household.

Nevertheless, I understand how difficult it must be for a single parent to earn enough to pay the rent, put food on the table, take the kids to their activities and help them with homework. Patti and I, as a tag team working together, work very hard at it. I can't imagine either one of us going it alone.

Nevertheless, Dr. Kelley pointed out that for a marriage to work there has to be superb communication. No mystery there for anyone who has been or is married. Yet, he told the story of sitting in a restaurant and watching a couple silently going over the menu, eating their food and finishing the meal. The whole time, barely a word was spoken between them. He said in his experience the lack of interaction in that everyday setting signals trouble.

At a minimum it shows a disengagement between two people who should be very much engaged in each other's lives. In order for that not to happen, he suggested that married couples ought to know the five things that husbands and wives want from each other. Not surprisingly, those things are different. He said if we can give our spouse the things that are most important to him or her, then we'll be able to successfully navigate our relationships – and have healthy interactions throughout our marriage.

Women want, according to Dr. Kelley – these five things from their spouse:

1. Affection
2. Meaningful conversation
3. Honesty and openness
4. Financial support and
5. Commitment to the relationship.

Anecdotally, I asked Patti whether she agreed with those five things. She said that she did. "Remember the other day," she recalled, "when I asked you about what we were going to do about such and such?"

I told her that I did.

"Do you remember what you said to me?" She said in a somewhat scolding, yet lighthearted tone.

"No. Not really." I sheepishly responded.

"You said, 'Whatever you decide is fine with me,'" Patti said grinning.

"And that's a problem because...?" I answered somewhat condescendingly (bad move on my part).

"It's a problem because I didn't need for you to tell me that. I wanted to have a meaningful conversation with you about the dilemma. I needed to bounce something off of you to see if I was thinking clearly. Wasn't that Dr. Kelley's point?"

Patti was right. My reaction to say whatever she wanted was exactly what she didn't want. She wanted to discuss the situation, and I essentially brushed her off.

She then asked me what are the five things men want from their wives. Dr. Kelley reports that the five things men want from their wives are:

1. Sexual fulfillment
2. Recreational partner (to do active things – travel, hiking, attending sporting events, etc.)
3. Attractiveness
4. Domestic support with the home and kids, and
5. Admiration

While I would suggest the list appears, on its face at least, somewhat chauvinistic and shallow, I would say that as a man married for 20 years I would agree that the list is pretty much on point. At least it is from this man's perspective.

I admit that men can be shallow. We need to feel loved and admired. Dr. Kelley said it's hard-wired into our brains. Whatever the reason, when a wife understands what her husband's needs are, and a husband understands what his wife's needs are, it would seem that it would be that much easier to have a happier, more fulfilling life.

And isn't that what it's all about, anyway?

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Mercury Astronaut Will Sign Memorabilia

For the first time ever the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) is hosting a special mail-in signing with one of only two surviving *Mercury Seven* astronauts, Scott Carpenter, now through March 15.

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Carpenter was the second American to orbit the Earth during his *Aurora 7* mission in 1962. He also has the unique distinction of being the first astronaut-aquonaut conducting experiments in both inner and outer space. Carpenter is an accomplished author and serves on the ASF board of directors as one of its founders. He was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame on May 11, 1990.

Carpenter is offering the "Write Stuff" to space fans' items in support of the foundation's mission of providing scholarships to college students pursuing degrees in science and technology. Once signed, all items will be safely shipped back to their owners. For more information visit www.astronautscholarship.org/carpenter_signing.html or call 321-455-7014.✪



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What do potatoes and tourists have in common? During the months of February through April, they're both plentiful in Southwest Florida as their "seasons" are underway. For proof, look no further than the Troyer Brothers' potato fields in Lehigh Acres.

Over the next few months, the Troyer Brothers, with the help of approximately 100 workers, expect to harvest, sort and ship nearly 50 million pounds of potatoes from the three locations they farm in Southwest Florida. That's the same weight as 14 Boeing 747s



After sorting, potatoes are packed and sold to distributors or under Troyer's private Sun King label

Only the most perfect potatoes make it to market, according to Aaron Troyer, who oversees day-to-day operations.

"We use an optical scanner in our sorting process," he says. "After potatoes have been off-loaded from our trucks and washed, then the scanner examines each one to grade and sort it, based on pre-programmed criteria." Those that pass the grade will be sold to potato distributors or under the Troyer's private Sun King label. Some nearby residents even come to buy potatoes directly from the Troyer's packing house when they see the machines out harvesting.

The crop is harvested mechanically. Computers track each potato to the field it came from. Troyer says using technology like the scanner and harvesting machinery makes them more productive and shortens the trip of the potatoes from field to table.

The harvest will likely last through the end of April. Workers will then begin preparing fields for next year's crop.

Troyer Brother has approximately 3,500 acres under management in Lee County. They raise white, red and yellow potatoes which are sold locally, nationally and in Canada. They have been farming in Pennsylvania since 1943 and in Florida since 1983. It is a family operation, owned by brothers Don, Vern and David Troyer. Aaron is the son of David. The company employs 22 full-time and 75 seasonal employees.*

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 2 tablespoons minced garlic
 1 cup white wine vinegar
 ¼ cup dry sherry
 2 tablespoons sugar
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ cup olive oil
 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves
 1 teaspoon black pepper
 Trim stems from mushrooms and slice caps. Sauté mushrooms until lightly browned and most liquid has evaporated. Add shallots and garlic, sauté one to two minutes. Add white wine vinegar and sherry, scraping bottom of pan to loosen any browned bits. Add sugar and salt, stirring to dissolve sugar. Cook until liquid is reduced by half. Gradually stir in oil, mustard, thyme and pepper. Add shrimp and heat thoroughly.

Yield four servings

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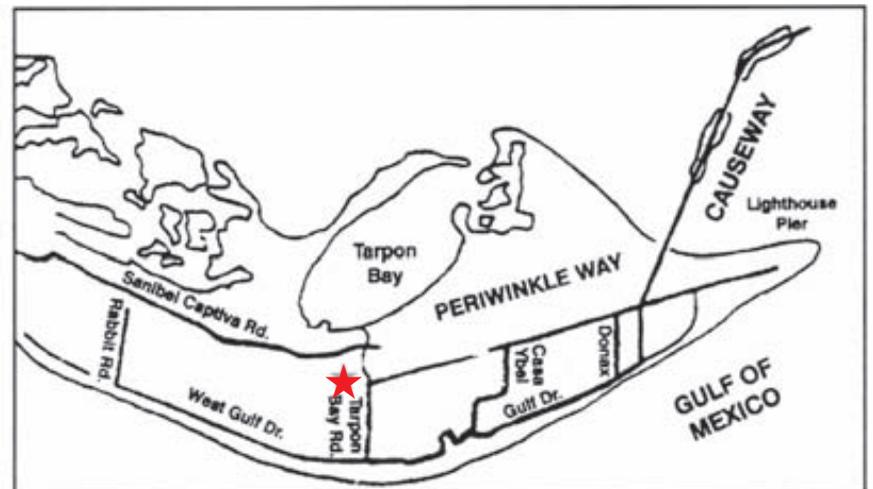
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Woodstork Fundraiser



Auctioneer Jean Baer

pieces by internationally acclaimed artist Darryl Pottorf. The other artists to donate their work to the live auction included Joan Roberts, Bob Cipriani, Katie Gardenia, and Mark Lewis. Henry Eckert donated one of the Pottorf pieces, and the Watson MacRae Gallery donated a pastel by Hollis Jeffcoat. The night also featured an Audubon snowy egret.

As usual, guests enjoyed the spread put out by Traders, which included ahi tuna, lobster ravioli and crab cakes, as well as the friendly service. "Traders was outstanding again," said Dunn.

Dunn was joined by Co-chair Cathy Cola, owner of Fifty Percent Framing in Fort Myers. They led a group of volunteers and board members who put in a huge effort to organize the event. Annie Nachtsheim was in charge of checking in guests – and getting the first glimpse of the costumes as they came up the runway to the restaurant.



