



Travel the Luminary Trail

The Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce is getting ready to celebrate its 27th Annual Luminary Festival this weekend December 2 and 3. Visitors and residents are invited to this special event.

For more than two decades, island businesses, organizations, residents and visitors have gathered for one of Sanibel and Captiva's most treasured annual events, the Luminary Festival. The complimentary trolley service brings guests to various shopping centers, island businesses and galleries, where they can enjoy refreshments, music, holiday activities and most importantly, connect with the community.

Ric Base, president of the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce said, "The chamber of commerce is working with more than 100 volunteers this year to ensure Luminary 2011 will be the best ever. We expect to have more live music and entertainment and more trolley stops this year – don't miss it!" said Base. "We want our island guests to join us for Luminary, so you'll be seeing our new logo reminding you of this all over Sanibel and Captiva," he concluded.

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CROW'S Giving Tree Festival

The 5th Giving Tree Festival supporting the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will take place Sunday, December 4 at The Sanctuary Golf Club. Festive holiday centerpieces, trees, wreaths, and garlands will be featured in a silent auction, raising important philanthropic support for CROW. The Giving Tree will be decorated with "ornaments" representing specific items needed by CROW and purchased by event participants. The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is once again the premier sponsor of the event.

"The festival is a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit by experiencing the winter wonderland of decorations as well as music by Johnny Raye," said CROW board member Daniel Moore-Thompson, chair of the event and designer of two trees. "The festival will showcase some of the most amazing talent this island has to offer, thanks to the following designers who are participating this year: Spring Rosen, Bank of the Islands, Bailey's, Susan Gordon, John Jurek, Luc Century, Congress Jewelers, Kym Nader, Fran Grant, Diane Cortese, Sanibel School Art Class, Lily & Co., Donnasue Andazola, JB Designs, Floral Artistry, Sanibel Home Furnishings, Jaye Boswell, Liz Gresham, Mary Demik, Liz Kennedy, and Anne Potter."



Three-foot high Birdhouse Tree created by well-known island decorator Jaye Boswell for this year's Giving Tree Festival

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Community Chorus To Perform Traditional Music, Popular Holiday Tunes To Celebrate The Season

BIG ARTS Community Chorus Director Steve Cramer invites all to enjoy music of the holiday season at the chorus holiday concert Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

Accompanied by Ellen Whitten, the chorus will perform Les Brown's *Wish You the Merriest*; *Hanukkah Song*, a folk song arranged by Donald Sellev; *Carol of the Bells*; *Simple Gifts*, a Shaker song arranged by Andy Beck; and holiday favorites.



Community Chorus in the 2010 Holiday Concert

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Play Bingo At The Community House Party

You've asked for it, now Bingo is back as part of the Welcome Back Party on December 9 starting at 6 p.m. at The Community House. The evening starts with a pulled pork dinner with all the trimmings. Dessert is a pot luck, so bring enough of your favorite dessert to feed six so everyone can have a sample while welcoming back friends and neighbors. There will also be a dessert contest for those who want to enter their dessert with its recipe.

Following the dinner, the fun of playing Bingo for turkeys and gift certificates will begin. (No children will be allowed to play Bingo). This is the most sought-after game you have been asking for, so let's re-live the past when Bingo was a big part of getting together at The Community House.

Welcome Back Sanibel was started several years ago by Sam Bailey, and his memory carries on as this is the kick-off for the island-wide membership campaign.

Ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for members, non-members are \$15. Bingo is an additional \$10. Adult beverages will be available. Call the Community House at 472-2155 or stop by in person. Reservations help to plan for plenty of food for everyone.*



Sanibel Santa on the Fire Truck

Santa To Arrive On Fire Truck During Sanibel Luminary Night

Santa is making his annual appearance on Sanibel during the 27th Annual Luminary Festival this weekend. Visitors and residents are invited to mark their calendars for this special event.

Santa's schedule is as follows on Friday, December 2:

- 6 to 6:15 p.m. at the Bailey's Center,
- 6:25 to 6:40 p.m. at Tahitian Gardens, and
- 6:50 to 7:05 p.m. at the East End Shoppes.

Everyone is invited to visit Santa as he travels up and down Periwinkle on his fire truck before returning to the North Pole.

Trolley services will be provided across the island. For trolley stops and more information on the Luminary Festival, visit the Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce at www.sanibel-captiva.org/luminary.asp.

Community Band Plays Merry Music



BIG ARTS Community Band performing the 2010 Holiday Concert

BIG ARTS Community Band Director Don Knowland invites all to attend the Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13.

The band will perform many marches and holiday favorites including *National Emblem March*, *Beneath the Holly*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *O Holy Night*, *The Footlifter March* and *Hey Man, Christmas Swings*. The concert will also feature solos by Hannah Czoski, Terry Flannery, Joan Knowland and Kathy Lamado.

The Community Band was formed in January 2003, under the aegis of Laverne Phillips, Tom Uhler, and Don Knowland. It has grown from a handful of players to more than 30 musicians during the winter season, most of who travel from "the mainland" for rehearsals and performances.

Tickets for adults are \$7, free for children 17 and under with an adult.

The Community Chorus Holiday Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 8.

Both concerts are in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

For further information or for tickets, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

CROW Offers Santa Photos At Luminary

CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, will offer pet (and/or human) photos with Santa on Sanibel Luminary Night, Friday, December 2. Santa will be available for photos from 5 to 7 p.m. at Island Paws in the Sanibel Shoppes at the junction of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road.

Photography is provided by Shari Brownie Photography. The donation to CROW is \$35 and will include four photos emailed to you as well as a one-year membership to CROW. Additional printed copies of the photos will be available from Island Graphics.



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Racing the storm home

Chautauqua Offers Two Weeks Of Activities

The first annual Captiva Chautauqua begins Friday, December 2. In the spirit of community education under a tent, this Chautauqua is filled with programs for residents and visitors.

Based in part on the old Elderhostel model and part resident environmental orientation, three weeks of programs will provide a great snapshot in kaleidoscopic Captiva.

Rich in history and bountiful in nature, the area lends itself well to a diverse number of topics. Kicking off the first day, will be Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Marine Lab Director Dr. Eric Milbrandt, followed by the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's Dr. Jose Leal. Millbrandt will be speaking about how monitoring bay scallop populations assist in assessment of the health of Pine Island Sound. Leal will be discussing how other mollusks adapt to a changing environment. It is also a chance to congratulate Dr. Leal for having a never-before-known species of shell named after him. Move over Linnaeus.



Captiva Shoreline 1950

The afternoon of December 2 offers a chance to learn some little known facts about birds of the beaches, bay and skies above the islands, thanks to the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Also that afternoon there will be a presentation by the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). Even the most experienced of CROW's volunteer transporters of injured wildlife can use a refresher course on what to do if you encounter an injured bird or any wildlife for that matter.

Saturday, December 3 will include a sweet treat as Queenie Viglione will be scheming with an ice cream event. What's in store? Who knows for sure, we

just know the tent will be filled with laughter and fun.

Prior to Viglione's surprise will be a walking history tour of Andy Rosse Lane presented by Richard Finkel. How many people know there is at least one 100-year-old building on the island of Captiva?

On the afternoon of December 3, there will be children's Christmas stories at the Captiva Memorial Library.

Listed below is the full schedule of events and times for the two weekends of the Chautauqua. Unless otherwise stated all programs begin in the giant tent at McCarthy's Marina on the bay



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The old dock at Andy Rosse Lane



Monitoring sea grass

side of Andy Rosse Lane. These programs, sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, are by donation.

For more information about the Chautauqua, concerts, parades and more Captiva Holiday Village fun, go to www.captivaholidayvillage.com.

The schedule:

Friday, December 2

9:30 a.m. Blue-Eyed Scallops: Keeping an Eye on the Bay, with Dr. Eric Milbrandt, SCCF Marine Lab

11 a.m. Mollusks in a Changing in Environment, with Dr. Jose' Leal from Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

1 p.m. I Found an Injured Bird, Now What? Presentation by CROW

2 p.m. Birds of Captiva, presentation by JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, December 3

9 a.m. Walking through Time, a Captiva Walking History Tour

11 a.m. Ice Cream Schemes with Queenie

2 p.m. Christmas Stories at the Captiva Memorial Library

Thursday, December 8

9:30 a.m. Tides and Currents in the Gulf of Mexico

1:30 p.m. One Thousand Years of Fishing in Pine Island Sound, a boat trip with Captiva Cruises, departing from McCarthy's Marina, \$30

Friday, December 9

9 a.m. Captiva's Calusas and the Chadwick Mound Excavation, with archeologist Theresa Schober

11 a.m. One Hundred Years of Dickey's on Captiva - a Historic Perspective, with Svea Scott

Saturday, December 10

Presentations at South Seas Resort's Plein Air with artists and cooking demonstrations

Sunday, December 11

6 p.m. Carol Sing at Chapel by the Sea

Friday, December 16

9:30 a.m. Captiva's "Ding" Darling, preview and artifacts from Sam Koltinsky, producer of the new movie *America's Darling*

Saturday, December 17

10:30 a.m. Recycled Rhythm Instruments for the Junkanoo! presented by Barnacle Phil's staff

2 p.m. Christmas Stories for Children at the Captiva Memorial Library

There will be artists, wine tasting and cooking demonstrations during the Captiva Marketplace at South Seas Island Resort.

For more information log onto www.captivaholidayvillage.com, call Kristie Anders at SCCF, 472-2329 or email kananders@sccf.org.*



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Welcome Back Sanibel

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Friday, December 9th at 6 pm

\$10 members/\$15 guests/children under 12 \$5 (Bingo extra) must be over 18 years of age to play Bingo

Holiday Mini Golf

December 26th - December 30th

New Years' Eve Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 31st at 7 pm

\$50 members/\$60 guests

Tickets for Dancing with the

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Thursday, December 1st at 9 am

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County Tourism Official Praises Sanibel's Resort Rehab Effort



Sanibel Planning Director Jim Jordan outlines the new resort redevelopment codes to a crowd of about 50 local people in the tourism business

by Anne Mitchell

Pamela Johnson, sales director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau – who is responsible for selling Sanibel and other area destinations to tourists around the world – applauded the city's efforts to encourage modernization of the island's aging resorts.

After attending a meeting on Tuesday where city officials outlined the ordinance changes before a crowd of about 50 hotel owners, managers and others in the industry, Johnson said the bureau supports any moves to enhance the visitor experience.

"We respect the fact that there is a big commitment to the environment here and that it comes with extra special conditions, but that is what makes this place

unique," Johnson said. She called the city's actions "very positive."

In introducing Johnson, City Manager Judie Zimomra said the bureau "has had some questions about the condition of our rentals and our need to be competitive."

The ordinance, which took 18 months to create, amends the land use plan with the intent of encouraging owners to update and redevelop the island's aging hotels, motels and other accommodations. The rules have changed since many were built, making them non-conforming for reasons such as density, coverage, height and setback. Until the codes were changed, they were unable to modernize without losing units.

The city wants to retain as many short-term lodging units as possible to keep the island economy healthy. The

revisions call for no loss of density if properties remain as short-term lodgings. Current density rules apply, however, if lodgings are turned into condominiums.