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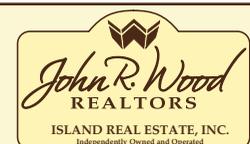
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Around The Islands With Anne

Colorful Giggles Has Cool And Retro Clothes For Kids

by Anne Mitchell



Giggles Unique Kidz Boutique is now happily settled at its new location on Captiva in Chadwick's Square – and what a colorful place it is. From the exuberant floor painted by local “pop” artist Leoma Lovegrove to the dressing room with Spiderman crouching on the ceiling, this is a store children will love.

The clothing ranges from frothy to funky – from tutus and party dresses to rocker T-shirts and tie-dye outfits. There are Wes + Willy and Ben Sherman shirts and Kingston kids' size rock concert tees and Diesel hoodies for the boys; and exquisite Biscotti special dresses in crisp cotton and Key to Love cotton jersey separates with a retro look for girls.

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Lelli Kelly beaded shoes are sold at Giggles



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Rocker T-shirt from a selection at Giggles

time. The store is at 5400 Plantation Road, phone 395-0700.

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“When a person's energy is strong and free-flowing, their body and mind are in a state of positive health,” she says. When the energy becomes weak or blocked, it can lead to physical or emotional symptoms. A Reiki session helps ease tension and stress, unblocks and increases energy flow, and helps the body facilitate healing on all levels... physical, mental, and emotional.”

Langer describes Reiki as “a pleasant and relaxing experience performed fully clothed.” She said its use and acceptance among health care professionals and the general public has grown exponentially in recent years, along with other forms of alternative therapy such as acupuncture and meditation.

“More than one in three Americans has used such care, and hospitals and physicians across the country (including TV's Dr. Oz) are incorporating it, often with their own Reiki-trained physicians, nurses and support staff,” Langer adds.

A typical full Reiki session takes about an hour, but Langer also offers half-hour sessions for those who are curious, or just have a specific area on which they want her to concentrate. Prices are \$63 for an hour or \$36 for a half hour with the 10 percent discount coupon in her ad in the Professional Directory of the *Island Sun*. She also makes house calls.

She gives Reiki training classes weekly, working around clients' schedules for those who want to do Reiki on themselves and others. Training takes as little as three hours.



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- 1st Gussie Blue 53
- 2nd Sue Richard 60
- 3rd Jane Gould 61
- 4th Irmingard Markusch 62*

Flight B (22.8 – 28.9 Team HDCP Range)

- 1st Nan Frymoyer 59*
- 2nd Betsy Cox 59
- 3rd Kenene Weymouth 60
- 4th Mary Donovan 61

Flight C (29.0 – 35.0 Team HDCP Range)

- 1st Pat Wentling 64
- 2nd Doris Dewitt 65
- 3rd Lil Gailius 69
- 4th Ann McCarthy 71

Flight D (35.5 – 39.1 Team HDCP Range)

- 1st Lee Bogan 58
- 2nd Jinny Kelby 60*
- 3rd Bridget Funk 60
- 4th Rosemary Ryan 61

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- Pat Sawin #8
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 - Jane Gould #2 and #10
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Beachview Men's Golf Association

by Ed O'Neil

The annual tour of Places I Seldom See became an underwater adventure for the Beachview Men's Golf association February 27 when the field closed out the soggiest winter month in memory.

The occasion was the tribute to George and Abe, those presidents you see on your small bills. The Beachview guys mark the month with a Red, White and Blue Scramble.

This means the red tees up front are used on six holes, the back blues count six times and the in-between whites six times. No one feels familiar in some places you wind up scrambling to or from.

The event was down to the wire between two teams that approached the problem from opposite directions. And the winning team had four players from "none of the above" gold tees. The golds are reserved for older folks... older being quite relative on these islands. To kid reporters downtown, "old" begins at 59. They don't get to meet octogenarians who can pump a golf ball several hundred yards.

In any event Jerry Tucker, Jerry Mader, Rene Lohser and Dick Choccol used good handicaps and fine putting in assembling a slick 40.75.

Coming at the challenge from a far different direction, the team of Barry Humphries, Bruce Cutler, Russ Bilgore and your author, Ed O'Neil blasted their way to a 43. Big hitting Barry and Bruce bombed the greens in a single stroke several times when moved to the short red tees and hit equally powerful seconds when called to do that. Russ and Ed did what seniors do best by helping with chips and amazing putts.

Rich Rompala, Tony Baldino, Bill Blankenship and Terry Myers blended well for a 43.25 and third place. The entire field finished the event despite steady, cold rain after the midway point.

The Variable Better Ball of February 23 resulted in a blanket finish. Dan Keys, Mark Ryan, Bill Sartoris and Jerry Mader registered a 113 and survived a scorecard playoff.

Tony Baldino, Rod West, David Lewis and Dave Bugby had the second place 113. Bill Steil, Fred Zimmer, Ed Grosse and Bill Blankenship settled for third at 115.*

Beachview Ladies Golf

Beachview Ladies League played a 4-Lady, 2-Best Balls (net scores based) tournament on February 24. The results:

18 holes		
1st	Sandy Sauer	114
	Diane Metz	
	Geri Harrand	
	Gini Gersack	
2nd	Sharon Ellen	116
	Ann Marie Sprotte	

	Nancy Carlile	
	Mary Jane Bolon	
3rd	Gloria Waterhouse	118
	Marilyn Humphries	
	Carol Arnould	
	Barbara Egan	
9 holes		
1st	Sally Lichtenstein	63
	Sue McDermott	
	Linnea Sadd	
2nd	Mary Jane Keys	69
	Alfie Shell	
	Alice Fournier.*	

Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, February 24, format: 2 pin 4 man scramble (25 percent handicap), are:

1st Place	
Noel Davis	46
Bruce McLaughlin	
David Dyke	
Herb Hoover	
2nd Place	
Roger Blouin	48
Jack Pagel	

Bill Swain	
Ned Sauerwein	
3rd Place	
Hank Humphrey	48.4
Howard Dwyer	
Joe Miller	
Tom Browning	
4th Place	
Jim Burkholder	49.3
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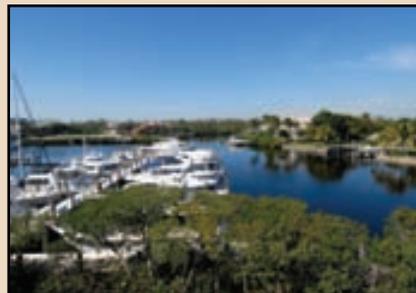


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1. Four people managed both the Yankees and the Mets during their careers. Name three of them.
2. How many times did Boston Red Sox great Ted Williams have 100-plus walks in a season?
3. In 2008, Baltimore's Ed Reed became the second player in NFL history to return two interceptions 100-plus yards. Who was the first to do it?
4. Three men's basketball coaches have won an NCAA title, an NIT postseason championship and an Olympic gold medal. Name two of them.
5. The New York Rangers and Washington Capitals were involved in the longest shootout in NHL history. How many rounds was it?
6. When was the last time before John Crews in 2009 that a U.S.-born male won the Philadelphia Marathon?
7. How many consecutive LPGA Player of the Year Awards had Lorena Ochoa won entering 2010?

ANSWERS

1. Yogi Berra, Dallas Green, Casey Stengel and Joe Torre. 2. Eleven times in his 19-year major-league career. 3. The Philadelphia Eagles' Lito Sheppard. 4. Bob Knight, Pete Newell and Dean Smith. 5. Fifteen rounds in 2005. 6. Brian Claas won it in 2000. 7. Four in a row.

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Lisa Is Rec Center Volunteer Of The Month



Lisa Herms

The Sanibel Recreation Department has recognized Lisa Herms as the Volunteer of the Month.

Lisa was the recreation center's first junior volunteer. She has been volunteering at the Sanibel Recreation Center for almost two years with youth programs such as the After School Program, Fun Days and Summer Recreation Camps. She has participated in the various youth programs at the recreation center since she was in elementary school.

Currently, she is a junior in the International Baccalaureate program at Fort Myers High School.

"I love working with the kids and I feel good about what I am doing. I am now considering a career that involves work-

ing with children. The recreation center is such a great place for people of all ages. It is fun to see the young and old interacting and working together," she said.

Volunteer opportunities are now available. Call 472-0345.*

Little League Spring Schedule

submitted by Eric Pfeifer

Sanibel Little League kicks off season with the following schedule, weather permitting:

- Tuesday, 6 p.m.: Major League Girls and Major League Boys
- Friday, 6 p.m., Minor League Boys
- Saturday, 9 a.m., Tee Ball and Minor League Girls

- 10 a.m.: Major League Boys

All schedules and rosters are on the website: www.SanibelYouthSports.com.

On Saturday, March 6, Marty Harritty will be making a "cameo" appearance to kick off tee ball. It will be his last appearance after coaching for 20 years. I would like to honor this day by giving him some recognition from our organization. We will never see him do the "turtle" again.

If Harritty was a part of your child's tee ball experience, please join us for a small send off (surprise) party for him Saturday at 10 a.m. He will start tee ball at 9 a.m. Also, please help me spread the word.*

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Recreation Department Member Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Member of the Month Roy Awe.

Awe is retired from the Detroit Police Department Homicide Section and now enjoys the "good life" spending winters at his Sanibel home. He frequented the old recreation center since the mid-1970s and immediately joined the new recreation center upon its opening in 2007. While Awe and his wife enjoy the pool and weight room facilities, the real life changing benefit came from a complimentary health screening that was hosted at the recreation center. Awe explained, "During a skin cancer screening by the Harris Dermatology Group last March, an area was discovered on my right upper arm. I had that mole for approximately 10 years. It turns out that it was a melanoma. I had the surgery that saved my life in April 2009!"

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



Roy Awe

Sanctuary Golf Club Women Rally For The Cure



The proud participants, all wearing pink

On February 10, The Sanctuary Golf Club Women's Association participated in Rally for the Cure, a breast cancer awareness campaign.

A field of 64 players competed in a closest-to-the-pin contest on a designated par-3 rally hole and golf balls bearing the pink ribbon breast cancer awareness symbol were awarded to every player who hit the green.

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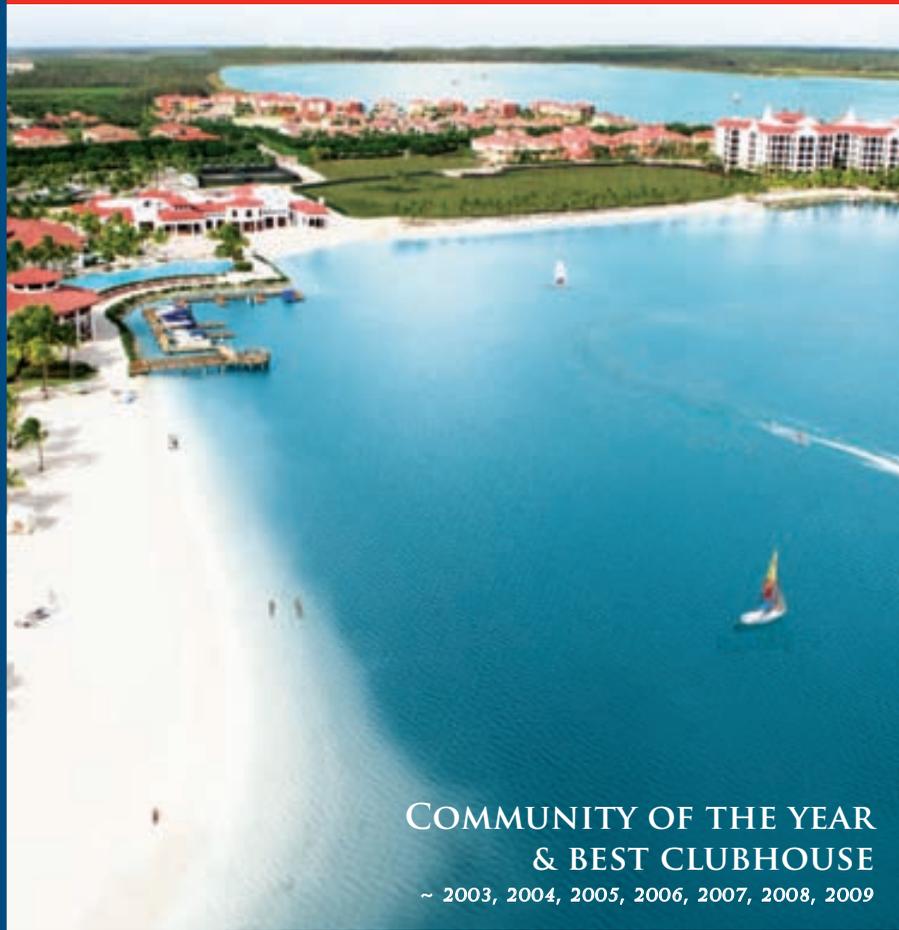
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SCCF Tennis Tournament To Be Held March 12-14

Don't miss the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) 18th annual Tennis Tournament at The Dunes March 13 and 14. One of the island's premier tennis tournaments, the format is doubles team competition with first round consolation and winners advance to finals. The categories are Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. All league players will compete at team level of the highest-ranked partner. Non-league players will be placed at USTA rating and/or at the discretion of The Dunes Director of Tennis Operations. If three or fewer teams enter a category, they will be placed with the nearest appropriate category and will play a double elimination round.

Winners and consolation players will each receive an etched wine glass created by island artist Luc Century. There will be a silent auction with auction items on display at SCCF on Friday evening and at The Dunes over the weekend.

The opening reception will be at SCCF on Friday, March 12. Continental breakfast for players will be available Saturday and Sunday, along with lunch both days.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 11. For more tournament information, contact Louis Vosloo or Diane Limeri at The Dunes, 472-3522.

The tournament is generously sponsored by The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. If you would like to be a sponsor, call Marti Bryant at 472-2329. Tournament proceeds benefit SCCF's General Operating Fund. SCCF is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed.✪



Nick Brown

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, February 25, format: ABCD Color Day, are:

1st	Patty Molnar Valerie Hotchkiss Bonnie Reese Jeanette McLaughlin	33
2nd	Jeanne Lindman Pat Haggerty Phyllis Koury Lindman's guest	34
3rd	Gay Nichols Joan Dyke Sue Altum Wanda Malone	36
4th	Gloria Martinez Peggy Hogg Mary Coddens Dorothy Hirschfeld	38

Birdie/Chip Ins
Wanda Malone, Birdie on #1
Gloria Martinez, Chip in
Congratulations to all the winners.✪

Dunes Sunday Couples

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Sunday Couples results from Sunday, February 28, format: 4 Person Scramble, are:

1st Place	Jerry Muench June Muench Jerry Nichols Gay Nichols	57.7
2nd Place	Peter Cline Barbara Cline David Parmelee Mary Ann Parmelee	59.4
3rd Place	Howard Dwyer Margaret Dwyer Dave Blue Gussie Blue	61.1

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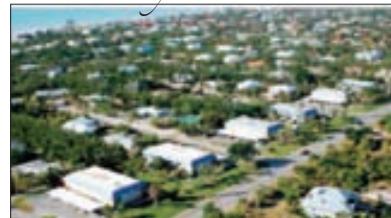
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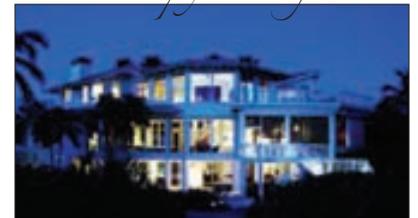
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SANIBEL POOL LEAGUE

Standings through March 1, 2010

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	232	104
Second	One Ball Wonders	162	174
Third	Fresh Legion Crew	149	187
Fourth	Sanibel Cafe	129	207

Bunt's Ball Busters	11	One Ball Wonders	5
Fresh Legion Crew	12	Sanibel Cafe	4

Ball Busters Win Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Bunt's Ball Busters routed the second place One Ball Wonders to capture first place honors for the season by 70 games.

Last year the Ball Busters also took first place but only by 16 games. Ball Buster Captain Bob Buntrock credited superior recruiting and intelligent safety play while One Ball Wonder Captain Kip Buntrock predicted that old age would catch up with the champs and that "things will be different next year."

The Fresh Legion Crew shook off a late challenge by Sanibel Café to capture third place for the season. Barb Chance, Tom Hensel, and Carmen Senese went undefeated for the Legion Crew. Dougie "Fresh" Conaway's three wins over Jack Dalton put the Legion Crew over the top for their third place finish.