Other aspects include redevelopment of accessory uses such as pools, some of which are in the gulf beach zone, which is not allowed under current codes. Coverage and vegetation are among other issues amended.

Zimomra said she hoped Tuesday's meeting – coordinated by the city and the Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce – "is not the end of the dialogue" but just a kick-off.

She said the council will next tackle resorts that are outside the designated resort area, in residential areas, to help them to modernize under Sanibel's codes. "This is going to be a little more challenging," she added. Also on the council's future agenda is setting guidelines for commercial redevelopment.

Jordan said the new rules allow for phased renovations, which the old ones did not.

As an example of how the ordinance can help, Jordan mentioned Sundial Resort, whose buildings and pool, according to an aerial photo, overlap the coastal setback line by about 50 percent. Under the old rules Sundial would have lost many of its rental units as well as the pool.

Sharon Murphy, president of the Loggerhead Cay Condominium Association, said she attended the meeting because the property is non-conforming. "We are mostly concerned what we are going to be allowed to do if we lose a building or part of a building to a hurricane." She said the property contains 168 units in five four-story buildings. "Who loses, the ground floor or the top floor?" she said, referring to current height limits that affect buildback.

Murphy said she's pleased to know that the new rules won't penalize Loggerhead Cay for being partly beyond



Pamela Johnson, sales director, Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau

the coastal setback line. "We would lose a whole building and part of another if we had to move back..." she said. "They are not making us do that."

Bert Jenks, owner of the Waterside Inn, asked how long permitting would take for applicants who want to move ahead with rehabbing.

Jordan said once they had a state permit, the city's review and permitting would take five to six weeks "if it complies with all the requirements" set out in the ordinance.

Looking ahead to the county's peak winter tourism season, Johnson of the Visitor & Convention Bureau, is optimistic.

"All the indications are very strong in terms of advance reservations," she said. Johnson noted that the fiscal year just ended came in with business up seven percent over projections. The bureau is hoping to build on that good track record.*



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1920s ice house at Safety Harbor just after Hurricane Charley

Islands' History And More During Holiday Village

Thursday, December 8, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Kristie Anders will be talking about tides and currents. No doubt anyone accustomed to the Atlantic coast regularly of tides has noticed that Gulf of Mexico tides are like no other.

That same day, step on board one of Captiva Cruises' boats for a close-up view of Pine Island Sound's iconic fish houses. Commercially used until the mid-1950s, the majority of these buildings are located on an oyster bar just off Pineland Marina.

A single ice house stands at the mouth of Safety Harbor.

Successful fishing in Pine Island Sound has sustained the Calusas, Cubans, Spaniards and Americans for over 1,000 years. The sound is also considered by most to be the birthplace of sport fishing. This cruise will be a chance to learn about innovations in fishing that changed how people reeled in their catch. The trip is about two hours long, departing from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva at 1:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$30. To make reservations call Captiva Cruises 472-5100.

Friday, December 9 also presents opportunities to delve into Captiva's past. Archeologist Theresa Schober will be talking about the excavation of the Chadwick Mound and life of the Calusas at 9:30

Naples Tea Party Leader Speaks At GOP Meeting

The leader of the Naples Tea Party, Barry Willoughby, was the speaker at a recent meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus. Willoughby said he became concerned over the last several years about the course that government was taking. He founded the Naples Tea Party in February of 2009 after being inspired by a radio program that suggested America needed another tea party like the one in Boston in 1773 to wake up the government and get the nation back on track. Since then his Tea Party has grown exponentially.

Willoughby explained that the "TEA" in Tea Party stands for "Taxed Enough Already." He said the Tea Party is not, and does not want to be, a political party, but is a grassroots movement to "take back our government." It is on the side of individual freedom, he said, and wants representatives in government to be accountable to the voters rather than beholden to the lobbyists.

When asked about changing the Constitution, Willoughby said the Tea Party wants to work within the boundaries of the Constitution, and feels that a Constitutional Convention is not needed. He felt that 99.99 percent of Tea Party members would agree to amendments for a balanced budget and term limits.

The next event being sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus will be a forum on Exposing the Dark Side of Destination Casino Gambling, held on December 3 at 10 a.m. in room #1 of the Sanibel Library. Pat Andrews, co-founder

of Casino Watch, will be the speaker. This presentation is open to the public. For more information on the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus, call Robb Moran at 472-9035.✳

Democratic Club Holiday Party

submitted by June Sieber

The Sanibel-Captiva Democratic Club announces its annual holiday party to be held on Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m. at the Traditions on the Beach Restaurant at the historic Island Inn, 3111 West Gulf Drive.

Live entertainment may include Chef Andrea taking the mike.

The menu will include an organic greens salad, entrée choice of crisp Scottish salmon or chicken Milanese pomodoro. Dessert choices include Granny Smith apple tart with cinnamon ice cream or Chocolate Ecstasy Cake. Reservations are required. Checks for \$45 per person must be mailed to DCI, PO Box 898, Sanibel, 33957 no later than December 8. All reservation requests should indicate attendees with their entrée choices.

All members and friends of the Democratic Club of the Islands are invited to attend, as well as anyone wishing to support the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party or to become more involved in local, state, and national issues. The holiday party is a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. Call 395-9078 for more information or contact the DCI at demclubislands@gmail.com.✳

at the Captiva Holiday Village tent at McCarthy's Marina. At 11 a.m., Svea Scott, descendent of the Dickey family, will share some of her father's mementoes and memories. The Dickeys were considered one of the first families to winter on Captiva over 100 years ago.

The Captiva Chautauqua is an outgrowth of the Captiva Holiday Village. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is hosting a series of community-based programs that are of interest to residents and visitors. SCCF is taking advantage of the opportunity created by a large tent at McCarthy's Marina which

serves as the hub for many activities during the month of December.

Join SCCF on:
December 8 at 9:30 a.m. for Captiva's Tides and Currents;
December 8 at 1:30 p.m. for 1,000 Years of Fishing in Pine Island Sound.
December 9 to learn more about local history with Calusas of Captiva at 9:30 a.m. and

December 9 for Stories of the Dickey Family at 11 a.m.

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Luminary Trail

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Community Chorus

Additionally, there will be an audience sing-a-long of a special Sanibel-Captiva version of *Silver Bells*. Lyrics by Dick Brown will be provided.

Tickets are General Admission \$10, children free with paying adult. Community Band Holiday Concert is 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, at BIG ARTS.

For more information about Community Chorus and to purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; call 395-0900; email info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

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CROW Giving Tree

"The Sanctuary (which is also a sponsor of the event) always does a great job; the chefs create mouth-watering temptations, and the clubhouse will be transformed into a winter wonderland creating a perfect holiday evening while supporting the mission of CROW" said John Schubert, CROW board president.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call Ava or Steve at the CROW Visitor Education Center (472-3644, ext. 2 or 395-0031) to make a reservation.*

Sanibel Dog Licenses On Sale December 5

Sanibel dog licenses go on sale Monday, December 5 at the Sanibel Recreation Center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The cost of a dog license is \$10; proof of current rabies inoculation is required at the time of purchase. Due to the fact that veterinarians are now giving rabies inoculations valid for one to three years, applicants are asked to give the expiration date on the application form and not the date the inoculation was given.

Only service animals are allowed inside the recreation center. Additionally, a \$5 late fee is charged for any dog license obtained after January 31, 2012.

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Santa's Schedule

6:00-6:15 Bailey's Center
6:25-6:40 Tahitian Gardens
6:50-7:05 East End Shops

Luminary Food & Entertainment

Friday, December 2nd, 2011

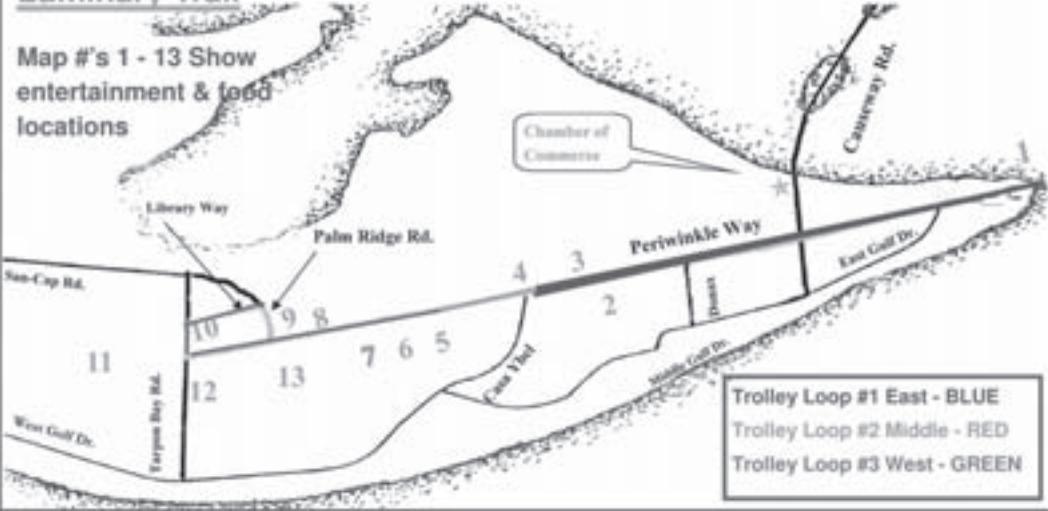
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Luminary Trail

Map #'s 1 - 13 Show entertainment & food locations



Trolley Loop #1 East - BLUE
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Follow the lighted candles along the mapped trail above and don't miss a thing at Luminary 2011

Tahitian Gardens and Village Shops Kick Off FISH Holiday Food Drive

Bill Fellows, president of FISH of Sanibel, and Barb Harrington of Royal Shell Companies, at the kickoff of the FISH Holiday Food Drive

The generous merchants of Tahitian Gardens and The Village Shops managed by the Royal Shell Companies, have kicked off their FISH

Holiday Food Drive. All 22 merchants from these centers will be collecting food and monetary donations for FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel until December 24.

The Royal Shell Companies, a long term supporter of FISH, are hosting this drive for the second year in a row. Last year the shopping centers provided some much needed food for families and individuals by collecting a significant amount of food for the FISH Food Pantry.

This year, there will also be a donation box in each store.

Randy Bacik, CEO of Royal Shell, said, "We have been a supporter of FISH and the work it does on our islands. Our Food Drive for FISH is part of our commitment to our community to give back whenever possible."

Shoppers are invited to bring non-perishable food items or donate cash when they shop at any of the shops at Tahitian Gardens and The Village Shops between now and December 24. All proceeds will go towards stocking the FISH food pantry in time for the holiday season.

Bill Fellows, president of FISH, expressed his appreciation to The Royal Shell Companies for "helping make this holiday season a more pleasant and comfortable one for our families who are in need."

FISH of Sanibel is a non-profit volunteer organization assisting Sanibel and Captiva islanders and visitors with a wide range of services. For more than 30 years FISH has been a "neighbor helping neighbors" organization offering free human services such as transportation for medical appointments, meal delivery, health equipment, food pantry, and emergency financial assistance.

The Walk-in-Center is located at 1630 Periwinkle Way, Unit B, Sanibel (next to Pfeiffer Realty Group) and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FISH can be contacted at 472 4775.*



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Sanibel Captiva Christian Women's Connection Holiday Luncheon

Award-winning author and former pet groomer Jan Nieman will present "Who is in Control" at the Sanibel-Captiva Christian Women's Connection (SCCWC) luncheon Thursday, December 8. Other program highlights include song stylist Theresa Shea-See and "The Kitchen Magician" Fred Bondurant giving a cooking demonstration of holiday foods.

The luncheon program at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club, 949 Sand Castle Road, begins at 11 a.m. and costs \$18 per person. Women of all ages are invited. Reservations are required.

For information and reservations call Anita at 395-9015. Checks made payable to Sanibel-Captiva CWC may be mailed to Linda Yoder, 9290 Bayberry Bend, Unit 104, Fort Myers, FL 33908. The program is sponsored by SCCWC and Stonecroft Ministries.✱



Jan Nieman and her dog Sasha



From left are Mary Lou Stufano, design decorator; Arline Ford, president of St. Isabel Women's Guild; Diane Knight; Wanda Malone, chair for the event; and Cindy Somerville, design decorator

St. Isabel Women's Guild News

On November 17, the St. Isabel Women's Guild held its monthly meeting at the Church Hall. Following the meeting, Diane Knight, owner of Sanibel Home Furnishings, along with two of her decorators, presented a Design Seminar which included a slide show highlighting Knight's recent visit to the Furniture Markets in High Point, North Carolina. She also discussed color sensibility and performance fabrics for today's lifestyle and had many sample fabrics to show the large group in attendance. Sanibel Home Furnishings is located at 1618 Periwinkle Way.✱

Advent And Christmas Services

Advent/Christmas Services at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way:

Second Sunday of Advent/Communion Sunday, December 4, 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m.; Scriptures: II Peter 3:8-15a; John 1:6-8, 19-28; Sermon: Strange Diet, Strange Man, Pastor John H. Danner

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11, 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m.; Scriptures: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28; Sermon: Marching Orders, Pastor Deborah Kunkel

Sunday, December 11, 4 p.m.: Shadows of Hope of Christmas Dinner, open to public, call church to register, 472-0497

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18, 7:45, 9 and 11 a.m.; Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:26-38; Sermon: A Shepherd's Story (A Dramatic Monologue), Pastor John H. Danner

Sunday, December 18, 11 a.m.: WOW It's Christmas! Call church for more information, 472-0497

Christmas Eve, Lighthouse Beach Service, December 24, 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve, Candlelight Service, December 24, 9 p.m.
Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20; Sermon: Not Mere Nostalgia, Pastor John H. Danner

Christmas Day, December 25; 9 a.m. only; Sermon: Lessons & Carols, Pastor John H. Danner

Bell Sunday, January 1, 9 a.m. only.✱

Christmas Eve Beach Service

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will hold a Christmas Eve beach service on December 24 at 5:30 p.m.

It will take place at Lighthouse Beach on Sanibel's east end. The Christmas Eve Beach Service has been an island favorite since 1979. Island residents and visitors gather to celebrate through scripture and song.

Bring your own chair or blanket, flashlight to light your way and bug spray (just in case).

A love offering will be collected to benefit local and island organizations. All are welcome.✱



It's election time at Island Water Association (IWA) again, and next year two seats on our Board of Directors will be up for election. The seats are currently held by Robert Lindman and Jack Cunningham. Mr. Lindman is completing his 3rd and final term and Mr. Cunningham is running for re-election for his 2nd term.

IWA is governed by a five member Board of Directors who serves without pay. Directors must be year-round residents of Sanibel or Captiva, so that they can attend all Board meetings, and must be IWA Members or an official representative of a condominium or other IWA Corporate Member. Directors must have no conflict of interest, including but not limited to, active involvement in an enterprise which could potentially do business with IWA or which could benefit from involvement with IWA.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Directors are elected by the Membership at IWA's Annual Meeting to be held in April. Anyone who would like to run for one of the open seats should contact our Board Recording Secretary, Beau Stanley, at (239) 472-2113 (extension 114) or by e-mail at beau@islandwater.com by no later than January 6, 2012. A background check will be run on all Board candidates in our post-911 world.



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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS:

Meets on the first Sunday of each month
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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 433-4901 or email
ryi139@aol.com.*

Holly & Ivy Bazaar

Sanibel Community Church
Women's Guild will be presenting
the annual Holly & Ivy Bazaar on
Friday, December 2 from noon to 9 p.m.

The ladies have been busy and have
handcrafted many beautiful items to the
holiday booths. Donations of handcrafted
items are welcome.

The baked goods tables will offer
homemade goodies, including buckeyes
and premium bagged pecans again this
year. Fudge and assorted candies and
roasted nuts will also be available.

The theme of Holly & Ivy provides a
chance to decorate Fellowship Hall with
wreaths and lighted trees. Hand-painted
ornaments will again be available.

A Holiday Boutique will feature many
new items and donated jewelry. In addi-
tion, there will be a silent Auction.

All are welcome. Sanibel Community
Church is located at 1740 Periwinkle
Way, next to Jerry's Foods.*

Church Luminary Night Events

Luminary night at Sanibel
Community Church is no ordinary
spectacle, with all the lighting and
the praise and special music on the stage.

Happenings include a Christmas carol
sing-along, Praise Team selections, and
presentations from the Summit Pre-school
and Logos children. Among the special
musical highlights are soloists Bob Boling
and Evan Rapalski, trombonist Ben
Blycker, and the fanciful piano playing of
Hannah Czoski.

There will be a petting zoo and cookies
and other treats will be offered.

SCC's Sanctuary will be converted into
A Walk Through Bethlehem, a living the-
atrical experience with tours of shops that
might have been found in Bethlehem at
the time of Jesus' birth.

The celebration begins at 6 p.m.

The church's Women's Guild will be
presenting the annual Holly & Ivy Bazaar
also on Friday, from noon to 9 p.m., sell-
ing hand-painted ornaments. A Holiday
Boutique will feature many new items and
jewelry. The baked goods tables will have
homemade goodies, including buckeyes
and premium bagged pecans. Fudge and
assorted candies and roasted nuts will also
be available.

Sanibel Community Church is located
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2012 Island Bible Study



Sanibel Community Church
1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island

8 Week Study of Our Lord's Return

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Beginning Monday, January 9 - February 27

Joel C. Rosenberg - Guest Speaker on January 30th

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LOGOS' Not So Silent Night

The LOGOS kids at Sanibel
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ebrate a Not So Silent Night on
Wednesday, December 7 from 3:30 to
7 p.m. It will be a joyful noise as they
present a variety of Christmas carols.

All children ages three years through
5th grade are welcome to join the
LOGOS program.

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

Unique Boutique, Bookery, Bakery

The Annual Unique Boutique,
Bookery and Bakery sponsored
by Sanibel Congregational Women
in Mission (SCWIM) invites one and all
on Saturday, December 3 at 9 a.m. to
3:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 4 at
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to step into a wonder-
ful place filled with jewelry, crafts, art,
antiques, collectibles, pottery, homemade
baked goods, gently used books, and other
gifts for the holidays. All proceeds will
support SCWIM's area missions helping
children, women and families. The Unique
Boutique, Bookery & Bakery can be found
at Sanibel Congregational United Church
of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.
Call 472-0497 for more information.*

Successful Mission For Local Church

Sanibel Congregational UCC was
chosen to be a pacesetter for
a nation-wide United Church of
Christ effort called Mission 1.

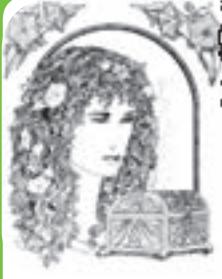
The nationwide goals of Mission
1, held from November 1, 2000 to
November 11, 2011, were to collect 1
million items of food for local food pan-
tries, \$111,111 for national food-related
ministries, \$111,111 for famine relief in
East Africa, and write 11,111 letters to
Congress asking them to reform foreign
aid so that it more effectively reaches the
people in need.

Sanibel Congregational United Church
of Christ members collected over 640
food items to donate to FISH and the
Harlem Heights Food Pantry, over
\$4,000 for food-related ministries and
East Africa famine relief, and wrote 25
letters to Congress. As a pacesetter,
SCUCC helped the national campaign
reach all its goals.

Sanibel Congregational UCC is located
at 2050 Periwinkle Way and is currently
offering worship each Sunday at 7:45
a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday school
for kindergarten through 5th grade, and
LINC for 6th through 12th graders are
offered at the 9 a.m. service, with nursery
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Tahitian Gardens

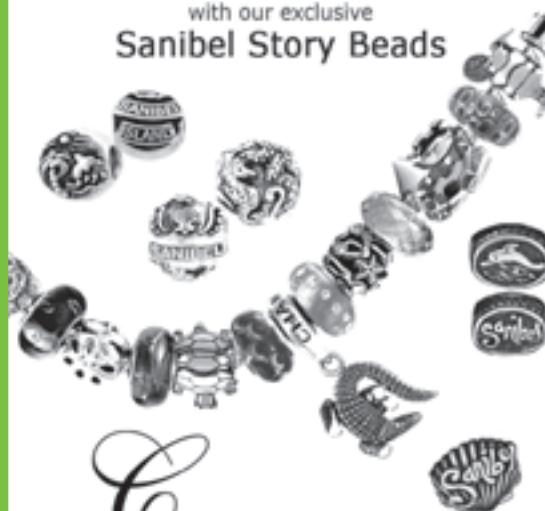
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The Abay And Betty Story

by Scott Martell

Abay is a surly little guy, and Betty looks at people with distrust. When you hear about their lives, it is no wonder they needed help to have their lives transformed.

Their father died when they were young, and they have little or no recollection of him. Their mother died more recently, about 18 months ago. Both died of AIDS, though no one comes right out and says it. Both Abay and Betty tested positive for the HIV virus this summer. The two little tykes – Abay is maybe 3; Betty, about 4 – were left in the care of an older sister, Tigist, who was then 16 years old. Immature, and maybe desperate for money, Tigist often abandoned the two children, locking them in a shack for days at a time without food or water. Several times neighbors heard banging and cries, and came over to let the children out of the locked room. A tough old Muslim man told us this story, and he couldn't help but tear up as he did.

Today, Abay and Betty are the first children "adopted" into an outreach program by Ethiopia Hope Village. We have found a responsible uncle who will oversee the two children until we build our village and have a nurse and medical clinic. The two must attend school – for the first time, for which we cover their costs. If the family faithfully sends them to school, we will pay their rent, buy their food, provide them clothing, and take care of medical expenses.

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The first two children "adopted" into Ethiopia Hope Village

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Scott Martell moved to Sanibel in 1983 to work as a newspaper reporter.