Three events remain to complete the League's 2009-2010 season. Next Monday at 6 p.m. is the league's Singles Tournament with 21 players entered. On Monday, March 15, an awards banquet will be held at Legion Post 123 and on Tuesday, March 23, the league's top eight players will travel to North Fort Myers to take on the North Fort Myers Senior League in the annual challenge contest. Sanibel is still seeking its first win.✪

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There's a chance to win a \$500 custom-built McDermott pool cue or numerous other prizes at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraiser at the Sanibel Grill on Saturday, March 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Again this year, Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League organizer Bob Buntrock will take on all-comers in a game of 8-ball. He shoots one-handed. Contestants can use both hands. For each \$10 donation made, your name goes in a hat for a drawing for the cue and the other prizes. Those who beat Buntrock double their chances of winning the cue.

The games will be played on a pool table supplied and brought to the Sanibel Grill by Doug Towles of Towne & Country Vending. The table will be set up in the Timbers parking lot where it will share the stage with other planned competitive events.

In last year's Relay for Life, Buntrock played 24 games against all-comers. He raised \$755 for the cancer appeal winning 18 games and losing six. Winner of last year's McDermott cue was Cliff Forrest, Bayview Drive, Sanibel.

Since 2007 Buntrock has raised almost \$6,000 for the American Cancer Society and other island charities. He's played 198 games shooting one-handed and lost 37. He explained the losses by pointing out that he had only lost 12 before organizing the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League.

"The players are getting better and some of them are even playing safe every once in a while," Buntrock said.✪

Island Seniors This Week

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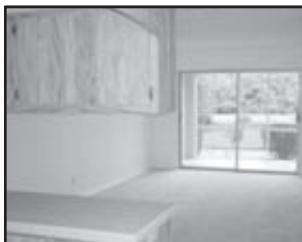
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by Ed Frank

The Olympic flames have been extinguished in Vancouver, but burning brighter than ever is the interest and excitement of hockey – and that includes right here in Southwest Florida.

At the very moment last Sunday when Canadian hero Sidney Crosby slapped the winning overtime goal past U.S. goalie Ryan Miller to give Team Canada Olympic gold, our own Florida Everblades were defeating arch-rival South Carolina for the second straight night at Germain Arena.

You've got to wonder why the Everblades would schedule a game, particularly against first-place South Carolina, at the same time that the most anticipated hockey game in history, perhaps the most anticipated sporting event in decades, was being played.

But that's to argue at another time and another place.

In losing 3-2 in an incredible overtime battle, the young Team USA, didn't quite repeat the 1980 Miracle on Ice when the U.S. defeated Russia, but it was a game that will be long remembered whenever the word hockey is mentioned.

I remember well 12 years ago when the Germain Arena was built and the Florida Everblades hockey franchise was organized.

Many doubted whether professional hockey would be successful in the southern climes of Florida. Now in their 12th season, the Everblades have compiled a 497-259-89 record over those years, have made the Kelly Cup playoffs all but one season, and have been one of the most competitive teams in the 20-team coast-to-coast ECHL.

This season, for example, with a 30-19-9 record and a second-place standing in the South Division, Florida has drawn 151,787 fans through 29 games for an average of 5,234 per game, sixth best in the league.

It was indeed a shame that the timing of last Sunday's frenetic clash between Florida and South Carolina coincided with the Team Canada-Team USA historic battle for the Olympic gold medal.

The night before, the Everblades had defeated the Stingrays 5-4 in overtime before 6,138 at Germain. The home team had battled back from a 3-0 deficit sparked by Kevin Baker's three goals.

Then on Sunday as the gold medal game captured the intrigue of millions worldwide, attendance dropped to an understandable 4,548 as Florida, trailing 2-0 entering the third period, recorded a 3-2 shootout victory with goalie Chris Beckford-Tseu recording a season high 47 saves.

As the week began, the Everblades still trailed South Carolina by 12 points with five regular season games remaining, two here and three on the road. But sweeping the Stingrays last weekend showed that Florida can make it tough on this first-place team.

The Everblades complete their season-high eight-game home stand this week against Gwinnett on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Although Team USA came out second best in that never-to-be-forgotten gold medal game, this Winter Olympics was the best in history for American athletes.

As recent as 1988, the last time Canada hosted the Winter Olympics, the U.S. recorded a mere six medals, four silver and two bronze. Twenty-two years later, the U.S. racked up a record 37 medals, nine gold, 15 silver and 13 bronze.

This astounding turnaround can be attributed to none other than George Steinbrenner, the demanding owner of the World Champion New York Yankees.

A U.S. Olympic Committee board member, Steinbrenner set on motion an Olympic mission to make medals the measure of success. His 1989 Steinbrenner Commission outlined a short term and long term program to improve the training and selection of Olympic athletes.

The Steinbrenner plan called for more money the years before an Olympics, health insurance, part-time jobs and tuition grants to allow athletes to compete longer. The USOC gave \$40 million in athletic support over the four years leading to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and a reported \$55 million the past four years.

Steinbrenner brought to the U.S. Olympic program what he brought to his beloved Yankees, namely long-term success.✪

Week's Home Spring Training Schedule

Team	Location	Time
Boston Red Sox	Monday, March 8,	1:05 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 10,	1:05 p.m.
	Saturday, March 13,	1:05 p.m.
Minnesota Twins	Sunday, March 7,	12:05 p.m.
	Tuesday, March 9,	12:05 p.m.
	Thursday, March 11,	6:05 p.m.
City of Palms Park	Monday, March 8,	12:05 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 10,	12:05 p.m.
	Saturday, March 13,	12:05 p.m.
Hammond Stadium	Sunday, March 7,	12:05 p.m.
	Tuesday, March 9,	12:05 p.m.
	Thursday, March 11,	12:05 p.m.

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Master Bedrooms Aren't Just For Sleeping



by Jeanie Tinch

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

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

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

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



Master bedroom

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

Possibly more than in any other area of the home, window treatments here need to be both beautiful and functional. Providing there is a nice view, the win-

dow treatments should be designed to completely clear the windows when opened. Styles, fabrics, trim, hardware, and fabrication techniques can vary tremendously to satisfy both function and beauty.

A small love seat or chaise positioned at the foot of the bed can serve a dual role as a comfy nest for reading and as a rest for folding back the bed cover at night. If space is at a premium, try two easy chairs facing each other with an ottoman between.

A beautiful armoire will serve to encase the master bedroom television and will need to be carefully situated if the bed

is draped and canopied so that the side drapery doesn't interfere with viewing. Ideally, the television will be equipped with remote headphones so that the viewer will not disturb the person reading or sleeping.

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

Deep, rich wall colors create a sense of tranquility as well as a hint of drama in a bedroom. Rugs, draperies, tapestries, upholstered walls, furniture, and plants all can act as important sound absorbing elements to provide an intimate setting or solitude. A large, custom framed floor-length mirror can add interest as well as serve for dressing purposes. Lighting must also be carefully selected. Lamps with fairly heavy shades and three-way switches allow for reading and task lighting while offering a low setting to soften the mood.

A wonderful master bedroom, even with minimal extra square footage, should be used as an integral part of your living space. Make it personal, cozy, functional, and private and you'll find yourself retreating there more often than ever before.

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

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Krueger is a professor of international economics at the School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. She is a senior fellow of the Stanford Center for International Development and a professor of sciences and humanities in the Economics Department at Stanford University. She was the first deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund from 2001-06. A recipient of numerous economic prizes and awards, she has published extensively on economic development, international trade and finance and economic policy reform.

A continental breakfast will be served; reservations are recommended to guarantee a seat. Bring your written questions that you would like to have Krueger answer and turn them in on arrival. Call 472-2155 for reservations.*

Anne Krueger will use her common sense approach to explain her thoughts on the economic concepts that are shaping our world as part of the Neighbor to Neighbor Series at The Community House on Thursday March 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Her talk will be followed by a questions and answer session.