*He's been a writer/editor since that time with various organizations, including the Island newspapers, the News-Press, and WGPU Public Media. He has served on a variety of local boards, including CROW, Sanibel Elementary School, Sanibel Community Association, Pirate Playhouse, and Gulf Coast Symphony. He was called to Ethiopia to work for Project Mercy in 2006, and now is affiliated with New Mission Systems International. Note: NMSI honors preferences of gifts solicited, and in accordance with IRS regulations, retains discretion and control over their use.**

OBITUARY



CAROL SIMONTACCHI

Her name was Carol Simontacchi, and she was a wonderful mother to four daughters, and a Nanna to two granddaughters and two grandsons. She went to be with the Lord November 15, 2011. She was the owner of Island Nutrition Center on Sanibel, and contributed greatly to her community with her love of nutrition and her dedication to serving the Lord. She also served in her church, Safe Harbor Community Church, playing the piano, and helping with the children. She is greatly missed, but is at peace in her body, no longer experiencing the suffering of the disease that took her, and she is at peace in her spirit, enjoying her home with the Lord, in a body that cannot die.*

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Island Bible Study

Island Bible Study meets on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m., January 9, and goes to February 27.

Joel Rosenberg will be one of the lecturers this year. He has written many books including *Epicenter*, *The Last Jihad*, *The Seventh Imam*, and *The Tehran Initiative*.

Participants will need a Bible and should be willing to do some study each week. There will be discussion groups. If interested call Dave and Jinny Kelby at 472-2432, or Al and Carol Larson at 472-6534.*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Betty Barrus, wearing the boa and tiara, with some of the ladies of Spanish Cay who took her to a spa to celebrate her 88th birthday

Betty Turns 88 With Spa Celebration

Friends of Betty Barrus gave her a spa-tacular 88th birthday celebration on November 17 at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa. The irrepressible Barrus sported a "Sexy 88" logo T-shirt, a tiara and her leather boa.

The party was organized by Eihel Sinow and the ladies of Spanish Cay. You'll be seeing Barrus outside Bailey's General Store this holiday season when she once again rings the bell for Salvation Army kettle donations. This year, she's be sporting an original Salvation Army bonnet that was worn by Clint Parson's mother in the early days of the Salvation Army. ☺

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Collin and Ethan Stocum

Twice blessed on one special date, December 2, Ethan 19, and Collin 17!!
 Happy birthday boys!
 Love Mom, Dad and Dylan. ☺

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Sprankle Adds New Carving To Refuge Exhibit

Before it was even finished, Jim Sprankle's 2013 duck decoy already had sponsors in Bill and Annie Vanderbilt, part-time Sanibel residents.

"We didn't have a mottled duck yet in the collection, and I wanted to fill out the case, so I worked ahead a couple of years," said the prolific artist.

Since the late 1960s, the famed Sanibel bird sculptor has been carving one decoy - featuring a different species of duck - each year. Last March, Sprankle's collection, valued at \$400,000, went on permanent display at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Education Center as a gift to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

Sprankle's historic collection, titled Folk Art to Fine Art, reflects the evolution of decoy-making from native American waterfowl lures made from dried grasses and reeds to contemporary decorative sculptures.

Recently the artist added the mottled duck drake to the now 47-piece exhibit. He submitted his collection as part of a DDWS fundraiser to finance a children's education boardwalk between the refuge and The Sanibel School.

Each decoy was available for sponsorship at \$2,500. It didn't take long before the ducks drew in around \$125,000.



Annie and Bill Vanderbilt, Jim Sprankle and Birgie Vertesch with the new mottled duck decoy

In October, longtime refuge volunteer Milena Eskew, who turned 100 in November, sponsored the second to last remaining decoy. Only one sponsorship remains.

In March 2012, the exhibit will grow in a different way.

"To enhance the educational value of Jim's beautiful collection, we are working on an interactive computer station that will tell visitors more about each species of duck in the exhibit as well as a number of additional features," said

Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger. "When installed, it will have a bunch of cool features such as duck calls, fly way zones, a list of all the nation's refuges by state, information on the junior duck stamp competition, and the history of the national duck stamp contest."

Anyone interested in sponsoring the last Sprankle duck or making other tax-deductible gifts to DDWS should contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566, "Ding" Darling at 472-1100 ext. 4, or email dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com.



Jaye Boswell

SCCF Christmas Cards By Boswell

For the fourth year running, Jaye Boswell has designed Christmas cards for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The cards are on sale at the SCCF Native Plant Nursery. The featured creature this year is the gopher tortoise. SCCF manages habitat for approximately 250 gopher tortoises on Sanibel. The cards come in packets of 10 for \$15 each. Call the Native Plant Nursery at 472-1932 for more information. Happy Holidays.✪

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SERAT Safety Patrol At Calusa Blueway Festival

As the Sunday, November 6 races of the Calusa Blueway Festival were finishing, there was a Lee County Marine Emergency Response Team (MERT) alert for a possible drowning adjacent to Span B of the Sanibel Causeway. Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT) Boat One, Sanibel Fire & Rescue and the U.S. Coast Guard made the initial response to the area. The response was canceled when all people were found to be safe.

SERAT, a unit of the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron, Coast Guard Auxiliary 9-10 and law enforcement vessels provided safety patrol for the Calusa Blueway Festival races held along the Sanibel Causeway on November 5 and 6. SERAT's land-based radio control was used as the radio command center during the event.

On November 5, SERAT vessels on safety patrol for the event were SERAT 1, Jim Strothers, captain, with Mike Neal and Bill Helfers as crew; SERAT 10, Lauren Coile, captain and John Plumb, crew; SERAT 33, Dave Ross, captain, Chap Vail and Bob Simpson, crew. Bill Keeney manned SERAT Control.

On safety patrol on November 6 were SERAT 1, Jim Strothers, captain and Dave Kentner, crew; and SERAT 10, Lauren Coile, captain with John Plumb and Bob Allen, crew. SERAT Control was provided by Bill Keeney and Susie Kentner.

SERAT, a unit of the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron, is a member of the Lee County Marine Emergency Response Team, has participated in multiple MERT drills, received CPR/AED training from Sanibel Fire & Rescue, provided navigational and boat handling instruction to Sanibel Fire and Police Departments, Captiva Fire and became a partner of the City of Sanibel Emergency Management Team.

For more information about SERAT, contact Jim Strothers at serat@sanibel-captivasps.org.

Basic Course On Coastal Navigation

submitted by Bob Allen

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It is a wonderful way for boaters to learn to boat with pride and take personal satisfaction in your skill. The cost is \$40 and the course is given at St. Charles Yacht Club. Included are course slides, the book *The Weekend Navigator* and a Maptech CD for route planning.

To register for the course, log onto <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/cfind.cgi> or contact Abbott at srabbott@att.net, or phone 395-9409.



Steve Abbott, course instructor, and his wife Mary Paige Abbott



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Shell Museum Announces Natural Science Lecture Series For 2012

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum has lined up its presenters for the 2012 Natural Science Lecture Series. All lectures will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. at the museum and are free with admission or membership.

Wednesday, January 11: Dr. Steve Geiger of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission discusses molluscan fisheries and their place in the food chain.

Wednesday, February 8: Dr. William Marquardt of the Florida Museum of Natural History reviews the history of the Calusa.

Wednesday, February 29: Shell Museum Director Dr. José H. Leal explores the diversification and impact of cowries.

Wednesday, March 7: Dr. Edward Petuch of Florida Atlantic University describes his research on Western Atlantic mollusks.

Wednesday, March 21: Dr. Gary Schmelz examines mollusk fossils and what they tell us about prehistoric Florida.

Dr. Steve Geiger of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Research Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida, will be the museum's first presenter. Geiger is a research scientist in the Marine Fisheries Research department and he has been employed with the State of Florida since 1988. He has worked in the Molluscan Fisheries group since 2001 and has led the group since 2009. His current work focuses on shellfish monitoring and restoration – primarily scallops, hard clams and oysters.

Geiger has published 13 peer-reviewed articles and co-authored a book chapter on such topics as scallops, stone crabs, plankton dynamics, and Antarctic deep sea fish. He also has five years' experience on crustacean fisheries research and four years of public outreach background.



Research scientist Dr. Steve Geiger will lecture at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum January 11

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Why Alligators Are Important – And How To Live With Them



by Ruth Woodham,
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Note: In a series of recent commentaries, Committee of the Islands has drawn attention to the fact that report-

ing a “nuisance alligator” here on Sanibel usually results in the destruction (killing) of the animal, not in its relocation. Here we explore how and why we should learn to live with these remarkable creatures.

Alligators first appeared on earth around 35 million years ago, but only two species remain in the world today: the American and Chinese alligator.

American alligators are found throughout the southeastern United States, including a large population in Florida. Having shared the habitat with the dinosaurs and survived some major planetary events, alligators began facing the greatest challenge to their survival early in the 20th century – with the ever-increasing migration of humans to the warmer climates in the southeastern states. This

included the barrier islands of Sanibel and Captiva.

Alligator numbers were severely reduced by humans in the 1960s and '70s by contamination of their natural habitat, by harvesting them for meat and hides, by increasing agricultural and industrial development, and by the perceived threat to the safety of humans. The federal government listed alligators as endangered in 1970, and by 1987 they were declared recovered but threatened.

In Florida the animal was classified as “threatened” in 1974 and down-listed to “species of special concern” in 1979. Dee Serage Century, a wildlife expert at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, includes a comprehensive history of alligators on Sanibel in her wildlife presentations at the SCCF facility. Serage is also available to talk to homeowners associations that share their property with alligators. Anyone who has not heard her speak is encouraged to check SCCF for her talks at the facility as well as her availability to speak to individual groups.

Three Keys to Living With Alligators

1. Understand the ecological role that alligators play in the environment.

- The alligator’s importance to its environment is so high that it is referred to as a “keystone species.” It can eat practically any prey, helping to regulate animal populations. Too many of any species places burdens on other populations and on parts of the habitat.

- During dry seasons (especially in the Everglades) gators dig water holes that provide essential habitats for fish and

other wildlife.

- They are sentries for nesting birds. Birds will nest in trees and brush over the water so that predators such as raccoons must reach the nest by water and risk becoming alligator food.

- Alligator nests are sometimes shared by turtles that lay their eggs in the lower section of the nest to incubate in optimal levels of temperature and moisture plus being guarded by a fierce mother gator.

- If harvested legally under proper licenses and permits issued by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, alligators provide a source of food and income to some who would otherwise be unable to support themselves. The current reality TV program *Swamp People* is an example. For an unfortunate example of illegal misuse, readers are referred to Charles LeBuff’s *Sanybel Light*, Chapter 16, The ‘Gator War. LeBuff describes leading a group of Audubon Society birders on a field trip along the Sanibel River in October 1965 when buzzards alerted them to a poacher’s kill. He uncovered 29 alligator carcasses, all from animals four to seven feet in length.

2. Be alert to the possibility of their presence.

- Alligators can occur anywhere there is water. Although they prefer fresh water, they have been found in brackish water and marine salt water. Never wade, swim or fish in waters where large alligators are likely to occur, especially at dusk or night.

- Never feed alligators; it is illegal. Normally alligators avoid humans, but alligators that have been fed lose their natural fear of humans and associate them with food. Feeding changes alligator behavior and they may become dangerous.

- Keep children and pets away from water’s edge wherever alligators are likely to be present. Do not allow dogs to swim or explore waters that are known to have alligators. Keep dogs on a leash when walking them. There are far more alligator attacks on dogs than on humans mostly because of the size of the potential prey. Keep cats indoors.

- Mating season for alligators occurs from mid-April through May. After building a nest in a sheltered spot in or near water the female alligator lays her eggs, which incubate in about 65 days. Be aware of this period and avoid nests and recently hatched gators. Their mothers are very protective.

- It is rare for an alligator to chase humans unless they are near its nest or threaten it in some other way. If the animal makes an aggressive charge, run fast and straight. Alligators have sharp claws and powerful tails to help them push their bodies up. Fences for protection should be more than 4.5 feet tall. Do not clear the landscape to the water’s edge where alligators are known to be. Planting tall grasses or other vegetation will serve as a barrier to discourage them from leaving

the water. Serage reminds people who are disturbed by an alligator basking in the sun that during the winter months alligators are not eating. Their body temperatures must be at 72 degrees to eat. Because they are cold-blooded reptiles, the sun is important to keep their temperatures up. Many go for three to four months and up to six months without eating during the colder winter months. According to her, practically all negative encounters occur in the summer months.

- Alligators make terrible pets. It is illegal to possess or take an alligator without the proper licenses and permits. Alligators are purely instinctual hunters and do not show affection. Alligators will never love the hand that feeds them.

3. Respect the unique and special nature of Sanibel as a barrier sanctuary island.

- From the very beginning Sanibel has always been described as special and unique. Official recognition of Sanibel and Captiva’s uniqueness occurred in 1939 when the Florida Legislature passed a Special Act (Chapter 1936) to establish a Game and Fish Refuge for the islands of Sanibel and Captiva. Following this designation, the Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge was designated in 1945 to include all of Sanibel.

The state continued to sell off pieces of the nearly 2,000 acres of state-owned land on Sanibel. Various environmental groups took up the cause to preserve the land over the years until the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge was dedicated on February 4, 1978. Because of this legacy as a special sanctuary island, Sanibel residents incorporated as a city in 1974 to protect the island from overdevelopment. A comprehensive history of Sanibel Island, its lighthouse, the National Wildlife Refuge and the early pioneers who made it all possible is recorded in Charles LeBuff’s book, *Sanybel Light*, published in 1998 by Amber Publishing, Sanibel.

- On September 3, 1996, the Sanibel Plan was amended to include the Sanibel Vision Statement with Ordinance #96-06; it was reinforced in March 2007, when a referendum to include the statement in the city charter was passed by the voters. The Sanibel Vision Statement’s definition of sanctuary states that: “Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island Sanctuary, one in which a diverse population lives in harmony with the island’s wildlife and natural habitats. The Sanibel community must be vigilant in the protection and enhancement of its sanctuary characteristics.” Alligators are included!

*Committee of the Islands welcomes your input on this subject. Email your comments to coti@coti.org. You can find commentaries on other island issues on our website at coti.org. You can also visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.**

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Alligator

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SCCF Wildlife Tour at the Dunes

Take a wildlife tour by golf cart at The Dunes to see alligators and birds. Last season eagles and crocodile were also spotted. The golf course lakes are surrounded by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation preserved lands, making for great wildlife viewing.

The tour starts at 4 p.m. from The Dunes clubhouse. Call The Dunes for reservations at 472-3355 and ask for Julayne. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children.

First monthly tour is Tuesday, December 6, and then the first Tuesday of every month through April.✱



A seven-foot female with her "pod" of babies that hatched this summer at The Sanctuary photo courtesy Kyle Sweet

Gator And Crocodile Tales At SCCF

The Biology of Alligators and Crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival.

On Wednesday, December 7 at 10 a.m., head to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and learn how to live with these living dinosaurs to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. Following the program take a walk on the trails to see an alligator nest that hatched this summer. Yes, the female crocodile released on Sanibel last summer is still here. Did she nest this summer? Like all reptiles, eggs can be laid even if they have not been fertilized. Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✱



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Change Up The Plan As Conditions Vary

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The week brought all kinds of conditions, from glassy smooth, perfect days to windy and really rough the next. These quickly changing conditions are typical of winter. They did bring lots of different opportunities to anglers even though I often had to change up the day's game plan.

One day I would be out running crab pots along the beaches, sight-fishing in crystal clear water for tripletail and enjoying some awesome Southwest Florida winter time conditions, then the next day I would be hunkered down and hiding on the leeward side of the bay from the strong east winds fishing in dirty wind-blown water with zero visibility.

Being flexible and ready to fish anything that the day brings is what keeps the rod bent.

During calm periods, fishing out along the beaches produced really good action. Tripletail were caught running crab buoys from Naples to Boca Grande. I was thrilled to see how many smaller tripletail

were out there.

One day while running pots I counted over 40 small fish. This is a great sign as tripletail are one of the fastest growing fish in the ocean and these fish will be over the 15-inch minimum size soon.

Running more than 50 miles of crab pots one day, we ended up with an 11-pounder and a six-pounder in the box. We also saw several bigger fish, one of which was in the 20-pound class, the size of a garbage can lid.

With conditions so calm many of the tripletail seemed much more spooky than usual and would quickly vanish when presented with a bait. A few of the many crab buoys we ran also held cobia. Though not big enough to be legal size they are fun to catch and put up a real good fight on light tackle.

Acres of Spanish mackerel were easy to spot breaking the surface gulfside too, along with some bonita crashing through the mix.

In and around the passes was also a good place to be when conditions were not crazy rough. The edges of Captiva Pass held good numbers of redfish with my best day of redfish action coming there this week. Bouncing shrimp and pinfish on the bottom caught 10-plus redfish on the incoming tide one morning. All were between 22 and 25 inches and were bright silver in color compared to

the more copper-colored models we catch in the sound and river.

We also caught and released a few snook in Captiva Pass, although they were all on the small side.

The sheepshead bite along the wall and on the docks at Redfish Pass is really starting to kick off. The cold front that will arrive this week should really fire off this bite.

The pilings of the Sanibel Causeway are also a good spot to catch some bigger sheepshead. Live shrimp and fiddler crabs rigged on a small sliding sinker and light wire hook is the best way to catch these quick biting fish. As we get into our winter time conditions these are one of the few species that are turned on by the cold weather. Though not one of the more glamorous species, these crustacean feeders are one of our winter staples.

With trout, snook and grouper seasons all closed, if you're looking for a fish dinner sheepshead are plentiful and seem to feed no matter what the conditions.

When the tide has been up high enough during windy days, I have been exploring and spending quite a bit of time fishing from the southern end of Matlacha pass to the causeway. This big area has great tide movement and is loaded with oyster bars, mangrove islands and grass flats. It gets very little fishing pressure as it is slow speed zone and hard to access because it is shallow. Most boats just ride right by it on the way up and down the river to fish somewhere else.

This wide open area takes some time to learn but it has been holding some big redfish. They seem to follow the mullet



Sam Mitchell with a 29-inch redfish caught fishing Matlacha Pass with Capt. Matt Mitchell

schools, feeding on what they stir up from the bottom.

Setting up and putting out a four-rod spread of cut baits and waiting them out produced redfish up to 31 inches this week. If I'm looking for a big redfish as a topper fish for the day's trip, it's usually worth camping out over there. Although this whole area is pretty much within minutes of my neighborhood, until the last year or two I never really fished or explored it too much.

It never hurts to have many places close to home to fish on these windy crazy days of winter.

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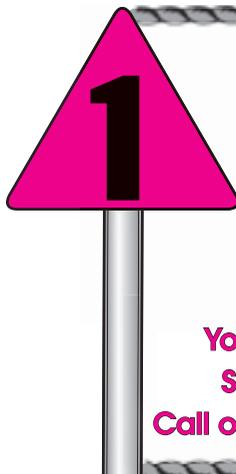
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Cruise Celebrates Winter Solstice

Captiva Cruises will be hosting a special cruise to celebrate the winter solstice on Tuesday December 21, the shortest day of the year, and to benefit The Randell Research Center's (RRC) Calusa Heritage Trail.

The cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel the waters of Pine Island Sound. Emmy Award-winning and Grammy-nominated flutist and composer Kat Epple will be performing during the cruise. Epple's music will be interspersed with a narrative defining the winter solstice as well as identifying

and discussing planets and stars.

Long before people started celebrating Christmas or Hanukah, ancient cultures celebrated the winter solstice and the coming of more daylight. Being out on the water at night is an incredible experience; share in this timeless and universal fascination with the night skies.

This Special Winter Solstice Cruise benefiting the Randell Research Center will be on Wednesday December 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and cost \$65 per person. A full-service cash cocktail bar will be available on Captiva Cruises' Lady Chadwick, and light hors d'oeuvres and wine will be complimentary.

The Randell Research Center (RRC), a program of The Florida Museum of Natural History, is dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. The RRC has established and maintains the Calusa Heritage Trail around the internationally significant Pineland archeological site, a massive shell mound site encompassing more than 200 acres along the mangrove coastline of Pine Island. Captiva Cruises offers weekly cruises to the Calusa Heritage Trail focusing on the fishing cultures of Pine Island Sound.

Kat Epple uses her music and her work for environmental and humanitarian awareness. She has amassed a large collection of flutes from cultures around the world, which she features in her original compositions and CD albums. Her music has been described as celestial yet earthly, primeval, and innovative. Epple specializes in Calusa-inspired music, and created the music for many Calusa

documentaries, including *The Domain of the Calusa*, and the dance performance *Calusa* with the David Parsons Dance Company.

Reservations are required. Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.*

Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron

Over time, boat engines have become more sophisticated with the advances in electronics. An eight-week course of morning sessions will start January 17, offered by the Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron.

This marine engines course will be held at the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Wood Stork



by Emilie Alfino

This juvenile male wood stork arrived at CROW on October 13 and became CROW's 3,707th case of the year; CROW is currently over 4,030 cases for 2011. He was found standing

in one spot for three days straight in a pond in Fort Myers.

CROW sent Rehabilitator Colleen Goff and a volunteer to rescue the bird. On the drive back to CROW, it appeared three separate times that the stork had died; his condition was that grave.

When he arrived at the clinic, he was incredibly weak and emaciated. He couldn't hold his head up or move at all. Staff found no fractures yet the bird couldn't stand, presenting a very big mystery.

The X-rays found nothing suspicious: no hooks, no gunshot, and no broken bones. He had some plaque lesions in his mouth, indicating infection. A plaque lesion is a buildup of some sort of infection – it doesn't have to be encased in skin and does not always have to appear tumor-like, but it is possible that they can. Blood work and cytology was done to help solve the mystery.

Results showed a severe infection of several types of bacteria. He was put on intensive supportive care: subcutaneous fluids, heat because he couldn't maintain his body temperature on his own, pain medications and an antibiotic called Baytril that works against a wide range of bacteria. He also required antibiotic ointment in his eyes because he was so weak he couldn't blink. Staff had to tube feed him. "We all thought that he wasn't going to make it," said CROW Wildlife Rehabilitator Robin Bast.