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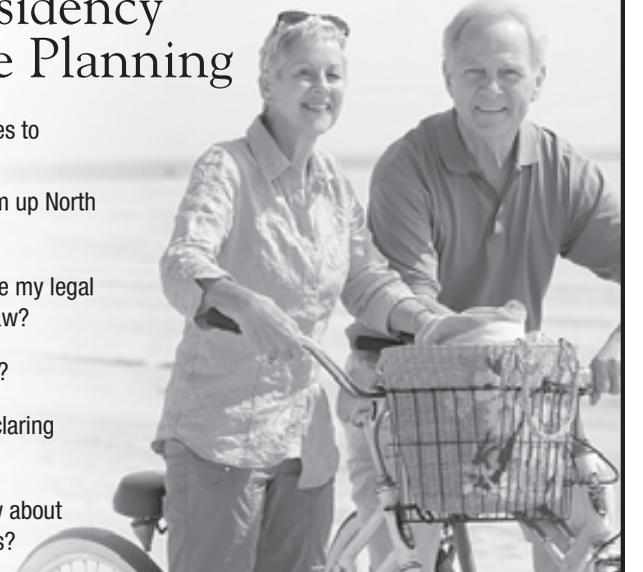
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Mary Ann O'Keeffe

Top Producer

Tim Drobnik, a broker-associate with Pfeifer Realty Group, is February's Top Producer. Drobnik has a master's degree in business administration and is a Florida certified residential contractor.✱



Tim Drobnik

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What's A Donor To Do

their dollars into a fund that will sustain the nonprofit for years to come. Some donors like to give to current programs only and have no interest in the long-term needs of the agency. Providing choices allows the agency more flexibility in appealing to all types of donors. Variety in fiscal management is key in protecting, preserving, and stewarding donor funds.

Here are some helpful questions to ask when you consider donating to a nonprofit:

- 1) How will my donation be used?
- 2) Am I willing to allow the nonprofit to use it "where most needed" and allow the agency to designate it? Or would I rather that my donation be used for a specific purpose?
- 3) Can the nonprofit show me a recent annual report that explains,

through both audited financial statements and a narrative, how the agency was a steward of its donations?

4) Does the nonprofit provide choices for me to give gifts of cash, stock, IRA rollover distributions (for those 70 1/2), or estate gifts? If not, am I willing to work with my financial advisor to facilitate a gift?

For more information about your favorite island nonprofits, or if you are a nonprofit seeking assistance with endowment building, please call your community foundation at 274-5900.

The Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva is a division of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, which has been supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glade, and Hendry counties for over 33 years. Through 331 endowed funds, the community foundation has provided more than \$45 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. Visit our Web site at www.florida-community.com.✱

Motivational Workshop

FGCU is holding a half-day workshop titled Highly Effective Motivation Techniques. This course is designed to provide leaders the information and tools to develop and strengthen their motivation strategies. Participants will learn how to foster positive relationships within teams to increase productivity and create a high functioning workforce. Ava Fluty is the instructor for the course, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 in the Atrium Executive Center, 8695 College Parkway, Suite 1181, Fort Myers.

Participants will learn to:

- Adapt management style to the employee's strengths
- Create a positive environment for staff to achieve outstanding results
- Provide meaningful feedback – how much, how often
- Use three components of an effective motivation plan
- Boost morale when times get rocky and tough
- Discover five steps to crystal clear communications skills that leave no room for misunderstandings.

The cost is \$79. Reserve your seat by contacting Joanne Hartke at 425-3273 or jhartke@fgcu.edu.✱

Local Businesses Needed For Job Fair At College

Edison State College is searching for area businesses who are hiring employees to participate in a job fair on the Lee campus.

The Edison State College Job Fair offers the chance for area employers to meet over 1,000 college student candidates. The students represent a diverse population of recruits. Some are looking for supplemental income while continuing their education and others are approaching graduation in May.

Edison State has extensive programs – both associate and baccalaureate level – in health and education, public safety

and management, science, mathematics, paralegal and technical support among others. Businesses will find educated, motivated candidates for employment. Past job fairs have had attendance of 1,200 to 1,500 students looking for employment opportunities.

The Edison State College Job Fair will be held on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Center. Area businesses may reserve a table for \$75.

To reserve a table or to request more information contact Dr. Kevin Kennedy, coordinator of career services at 489-9394 ✱

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Sustainability Lecture Series

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), in association with Edison State College, is presenting the third annual day-long Sustainability Lecture Series on Thursday, March 11. The theme is The Business Case for Sustainability with the emphasis on profiting from the market shift to sustainability. The program will be held in the Richard H. Rush Auditorium, Building J on the Edison State College Lee Campus. Check in begins at 8 a.m. and the program ends at 5 p.m.

"Edison State College is dedicated to responding to our area's workforce development needs," said Bill Roshon, dean of professional and technical studies at Edison State College. "There is a real market evolution towards sustainability issues. We want to be a resource for area businesses to learn best practices in this emerging business arena."

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Local Therapist Organizes Equipment Donation Drive For Haiti



Medical equipment donations can be dropped off at the new Island Therapy Center in Sanibel Square

Watching the earthquake coverage of Haiti, Sanibel resident and physical therapist Rachel Tritaik, like many, was deeply concerned. Without adequate therapy and equipment, the thousands of earthquake survivors with amputations will face immeasurable challenges if they are unable to walk. "Close friends of mine, a prosthetist and a fellow physical therapist, will be traveling to Haiti this spring to volunteer with the organization Healing Hands for Haiti. After providing physical therapy services to many amputees in my career, I know how important appropriate walking aids are to being independent, so I've decided to organize a donation drive for mobility devices," says Tritaik. "Healing Hands for Haiti has provided rehabilitation services and educational programs in Haiti for 10 years. They operated the only physical rehabilitation clinic in the country, and the clinic was 80 percent destroyed during the earthquake."

Physicians for Peace is a partner organization that collects medical supplies for distribution to Haiti. Tritaik will be shipping the donated items to Physicians for Peace with help from Gene Routh, of Pak-n-Ship of Sanibel. Donations of crutches, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, braces, prosthetics, wheelchairs and transfer boards are needed. Items should be brought to the new Island Therapy Center, located at 2242 Periwinkle Way in the Sanibel Square, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, until April 16.

The clinic's grand opening will be held March 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and Tritaik hopes to collect additional equipment and tax-deductible donations for Healing Hands for Haiti at that time as well. Non-perishable food items will also be accepted for the FISH food pantry. Contact Tritaik at info@islandtherapycenter.com or visit www.islandtherapycenter.com for details. The clinic phone number is 395-5858.✱



Rachel Tritaik

Safety Program For Alzheimer's

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is offering a safety program for Alzheimer's caregivers in Lee County. Each Safety Program packet includes an emergency plan kit and an identification bracelet for the memory-impaired person.

The center works closely with local law enforcement and emergency workers throughout Lee County to help train them on how the safety program can assist them when they respond to an emergency involving the caregiver of an individual with memory loss.

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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Dear Mom & Me,
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All I want is another gal to discuss my problems with, but this is very difficult and my husband is totally unable to comprehend female concerns.
What would you suggest I do?
Betty Sue

Dear Betty Sue,
Use the skills you developed earlier in your life! It may be harder now, but you developed your networking skills, were successful in the past and will be successful in the future. As far as your husband not understanding your concerns... well what can I say, that is a harder nut to crack!
Pryce

Dear Betty Sue,
Making new friends gets increasingly more difficult as we age.
Many seniors are isolated, have health problems and cannot travel around to clubs and other meeting places. Senior couples also have difficulty meeting other well functioning senior couples but with perseverance and an element of luck new friendships can be formed.
As far as a female confidante is concerned, a lot of senior women will not discuss any of their problems with others and only if absolutely needed will they consult a family member or a professional.
Lizzie

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

Alzheimer's Support Meetings

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center offers monthly support group meetings for caregivers throughout Lee County.

Fort Myers
Tuesday, March 9, 2 p.m., Senior Friendship Centers, 3600 Evans Avenue, 437-3007

Wednesday, March 10, 9:45 a.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9065 Ligon Court, 437-3007

Wednesday, March 24, 9:45 a.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9065 Ligon Court, Healthy Eating, Healthy Living, speaker: Lori Riddle, registered dietitian, 437-3007

Wednesday, March 17, 10 a.m., Fort Myers Congregational Church, 8210 College Parkway, 437-3007

Wednesday, March 17, 2:30 p.m., Dunbar United Way House, 3511-B Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, 437-3007.