The next day he was still weak and

couldn't move his head. "We were doing physical therapy three times a day because he couldn't move his legs or wings by himself," Bast explained. "If we didn't move them for him, the muscles could atrophy and he wouldn't be able to use them again."

Two days after he came in, finger mullet was added to his diet via force feeding. By the 18th he was starting to show signs of getting stronger. "He could maybe move a leg or something by himself. At that point he was starting to blink on his own, so we discontinued eye meds but continued everything else plus vitamin injections," said Bast. "We started with both subcutaneous and IO (intraosseous, which means "in the bone") fluids, then switched to just subcutaneous fluids." The bone catheter stayed in until the 19th.

Still, the stork had problems keeping food down. "Both with the tube and force feedings, sometimes he would regurgitate because he couldn't handle it. It's a delicate balance between giving them the food they need to maintain weight and the energy needed to heal, while being mindful of what their body can handle and digest in its delicate state," Bast said.

Because the bird was down, staff had to clean his "vent" – where feces comes from – three times a day. "It's not the most pleasant job," Bast said. "It highlights the fact that wildlife medicine isn't all fun. It can be a dirty job too. But if you work in this field, you care so much for the creatures in your care that you do everything in your power, glamorous or not, to help them heal."

Shortly after the IO catheter was removed, the stork was sitting up on his hocks – on his own. At that point we fashioned a sling out of an ordinary fabric reusable grocery bag," Bast explained. "We cut out leg holes and taped it to a cage. We would put him in the sling and he was able to be upright for about four hours a day."

At that point he had stopped regurgitating fish and was able to hold his food better but still didn't have control of his head. Two days later he was controlling moving his head from side to side.

By the 23rd, a little over a week later, he was standing on his own. "His head was still drooping slightly and he couldn't stand for very long periods of time, but was able to stand on his own," Bast stated. "We continued antibiotics and force feeding but he soon started to eat fish on his own."

Two days later, the stork was walking and standing well, so he was put outside in CROW's pelican cage during the day – Bast refers to it as "day camp" – and continued with antibiotics and vitamin injections. He spent his days outside for physical therapy and came back in at night.

Shortly afterward, he started trying to fly but he wasn't strong enough to get very far," Bast said. "He flapped his wings but wasn't flying." He was kept outside in the pelican compound for the rest of his rehabilitation once his medications and force feeding were discontinued.

This juvenile wood stork, which came to CROW so near death, was released November 11 on Sanibel. "We released him on Sanibel because we suspected the reason he was so ill was that he had some kind of toxin in his system that he picked up where he originally came from," Bast explained. "We didn't think it was a good idea to put him back exactly where he came from, and the wood stork flock he'd been with was gone. We found a flock on Sanibel and a volunteer and Colleen Goff released him into that flock,



The stork gaining strength in his outdoor "day camp"

since they are social birds.

"Toxins can do strange things to the body," Bast stated. "It's hard to know exactly what he got into but once the body is weakened, secondary infection can take over. Animals usually get into something humans have placed in the environment (chemicals), but red tide (an algal bloom that can have toxic effects on wildlife) can also be a cause. "I really like this stork's story, because when he came in we thought he was a long shot and it was exciting to see him come back from being so ill. It reminds me why I love my job."

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



CROW volunteer Colleen Goff releasing the bird into a flock of wood storks on Sanibel

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Dec. 10 at 2:15pm and Dec. 11 at 6:15pm. The Village Church Choir will join the Festival Orchestra and special guest performer, Dutch pianist Jan Mulder, to present A Traditional European Christmas Celebration. Mulder will perform traditional carols and a few contemporary classics. Tickets are \$10.

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Dec. 19

Holiday Pops by The Southwest Florida Symphony

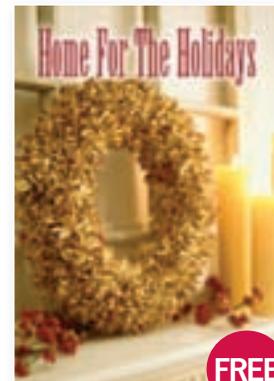
at 7:30pm. Vocalist Sara Dell'Omo, the first female featured soloist with the "President's Own" Marine Band, joins Composer/Conductor Jim Stephenson and the Orchestra in swinging versions of Xpopular holiday favorites. Tickets are \$25.

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Dec. 22, 23, 26, & 27

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from 10am to 4pm. When family is home for the holidays, there is no better time to plan for your future healthcare needs and discuss assisted living. Shell Point assisted living representatives will be on hand for two days prior and two

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Plant Smart

To Prune Or Not To Prune

by Gerri Reaves

Look around after a tropical storm and you'll notice that one tree in particular has weathered conditions unscathed. If there's a hurricane-proof tree, it's the cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*), Florida's state tree.

Also called sabal palm, it has evolved to withstand the challenges of the subtropical climate – winds, drought, pests, and fire – and is deeply anchored in the earth by large taproot.

The cabbage palm's foliage is naturally spherical in shape and the tree is self-pruning. Some gardeners prefer to remove the tree's lower fronds for neatness, but green fronds should be left on the tree.

Removing green



The cabbage palm's natural spherical shape withstands hurricanes and protects the "heart" at the base of the fronds

fronds compromises the tree by making it more susceptible to pests and robbing it of the nutrients gained through photosynthesis.

Harsh pruning or "hurricane cuts" definitely are not recommended. Such cuts render the tree more vulnerable to wind damage.

To properly prune the tree, maintain the "9 to 3 o'clock" configuration at a minimum. That means that the bottom fronds spread from the crown horizontal to the ground.

Trimming beyond that, say in an "11 to 1 o'clock" – or carrot-top – configuration, stresses and damages the tree, making it likely that the top will snap in a gust of wind. Once that happens, the tree will die.

Another reason to avoid over-pruning is that if the tree is on a subdivision, commercial, or industrial development site, it violates the Lee County Land Development Codes designed "to allow required trees to grow into normal, mature landscape features."

Consider leaving the inflorescences on the tree, too. The tiny creamy flowers develop into black berries that wildlife depend upon.

A little restraint in palm pruning will save you time and money. It might even save your tree.

Sources: leegov.com and fnps.org.

*Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create an environmentally responsible, low-maintenance South Florida landscape.**



Carrot-topping and hurricane cuts not only damage trees, but incur removal and replacement costs for homeowners
photos by Gerri Reaves

Touring An Organic Farm With SCCF

By Emilie Alfino

About 14 people joined Audrey Fusco of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation recently for a hay-ride tour of Worden Farm in Punta Gorda, where all the growing area is certified organic and with many more acres of woodlands/natural habitat surrounding the farm that will remain conservation land.

"Florida is slow to come to organic," said co-owner Eva Worden. "The tradition of agriculture here is large-scale industrial farming or small backyard farming, with nothing in between. And with no winter, insects and diseases that affect vegetable crops and fruits don't have a chance to die down. There is a lot of challenge in organic gardening here, but we have proven it's possible."

Organic refers to the way agricultural products are grown and processed. Organic food production is based on a system of farming that maintains and replenishes soil without the use of toxic pesticides and fertilizers. Organic foods are minimally processed without artificial ingredients, preservatives, or irradiation.

Farm manager Elissa explained to the tour group that it takes three years to change the soil over from conventional farming to certified organic. A pond on the



Rebecca Grotian, Kate Brumfield, and Audrey Fusco, workers with SCCF's Native Plant Nursery; and Joe Stack, an intern with JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

farm is used for irrigation. "They check the quality of the water so they can be sure no chemical run-off generated outside of their property enters their water system," Fusco explained.

The farm uses two shade houses; in one they have seed trays and start the plants. When the seeds get large enough to transplant, they put them into the other house and let them grow. Then they plant them into spaces outside in a raised bed that contains very good soil. They cover the beds with mulch made of biodegradable plastic. One side of it is white and the other is black. The black side is turned up during

the winter to heat the beds, and the white side is turned up during spring and fall to keep the beds cool.

"We also learned that an easy way to know if produce is organic or conventional is to check the code: certified organic produce has five digits while produce that comes from non-certified farms has four digits," said Fusco.

The Wordens created their farm from nothing. Co-owner Chris Worden's grandfather was a dairy farmer in Pennsylvania. Eva Worden's family grew avocados in Homestead, Florida. "We wanted to be in Florida because it was a good challenge



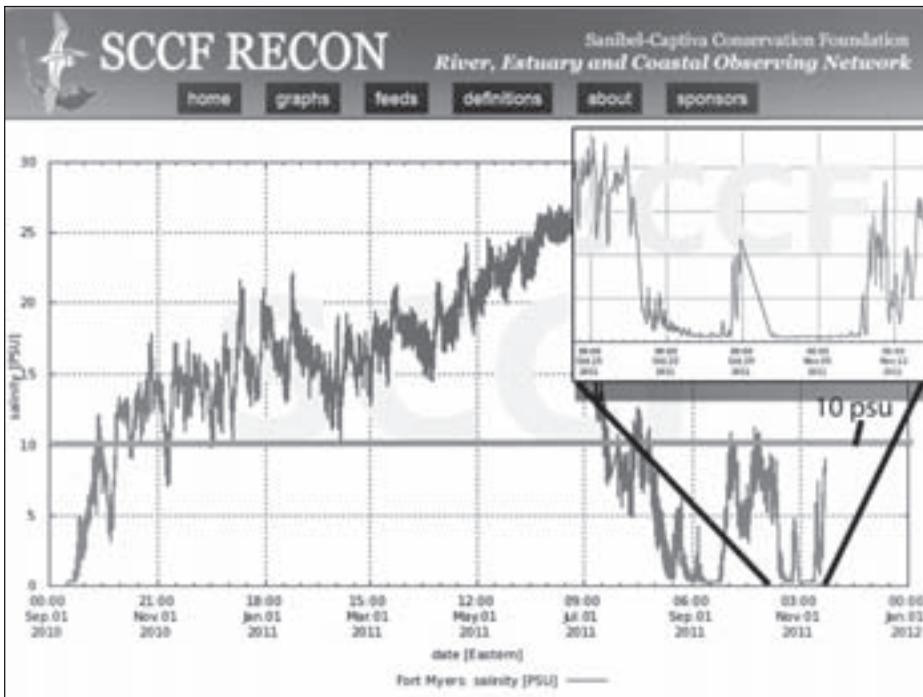
Elissa, manager of Worden Farm

and we like the weather and the community," Eva Worden said. The couple farmed organically in the Northeast for 20 years prior to starting in Florida.

The SCCF group was at the farm for about 1½ hours. They saw a short video about the farm and Community Supported Agriculture prior to the tour, learning about the seeding process, the types of crops grown, inter-cropping, and the irrigation system.

"We learned on the tour, for example, that Worden Farms plants lettuce next to tomatoes, on the outer side of the tomatoes

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Healthy water conditions would keep salinity at or below 10 psu at Fort Myers. Notice that for nine months the Caloosahatchee was outside of desirable conditions, with salinities too high or too low, which results in serious harm to water quality, fisheries and habitat.

From High Salinity To No Salinity For Caloosahatchee

by Rae Ann Wessel, SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director

What a year of water quality challenges it has been! Beginning in October 2010, we were in a critical drought, the driest October in 50 years that was not relieved by the very moderate wet season we experienced this summer. In fact, we were very, very concerned that the drought conditions we suffered last year would pale by comparison to the coming year because of the rainfall deficit.

Just in the nick of time, three rain events in October changed all that, providing 264 percent of our average October rainfall over a three-week period, making last month the wettest October in 80 years.

In one year we went from the driest October in 50 years to the wettest October in 80 years! This is an excellent example of the "flashiness" of south Florida's channelized greater Everglades watershed, which was constructed for flood control and where extremes seem to be more normal than "normal" conditions.

This October's rain dropped the salinity in the Caloosahatchee precipitously, as you can see in the graph of salinity readings at Fort Myers SCCF's real-time water quality RECON sensor. You can observe real-time water quality and plot graphs of selected sites and parameters on our RECON website at <http://recon.sccf.org>

or from the link on SCCF's website homepage, www.sccf.org.

The importance of salinity extremes is the impact they have on native, local wildlife and their habitats. During drought conditions, if water managers cut off all freshwater flow, as they have in the past, the tapegrass habitat is decimated. Tapegrass beds support the endangered manatee in its wintering ground upriver as well as fish and shellfish, snook fry, blue crabs, clams and shrimp. During very wet conditions, excess water is disproportionately dumped down the Caloosahatchee from Lake Okeechobee, bringing nutrient pollution and dark-colored water that cause algal blooms and block light needed by seagrasses. Without light, these plants can't provide oxygen needed by fish and shellfish.

We continue to provide weekly data and recommendations to both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District regarding the management of water. Our objective is to get water from the lake to the Caloosahatchee when it is needed in the dry season, and to prevent huge dumps of water when lake levels are high, in order to support healthy aquatic conditions and habitat in the river, estuary and coastal waters.

It is an ongoing battle and we welcome all concerned voices to help make that point. SCCF, working with our west coast stakeholders, sends weekly conditions reports to the water managers and local legislators. You can read these reports and background information on conditions on our website at <http://www.sccf.org/content/201/Caloosahatchee-Condition-Reports.aspx>.

Shells Found



Kerri Schopf and family

Kerri Schopf (14) of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, found a junonia at Blind Pass while staying at Pointe Santo. Kerri said, "I have joined the Junonia club in my family!"

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Cartwrights Subdivision	Bonita Springs	1999	1,697	348,900	337,500	52
Unit 1 Part 2	Cape Coral	1968	1,825	350,000	325,000	48
Gateway	Fort Myers	2005	3,794	349,000	320,000	32
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1979	1,964	308,900	290,000	308
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No Development	Cape Coral	2000	3,664	299,900	277,500	99
Emerson Square	Fort Myers	2006	2,000	284,999	270,000	104

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Lecture Series

In 1986 he received his bachelor's degree in marine science from Southampton College. He received his master's degree in 1993 and doctorate in 1999 from the University of South Florida. His master's research focused on the biology of juvenile tarpon and his doctoral research focused on zooplankton responses to changes in food supply.✪

Youth Orchestra Season Opens

The Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra season opens with a Fall Concert December 4 at 7 p.m. in the Cypress Lake High School Auditorium.

The performance will include Sibelius' *Finlandia* and Bernstein's *West Side Story*. The Sinfonietta, string orchestra

and five chamber ensembles will also perform.

The Youth Symphony, under the direction of Maestro Michael Hall, and the Sinfonietta, under the direction of Nanette Grant, will perform a program of captivating classics, featuring the talents of these energetic ensembles. The Symphony Youth Orchestra is a talented group of auditioned area students who are trained and rehearse with professional musicians from the Southwest Florida Symphony.

Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door or by contacting the box office 418-1500

Members of the Youth Symphony will take the stage "side by side" with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra for two works by Rimsky-Korsakov on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Pops Timeless Treasures concert.✪

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Art For The Cure Seeks Artists To Aid Kanzius Cancer Research Project

Once, again the John Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation is seeking aid from the generous members of the Sanibel/Captiva and surrounding county's Art Community. The fundraiser, Art For The Cure, will be held at Traders Restaurant on March 25. All proceeds will fund the ongoing research at M.D. Anderson Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh which has proven that human cancer cells, in animals, can be killed without surgery, chemotherapy, radiation or significant side effects. With the community's help, the ability to apply this technology to humans is within reach.

"In today's world, we have all been touched by this devastating disease. It has no regard for age or gender; and we are all subject to the suffering and heartache it brings. Please help us beat the disease that until recently, was considered to be unbeatable," said Marian Denk, who is helping organize the art event.

"By donating a piece of your artwork, you give of yourself. This single act of kindness and generosity could be the last piece of a puzzle whose completion will save millions of lives across the globe," Denk added.

If you can help, call Denk. She will also assist with delivery or pick up of your donation. Call her at 630-532-4861, 630-969-2516, or, after January 5, at 395-9159.✪

Shell Museum In Fossil Show

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will have an informational booth at the Fossil Club of Lee County's 2011 Fossil Show at the Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium on Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 and children under 12 are free. The museum will also sell T-shirts and fossil books during the show.✪

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Wolf Pack 330 of Fort Myers at CROW's Healing Winds Visitor Center

Cubs Donate Bird Houses To CROW

CROW's Healing Winds Visitor Center was abuzz with activity November 19 when Wolf Pack 330 of Fort Myers came to earn their CROW Fun Patch.

After a short introductory movie, Ava Hinojosa, managing director, led them on a tour of the Healing Winds Visitor Center to observe the live feeds of the otters and pelicans and to engage the scouts using the interactive activities available at the center.

The scouts then began to work on their first activity, "How and When to Rescue."

Educational Co-Chair Lynn Ridlehoover led them through "Found a Baby Mammal? When Do You Rescue?" question-and-answer session.

The scouts were each given materials to create a "Rescue Box" for baby birds, turtles and rabbits.

Bev Ball, a veteran volunteer and program presenter at CROW, demonstrated the proper way to approach a baby animal that is injured or is in imminent danger.

Several Cub Scouts volunteered to show their expertise and soon all the scouts were engaged in the rescue process. First they assembled their rescue boxes using a green shoebox, a CROW label with emergency number and a piece of toweling for the bottom of the box.

Next they demonstrated how to rescue with life-sized replicas of a baby crow, baby turtle, burrowing owl and a baby rabbit.

The next activity was led by Bev Ball. Ball demonstrated the proper way to move a gopher tortoise across a road and also how to pick one up, if deemed necessary. She spoke about the reasons gopher tortoises come to CROW. She also explained that a hospital stay for a gopher tortoise can be a long one due to their slow metabolism.

Then it was down to the gopher tortoise grazing area to learn and observe their feeding habits, injuries sustained and the excellent care given at CROW. At the present time, only groups engaged in the Fun Patch Program have access to the grazing area.

Back at the Healing Winds Visitor Center, the Cub Scouts presented the

birdhouses they built for CROW.

Hinojosa presented Dennis Wisniewski, Wolf Den 1 Leader with a token of appreciation for the donation of the birdhouses. Lynn Ridlehoover presented each Cub Scout and their leaders with a CROW Fun Patch.

After the picture taking, the scouts sat down together for an evaluation. The group responded with "awesome!"

The CROW Fun Patch program is offered to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, and homeschoolers. A CROW Fun Patch also will be offered to Sanibel Rec students.

For information about the CROW Fun Patch, go to www.crowclinic.org.

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Dancing With The Islands' Star Shara Weaver

Each week The Sanibel Community Association will be profiling one of its contestants for this year's Dancing with the Islands' Stars (DWIS). Dancing with the Islands' Stars is entering its third year and has become one of the area's favorite events. The two-day event at The Community House begins with a rehearsal night Friday, January 27 and is followed by the gala on Saturday, January 28. Tickets go on sale Thursday, December 1 at 9 a.m.

This week, meet Shara Weaver. Weaver was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, and moved to the Chicago area in 1985. She and her husband John have four adult children, John Jr., Cory, Jamie and Luke and five grandchildren, with three more on the way.

The Weavers have lived on Sanibel since 2000. However, Shara Weaver got

her professional start in the suburbs of Chicago, where she started a wholesale landscape materials business in 1984. With one employee, a 1962 Chevy dump truck, and a lot of determination, she opened a second location a few years later. Her husband John sold his company and joined her in her "little" business in 1994 and today the company consists of four locations serving the greater Chicago area.

The best thing about owning a successful business, according to Weaver, is early retirement! In 2000, she and her husband moved to Sanibel, where she has pursued her many interests in charitable and volunteer organizations. In addition to supporting The Community House, she became active as a Guardian ad Litem volunteer, advocating for the needs of abused and neglected children in Lee County. She has served as a board member of Voices for Kids for eight years, three as president, and she is a member of the Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation.

How did Weaver become involved in dancing? She was in Indiana due to the

birth of their latest granddaughter when she got "the call" asking her to participate in DWIS. She began rehearsals at a local dance studio to "get her groove back." Upon returning to Sanibel, she began building her routine with Fred Astaire professional dancer Michael Dressler. Weaver said she is having the time of her life and is "working hard to earn the votes needed to win it all!"

Weaver's hobbies are grandchildren, horses and dance!

Dancing with the Islands' Stars is a two-day event at The Community House that begins with a rehearsal night Friday, January 27 and is followed by the gala on Saturday, January 28. Tickets go on sale Thursday, December 1 at 9 a.m. The price for rehearsal tickets is \$35 and \$100 for the gala. It's suggested to come early as gala tickets are always a quick sellout.

To track Weaver's progress along with other dancers Raynauld Bentley, Katie Gardenia, Phaidra McDermott, and Nicole McHale, visit www.sanibel-communityassociation.net.✳



Sanibelian Shara Weaver with her Fred Astaire pro dancer Michael Dressler

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'The Motion Of The Ocean' At Sanibel Sea School Holiday Camp



Kyle Hasenfus creates a colorful coconut as part of the Sea School's ocean current study

There are still spots available for Sanibel Sea School's Holiday Camp, where children will have fun celebrating the spirit of the season and exploring the motion of the ocean.

Holiday Camp will feature a reprise of the school's popular "Coconut Telegraph" project, designed to study ocean currents. Campers will learn that ocean currents are crucial to life on this planet, as everyone is downstream of someone else. On an oceanic world, everyone is connected.

Campers will experiment by releasing coconuts in the Gulf of Mexico and following

where they go. And in the true spirit of Sanibel Sea School, the kids will reach out to neighbors with campers writing messages of good tidings to the lucky finders of the coconuts.

When not studying currents and sending messages of goodwill, Sanibel Sea School will become a film studio to create short animated movies. Campers will explore movement over time, captured on film to construct animated clips using natural objects.

And, of course, there will be time to brave the brisk gulf waters to surf, seine, and explore favorite ocean critters!