Sanibel
Wednesday, March 24, 1:30 p.m., Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, 437-3007.

North Fort Myers
Thursday, March 25, 2 p.m., Pine Lakes Country Club, 10200 Pine Lakes Boulevard, 437-3007.

East Fort Myers/Alva
Thursday, March 11, 1 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Community, 13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, 437-3007.

Cape Coral
Thursday, March 4, 2 p.m., Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Boulevard, 437-3007
Thursday, March 18, 2 p.m., Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Healthy Eating, Healthy Living, speaker: Lori Riddle, registered dietitian, 437-3007.

Pine Island
Thursday, March 4, 10:30 a.m., Pine Island United Methodist, 5701 Pine Island Road, Bokeelia, 437-3007.

Lehigh Acres
Monday, March 15, 2 p.m., Community Health Association Building, 9 Beth Stacey Road, 437-3007.

Bonita Springs
Monday, March 22, 10:30 a.m., Hope Lutheran Church, 25999 Old 41, 437-3007.*

Long Term Care Support Group

A support group for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on March 16 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 10051 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 101, Fort Myers.

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Dear Pharmacist:

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when we sat down to Christmas dinner and he couldn't remember what holiday it was. The doctor wants to prescribe Aricept for dad, but we are all fans of yours and hope you can recommend something natural to try before the medication.

HC, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

You have lots of choices. With your doctor's approval, you can try a couple of these, or look for a multi-tasking product that combines many of the ingredients below.

Huperzine A: It's number one on my list because research proves it has a beneficial effect on memory and cognitive function. The herb – popular in Chinese medicine – works by boosting levels of the neurotransmitter “acetylcholine,” a memory chemical that is deficient in people with Alzheimer's.

Acetyl-L-Carnitine: It creates acetylcholine, a primary memory molecule.

DHA: This is a type of essential fatty acid that improves learning and memory. It's super important for brain function.

CoQ10: This antioxidant and its active form called “ubiquinol” offer maid service to your brain cells. Research suggests the cleansing action of CoQ10 slows down dementia and memory loss.

Pregnenolone: This improves nerve firing, protects brain cells and enhances a process called “myelination” which protects nerve fibers. It's made in your brain from cholesterol and if you take drugs to lower cholesterol, your memory function plummets right along with those triglycerides! Does this explain a lot for those of you who feel like you're losing your mind? Simply put, statins could make you as sharp as a marble! Ask your doctor if you can supplement with pregnenolone while taking your medicine, or to discontinue your medication.

Lithium orotate (5-10 mg daily): A natural over-the-counter supplement that may reduce feelings of anger/agitation and promote cheerfulness. You may associate lithium drugs with people who have bipolar disorder, however lithium is essential for everyone. This mineral helps to reverse early Alzheimer's, improve spatial memory, Meniere's syndrome and migraine/cluster headaches.

Bacopa monniera: This is a smart pill, which Ayurvedic physicians have known about for eons. In the United States, it is grabbing hold of the interests of even traditional docs because some good studies prove that it can improve memory recall, alertness and cognitive function.

Vinpocetine: The periwinkle extract increases blood flow feeding your brain cells more oxygen and glucose. That makes nerve impulses fire better. If your condition is due to poor blood flow, then vinpocetine may be right for you.

Phosphatidylserine or PS: This fatty substance makes up cell membranes and declines with age. It easily slips into brain

cells and helps preserve and/or enhance memory. The studies aren't jaw-dropping, but PS is essential in my mind.

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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 will entertain with his Memories of Gold Show along with BJ & Joey: the Kings of Magic.

The event is being hosted by Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida.

There will be silent, Chinese and live auctions for a wide variety of excellent prizes.

Tickets for dinner and the show are \$35 and \$50. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the buffet begins at 5:30 p.m.

For tickets and more information, call 574-8822. To learn more about Organ Transplant Recipients, log onto www.organsupport.com.*



Barry Newman

Desperate Housewives Star To Host Lee Memorial Event

The Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced that James Denton, star of ABC television's *Desperate Housewives*, will make a special appearance in Southwest Florida on Saturday, March 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Club at Renaissance located at 12915 Renaissance Way in Fort Myers.

Denton, who plays the character of Mike Delfino on the highly popular show, lost his mother to breast cancer and is committed to raising awareness and funds for cancer programs. Denton has local ties to Southwest Florida and is lending his fundraising support to programs and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center.

Denton will host the exclusive benefit at the clubhouse of the Renaissance to help raise awareness and funds for low-income and indigent women's cancer care here in Southwest Florida.

Tickets are \$200 per person and include meet and greet with Denton, gourmet buffet dinner, cocktails and dancing to Ernie Cantu & The Bunche Band. Live and silent auctions items include a luxury trip to Napa Valley with a stay at the Tuscan-inspired Villagio Inn & Spa and dinner at famed Redd, show-stopping jewelry from the Judith Ripka collection, items from high-fashion retailers including Saks Fifth Avenue, Mallie Montgomery and Coach. Also included will be a gourmet chocolate-making class, and autographed memorabilia from some of the biggest stars in sports and entertainment.

For reservations call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 985-3550.*



James Denton

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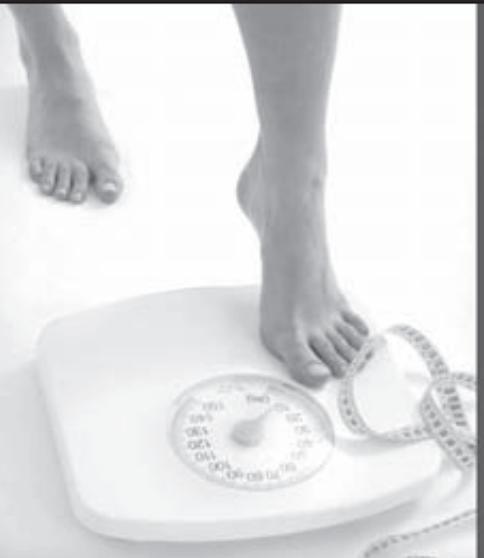
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Volunteers at The Salvation Army's Meals With Compassion serving pizza from The Little Caesars Love Kitchen

It was hard to miss the tractor trailer parked in front of The Salvation Army on Friday. Sprawled across on both sides of the massive truck were pepperoni pizzas, the words Love Kitchen and the important phrase, Serving To Make a Difference.

Taking the place of the regular nightly meal, Little Caesars Pizza cooked over 60 pizzas and served 200 individuals that came to The Salvation Army to dine last Friday. "We are so thankful to the local franchise owner, Jim Addis and the company regional offices for donating all the food and labor cost to help in our Meals with Compassion program. We welcome other businesses, restaurants and churches who would like to support our feeding program. Just taking a night or two a year to furnish a meal or a donation to sponsor a meal would allow us to continue to feed individuals and families in need," said Major Arthur Penhale, commanding officer for The Salvation Army.

Since 1972, the nightly meal program, Meals With Compassion, has been serving a hot meal to anyone who is hungry in Lee County. Last year alone, The Army served over 24,000 nightly meals. The increases have been staggering. The Salvation Army has seen a 220 percent increase in meals served since 2001 and 80 percent of this increase has been in the last two years.

The food service programs (emergency food pantry and Meals with Compassion) at The Salvation Army are positioned as a point of entry for individuals and families. Once the immediate needs are met, the staff begins to address the underlying issues that have forced people to seek assistance. The Salvation Army helps dinner guests by connecting them to additional programs and resources both through their agency and their community's fellow service providers.

The Army's other food service program is the emergency food pantry. Its existence has been in the community since 1969. This program too, has seen staggering increases. Since 2007, the food pantry has given out 60 percent more food to those in need. In 2009, over 48,000 grocery orders were filled at the pantry which resulted in over 436,000 meals to neighbors in need.

The Salvation Army needs the help from businesses, restaurants or churches. Partnering with those that can help provide food gives The Salvation Army that much more staying power to help the thousands that are coming in need of assistance. If you or your business can help with a night of feeding for the Meals of Compassion program call The Salvation Army at 278-1551.*

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For more information about pets for adoption or any LCDAS programs and

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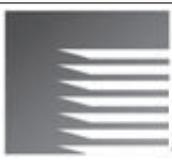
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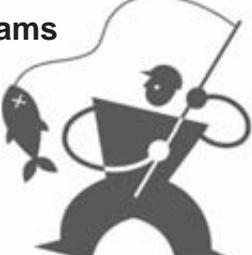
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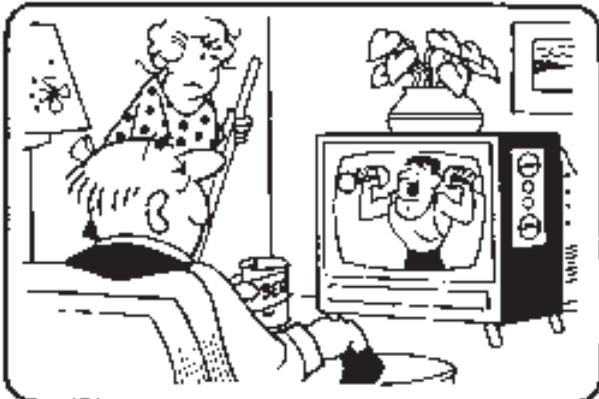
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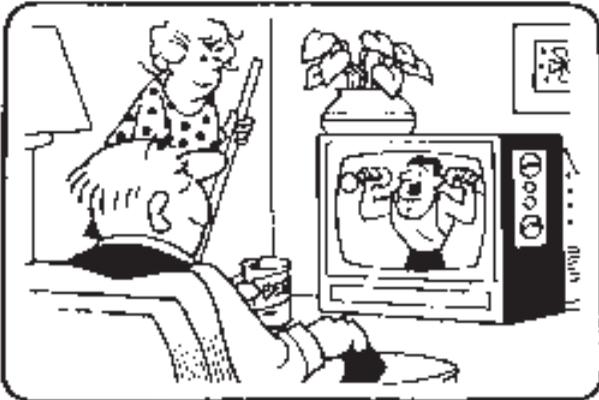
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- Toss: WHORT

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answer on page 34B

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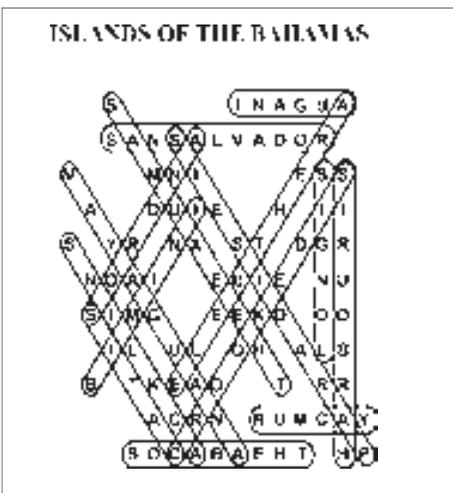
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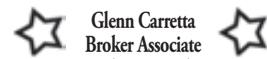
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• **Wednesday 3/10 12-4:** Tarpon Beach #110 (2475 West Gulf Dr), top floor & direct gulf front \$749,000

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Pets Of The Week

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Are you feeling lucky? You can find more than a pot of gold at Lee County Domestic Animal Services this March. In fact, you could find your next best friend, unconditional love, or a companion for life. All month long adopters will receive \$20 off the regular adoption fee for all pets plus a complimentary green t-shirt! The reduced adoption fee will still include the complete package of services.

Hi, I'm Molly. Do you remember a dog and her eight puppies that were rescued by Animal Services from a culvert? Talk about lucky! We certainly were and now that we have spent the last five weeks in foster care we're ready for new homes. I could be the perfect companion for you. I'm a small to medium size dog. My foster mom says I am very well behaved plus a real lover and lap dog. Won't you come visit me so we can both get lucky?

Adoption fee is \$55 (\$20 off the regular adoption fee of \$75 during the March Find Your Lucky Charm adoption special).

My name is Alicia. Can you believe a gorgeous independent girl like me ended up lost? Being homeless is no fun but I think my luck could be changing. I'd prefer to be in a one-pet household and I love to be petted. I would make a perfect lap cat for some lucky person. My favorite things are catnip, laser lights and fishy cat food.

Adoption fee is \$30 during the Find Your Lucky Charm adoption special).

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 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. at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

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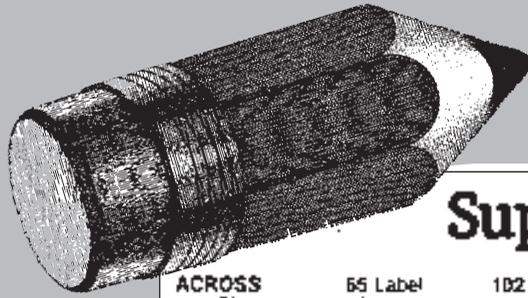
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Sanibel & Captiva Islands

CALLING CARD 239-395-1213

Emergency.....	911
Sanibel Police	472-3111
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
On Call Captiva Deputy	477-1000
Fire Department	
Sanibel	472-5525
Captiva	472-9494
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
Chamber of Commerce.....	472-1080
City of Sanibel	472-4135
Administrative Office	472-3700
Building Department	472-4555
Community Housing and Resources	472-1189
Planning Department	472-4136
Library	
Sanibel	472-2483
Captiva	472-2133
Post Office	
Sanibel	472-1573
Sanibel (toll free)	800-275-8777
Captiva	472-1674
Sanibel Community Association	472-2155
Senior Center	472-5743
ARTS	
Arcade Theater	332-4488
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts)	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersinger	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony	472-6197
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
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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 Assoc. 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

\$5.00 off 1st time customer w/this ad



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers page 34B

Super Crossword SWEET TALK

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer Jan
 - 5 Get the picture
 - 11 Suspended dwarf
 - 14 Craze
 - 17 Coverage: "Depression"
 - 18 Plus up
 - 20 Honest name
 - 21 Nutritional abbr.
 - 22 Start of a regimen
 - 24 "Secret" (1964 film)
 - 26 ... d'clah
 - 27 Cavalry characteristic
 - 28 Wagon
 - 30 First-class
 - 31 Neighbor of Cal
 - 32 Hindu deity
 - 36 Excuses
 - 37 Caution
 - 40 Peter of "Becket"
 - 42 Long-legged wader
 - 44 Part 2 of remark
 - 50 Tree trim
 - 51 Mischievous
 - 52 Trigger-happy guy?
 - 53 Den. segments
 - 55 Label
 - 56 Mortgages, e.g.
 - 58 Virginia —
 - 60 Smart combo
 - 61 Adolescent whopps?
 - 62 Witch whoops?
 - 65 Repeated
 - 67 T.V.'s "City"
 - 68 Part 3 of remark
 - 73 Temporary cult
 - 74 Witch doctor
 - 76 Synonym source
 - 77 Support
 - 79 Sheet of stamas
 - 80 mucky quarts
 - 82 Destroyed
 - 84 Regularity
 - 87 White House spokesman
 - 88 Sault — Marie, MI
 - 89 Alex. Riegel, for one
 - 93 Bunch of bass
 - 95 Part 4 of remark
 - 99 Black of Valesburg
 - 100 Beach happy guy?
 - 101 Riches predecessor
 - 102 Rubbish
 - 104 Monocorb part
 - 106 Cookbook author
 - 109 Guitar features
 - 110 John ...
 - 111 On the briny
 - 112 Fast floor
 - 115 Last name in talk shows
 - 117 End of remark
 - 120 Menial suffix
 - 124 Wrong
 - 125 Printing
 - 126 Romeo and Juliet
 - 127 — Guevara
 - 128 Dram
 - 129 Examing
 - 130 Like a ...
- DOWN**
- 1 Secure spot
 - 2 Dance: Pavoia
 - 3 ... the chips
 - 4 A mean ...
 - 5 Passover meal
 - 6 Feds
 - 7 Vole ...
 - 8 Gray matter?
 - 9 Vase ...
 - 10 — them
 - 11 Actor
 - 12 Ben — War
 - 13 Rite
 - 14 Healthful snack
 - 15 Wine ...
 - 16 See socially
 - 18 Wonder Woman, for one
 - 19 Believe
 - 23 Yalie
 - 25 Hold fest
 - 29 Bolger
 - 31 ... d'clah
 - 32 High times
 - 33 Gumbo
 - 34 Jax —
 - 35 Coop crowd
 - 36 Baltimore bird
 - 37 Skater
 - 38 Kung-fu content
 - 39 Titled
 - 41 Puffa or Bert
 - 43 Bobsey
 - 43 Rognesler's missis
 - 45 Montana's capital
 - 46 Tennis pro
 - 47 Pilsner
 - 48 Austrian province
 - 49 Bay window
 - 54 Lay down the law
 - 57 MIT grad
 - 59 Cassowary
 - 60 Conspicuously
 - 61 Use a stopwatch
 - 62 Marsh
 - 63 Actress
 - 64 ... Clantana
 - 64 Legendary
 - 66 Boxing maneuver
 - 67 Laws of ...
 - 68 — Floor (1927 film)
 - 70 Achaic
 - 71 Puffa or Bert
 - 72 Indian
 - 74 Hoath
 - 75 Character
 - 76 Essence
 - 81 — majesty
 - 82 Pope
 - 83 Utah city
 - 84 "My kingdom —"
 - 85 Honoring or
 - 86 48 Across attraction
 - 88 Photo
 - 90 "Way is me"
 - 91 Captain sandwich
 - 92 Fight bill
 - 94 Jealous
 - 96 Olympian
 - 96 Japanese dog
 - 97 Till
 - 98 Complete agreement
 - 102 Solemn vow
 - 103 Soprano
 - 105 " — long" those
 - 107 VCR button
 - 108 Native New Zealander
 - 109 Bk.'s backup
 - 110 Admit
 - 111 Sailor's sport
 - 112 Mail event
 - 113 ... acrobats
 - 114 Exam
 - 115 Tabloid ...
 - 118 Mrs. McKinley
 - 119 "Whether — nobler in the mind ..."
 - 120 Hasbrouck —, NJ
 - 121 Security
 - 122 Cambodia's —

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hammer-head part
 - 5 Fria colada ingredient
 - 8 Mosque bagwig
 - 12 Qu'ia
 - 13 401(k) alternative
 - 14 Unaltered
 - 15 Elliptical
 - 16 Showbiz job
 - 17 Mothers and daughters
 - 18 Mexico's national flower
 - 20 Big lizard
 - 22 Young owl
 - 23 Aprise
 - 24 Bit of banter
 - 27 Marching along
 - 32 Khan title
 - 33 Actress: Vardalos
 - 34 Central point
 - 35 Unsteady
 - 38 Lettuce variety
 - 39 Earl
 - 40 Shuck partner
 - 42 Manor
 - 45 At hand
 - 49 Grand story
 - 50 " — Blue?"
 - 52 Home for hippos
 - 53 Unvalued
 - 54 Skedaddled
 - 8 Dispenser
 - 9 Hindu royal
 - 10 Congregational call
 - 11 Small plateau
 - 19 Kipling poem
 - 21 Univ. transcript
 - 24 Mumble
 - 25 "I trouble?"
 - 26 Gabriela of ...
 - 28 Dieris Anais
 - 29 "24 Capades for Solo"
 - 30 Vela ...
 - 30 Fix the soundtrack
 - 31 Record
 - 36 Tonic
 - 37 Allow
 - 38 Cap with a propeller
 - 41 Lindbergh book
 - 42 Mondays
 - 43 Location
 - 44 O.K. Curran horn
 - 46 Phone call?
 - 47 Online journal
 - 48 Language
 - 51 West of Hollywood
- DOWN**
- 1 Nilwit
 - 2 Stromboli
 - 3 spillage
 - 3 Asian
 - 4 Bifold
 - 5 Tubular
 - 6 Swiss canton
 - 7 Creche

MAGIC MAZE ● ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS

C A S S A N T O I N A G L A O
M J S A N S A L V A D O R H I
M C A Y M N I W E R P E S S N
E A J H D G I E I D H B I T Z
S X Y R A N X I S T R D G R Q
O N O A I M K E U I E I N U B
E S I M G D B E F K D Z O O Y
W V I I U R D H Q A I B O
N B I K L A O K I E R R I
D C A Z A C R N X R U M C A Y
W V U S O C A B A I H E S I P

Use the clues to solve the maze. The correct answer is spelled by the letters in the maze.

Andros	Crooked Is.	Long Is.	San Salvador
Bimini	Eleuthera	Mayaguana	The Abacos
Cat Is.	Harbour Is.	Paradise Is.	The Bahamas
	Inagua	Rum Cay	



Sanibel real estate is moving!

Sales are DOUBLE what they were last year at this time!

Did you know...in Jan/Feb 2009 just 2 lots, 7 condos, & 9 homes sold.

This year (thru 2/27): 4 lots, 12 condos, & 20 homes have sold.

Another 22 condos & 27 homes are under contract.

Buy now!



Canal-side 2 bedrm w/ dockage & this view at Tennisplace \$299K



Just-remodeled Spanish Cay water-view 2-bedrm end-unit \$349.5K furnished



Stunning ~4000 sq. ft. beach-front 3 bedrm w/den at Sedgemoor \$2.79M



Sanibel Siesta income-producing 2 bedrm w/garage & 2 balconies \$524K



Mariner Pointe 2-bedrm condo w/the bay just outside this glassed lanai \$549.9K



Remodeled Loggerhead Cay gulf-view 2-bedrm condo \$499.9K furnished



Pointe Santo 2 bedrm w/new kitchen, updated baths, & outstanding income \$849K



Bay-front top-floor 2 bedrm w/ boating, JUST REDUCED TO \$379.9K furnished



Top-floor Gulfside Place w/this view, updated kitchen & baths \$1.099M furnished



Kings Crown 3 bedrm w/ income & view of the beach \$799K furnished



Gulf-front like-new resort condo netting \$30-36K/yr \$695K furnished



Direct bay-front Mariner Pointe corner 2 bedrm on 2nd floor \$399K furnished



Easy-living 1st floor 1 bedrm at Captains Walk w/carport \$199.9K partly furnished



3-bedrm Pointe Santo condo w/long view to this beach plus income \$999K furnished



Oceans Reach beach-front walk-out near pool & w/great income \$699K furnished



Affordable condo at Colony Resort, w/income, & near this beach walk \$194K



Captains Walk 2 bedrm updated top-to-bottom, washer/dryer too \$334K



Lowest price for a Mariner Pointe 2-bedrm water-view condo \$305K furnished



"Seagrass Cottage" has sunny pool & rental income \$499K furnished



~3500 sq. ft. under air w/ salt-water pool, near Beachview golf & tennis, & gulf \$1.495M



Updated olde-FL-style home in Sanibel Place, near pool & tennis \$449.9K



Near-beach well-maintained & updated ground-level roomy 3-bedrm pool home \$449.9K

Double-sized parcel ready for single-family pool home near Sanibel School & Rec Center in Belle Meade on Belding Dr—\$224K
 Almost 1/2 acre overlooking Brightwater lake on Tiree Circle cul-de-sac & close to West Gulf Dr beach access—\$299.9K
 One of the last vacant lots in The Dunes golf & tennis community, community has East Gulf Dr beach path too—\$399K
 Chance to build in Island Woods, olde-FL-style home community w/pool & tennis, lot on Farm Trail—\$325K
 Wooded fairway-view lot close to end of the Baltusrol cul-de-sac in The Sanctuary golf & tennis community—\$299K
 Over 1/2 acre on the Umbrella Pool Rd cul-de-sac in Sanibel Bayous, short walk to Clam Bayou & Bowman's Beach \$449K
 Lot in Sanibel River Estates with western exposure & handy to community beach access at end of the street—\$249K
 Almost 1/2 acre tucked away on sandy Olga Ave, just off East Gulf Dr, very near beach—\$349K owner may finance
 JUST REDUCED 1/2+acre lot w/convenient beach path behind, pool, & tennis up the street, in exclusive Seaspray—NOW \$599K
 Shell Harbor sea-walled deepwater-access lot w/patio dock on Limpet Dr, wide canal view, close to bay & marina—\$995K

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