Three sessions will be offered for Holiday Camp 2011: Weekly camps from December 19 through 23 and Dec 26 through 30 (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), as well as a special three-day session January 2 through 4 (Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

This new three-day session is called "In the Lee" and is designed for Lee County students and others still on holiday break. The name "In the Lee" also refers to the leeward - or direction downwind - on a boat. Apropos, as in this session we will continue to study currents and then hit the road to produce a short film, interviewing people who may have been lucky enough to find a leeward Sanibel Sea School coconut.

Camp sessions are designed for six- through 13-year-olds. Tuition for the first two camp sessions will be \$250 per week, while the three-day "In the Lee" session will cost \$100. A one-time \$50 registration fee will cover associated costs.

Join Sanibel Sea School for a Holiday Camp to remember! Call 472-8585 to reserve a spot today.*

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Gulf Coast Symphony To Perform Tchaikovsky, Beethoven With 14-Year-Old Pianist At BIG ARTS

The Gulf Coast Symphony comes to BIG ARTS Saturday, December 4, for a special island concert that includes the works of Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. The symphony will feature Tristan Teo, the 14-year-old winner of this year's Virginia Waring International Piano Competition. Tickets are \$25 General, \$10 Student, and Child 17 and under free. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

Visits by the Gulf Coast Symphony are a staple on Sanibel. In this classical access concert under the direction of Dr. Andrew Kurtz, audiences will be treated to performances of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 1 in G minor*, "Winter Dreams" and Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Opus 37*, featuring Teo.

A native of Canada, Teo has been awarded top prizes in several international piano competitions. At the age of 11, he placed first in both the solo and concerto pre-college divisions of the 2009 Kingsville International Isabel Sciotti Piano Competitions, becoming the youngest contestant ever to achieve this honor. Earlier this year, he was awarded first prize at the 5th Bösendorfer and Schimmel USASU International Piano Junior Competition. In April, Teo garnered first prize wins in both the solo and concerto competitions of the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition in California. In his spare time, Teo enjoys



Gulf Coast Symphony

reading and creating LEGO masterpieces.

To learn more about this concert, as well as information about upcoming events, workshops and member-

ship, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; call 395-0900; email info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.



Tristan Teo

The Kids Are All Right

by Hyde Tucker

The *Kids Are All Right* is an American commercial film about a family composed of two normal teenagers and two gay mothers. A sperm donor is important to the film.

I found the film funny and entertaining as well as poignant and realistic.

Lisa Cholodenko wrote the script with Stuart Blumberg and directed this award-winning film.

The well-known actors in the film, Annette Bening, Julianne Moore and Mark Ruffalo, are outstanding and so are the less well-known Lisa Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson.

I agree with Joe Morgenstern in the *Wall Street Journal* who wrote, "The basic joke here, and it is a rich one, is that the dynamics of gay marriages differ little from those of straight marriages. But that joke also serves as a catalyst for some startlingly beautiful considerations of age and youth, family values and, before and after everything else, the value of family."

I also agree with A.O. Scott in the *New York Times* who wrote, "Nic and Jules, a couple with two children, a Volvo and a tidy, spacious house in a pleasant suburban stretch of Southern California, are a picture of normalcy. Which is to say that they are loving, devoted, responsible and a bit of a mess."

The film will be shown in Schein Performance Hall at Big Arts at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6. Tickets are \$5. There will be a brief introduction before the showing and after a short break, a discussion of the film. The film runs for 106 minutes.

This showing is part of the Not The Monday Night Series. The films of this series may have some controversy, strong language, violence and sex. This one has a scene of veiled lesbian sex and a scene of fairly explicit heterosexual lovemaking.

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Cleveland International Piano Competition Winner To Perform



2011 Cleveland International Piano winner Alexander Schimpf

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BIG ARTS has announced the lineup for its Sunday classical afternoon series, beginning with the 2011 Cleveland International Piano Competition winner, Alexander Schimpf, who performs at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 11.

The classical afternoon concerts continue with guitar and cello musicians the Moeller Duo on Sunday, January 15, and the Adaskin String Trio on Sunday, January 29.

Individual concert tickets are general admission \$32, children admitted free with a paying adult. The Classical Afternoon concert series is \$82 for all three concerts. To reserve child ticket, call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

The first German winner of the prestigious Cleveland International Piano

Competition, Alexander Schimpf triumphed over finalists from around the world in the August 2011 competition. His performance alongside the Cleveland Orchestra helped him to win the \$50,000 cash prize, as well as 50 concert engagements throughout the U.S. over the next two years.

Schimpf will perform at New York City's Carnegie Hall just one week before his BIG ARTS Classical Afternoon debut on Sanibel.

His Sanibel program includes Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin*, Schubert's *Sonata No. 21 in B-flat major, D. 960*, and a new composition by Adrian Sieber titled *Fantaise II... und schon verglüht* (... and already in embers).

Since winning first prize at the 2008 German Music Competition in the solo piano category and the 2009 Beethoven Competition in Vienna, Schimpf has made a particular name for himself as a promising young talent in concert appearances, which include performances in France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, England and South America. His first CD, released in 2010, was co-produced by classical music labels Deutschlandradio Kultur and GENUIN.

Schimpf's career has already taken him to many concert halls and festivals throughout Germany, including Gasteig, Munich's Allerheiligen-Hofkirche, Musikund Kongresshalle Lübeck, Elmau Castle, and the Beethovenhaus Bonn. He has also performed in France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and England. His concert performances have also been recorded by the German broadcasters BR, NDR and SWR, Austria's ORF and Radio France.

Classical Afternoons Grand Patron Series Sponsor is Deborah and John La Gorce.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event and performance information including links to performer's sites. To purchase tickets, buy online, stop by BIG ARTS at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*

Local Gallery To Host Artist On Luminary Night

On Luminary Night, December 2, from 5 to 7 p.m., island artist Myra Roberts will be at Sanibel Art and Frame. Roberts' retro paintings have become popular among local islanders as well as visitors from around the world. Stop by and see some of Roberts' new paintings. Her prints, cards and book, *Retro Images from the Florida Coast*, will be available.

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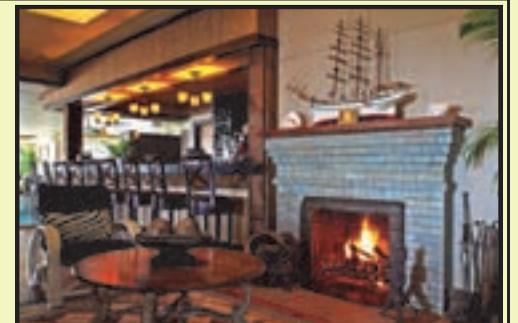


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Soloists Headline Messiah Concert At Mann Hall

by Jim George

Four nationally known soloists will be featured in the *Messiah* concert at Barbara B. Mann Hall December 16 at 8 p.m. This traditional holiday classic will be presented by the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, making its debut as an independent chorus. The chorale was formerly the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus that, after almost 50 years severed ties with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra for budgetary reasons. This will be the first major public concert for the 80-voice group under its new name. In an innovative approach the chorale is inviting members of area choirs to join them on stage for the final *Hallelujah Chorus*. A rehearsal for individuals from area choirs will be held on Thursday night, December, 15 at 7 p.m. at South Fort Myers High School on Plantation Boulevard.

The chorus will be accompanied by the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra under the baton of the chorale's Artistic Director Timothy McDonnell. According to Tonya Player, chorus manager, the two organizations will continue to collaborate in the future but will function as separate organizations.



Jennifer Paulino



Sandra Carney



James Barbato



Stephen Mumbert

Jennifer Paulino, soprano, was praised by the *San Francisco Classical Voice* for her "warm, vibrant, glowing, and limpid" voice. Paulino is a standout among Baroque soloists and has performed extensively both nationally and internationally.

Mezzo soprano Sandra Carney resides in Philadelphia, where she is an active performer and teacher. She has performed across the United States, as well as Italy, Scotland, Canada, and Japan.

Tenor James Barbato most recently completed a residency with Florida Grand Opera's young artist program. His previous concert engagements have included Handel's *Messiah* with Boston's Trinity Church, Mozart's *Mass in C minor* with Boston University, and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* with the Marlboro Music Festival.

Stephen Mumbert, baritone, is quickly gaining attention on the concert and opera stage throughout the United States and England. He was recently praised for being "vocally, the most promising singer" and for "possessing an assured and stylish technique" for his interpretation of the title role in Mozart's *Don Giovanni* at the Aldeburgh Festival in England.

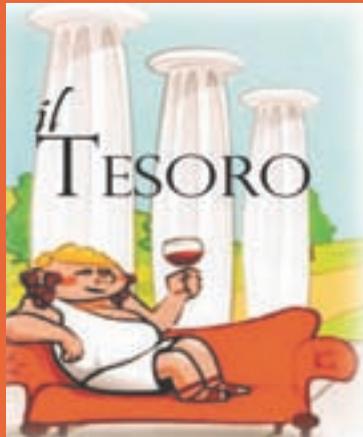
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Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida's premier classical ballet school, is a fan favorite at BIG ARTS and has brought its selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* to the island since 2001. Melinda Roy, Gulfshore's founder and artistic director, recently accepted a prestigious Jerome Robbins Award at Lincoln Center in New York City, celebrating her tenure as a principal dancer with the New York City Ballet.

For more information, visit www.BIGARTS.org. To purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, or call Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*



Gulfshore Ballet's *Nutcracker Suites*
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A Holiday Treat At Broadway Palm Theatre



by Di Saggau

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas: The Musical* is now playing at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The show is packed with all the famous songs from the 1954 film of the

same name with added flair and lots of fun. The costumes and choreography are fabulous. If you aren't familiar with the story, it follows entertainers Bob Wallace (Ryan William Bailey) and Phil Davis (John Ramsey), who were two buddies from World War II. Fast forward to 1954 and they are now one of America's leading entertainment acts, which includes appearing on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

They meet up with the sister act of Betty and Judy Haynes (Kara Farmer and Lisa LeCuyer) and follow them to a snowless Vermont. There they connect with their old general, Henry Waverly (Michael Weaver), who owns a struggling inn. Business is bad, it's unseasonable warm, bookings are scarce and the bills are piling up, so Bob and Phil concoct a plan to

turn things around.

The show has some outstanding musical and dance numbers. Songs include *Sisters*, *The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing*, *Love, You Didn't Do Right By Me*, and of course, *White Christmas*. The *Blue Skies* number with a touch of Fosse, is an absolute standout as is *I Love a Piano* in sophisticated black and white.

The stellar cast includes Pauline Cobrda as the inn concierge Martha Watson, who belts out *Let Me Sing and I'm Happy*. The song is repeated by Susan Waverly, the general's granddaughter, and it was a favorite of the audience. The night I saw the show, Kelly Tackett played the role which is shared with Jessica Daniels.

The cast has great stage presence with voices as good as their dancing and that makes for many bright spots in the show. *White Christmas* is a cozy trip down memory lane and one that should quickly get you in the holiday mood. It's directed and choreographed by award-winning director/choreographer Ann Nieman. The show runs through December 25. For tickets call 278-4422, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*



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Betty and Judy in their *Sisters* act



The *Blue Skies* number

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Worden Farm worker cutting sunflowers for bouquets

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Touring An Organic Farm

so the lettuce is shaded," Fusco said. "If lettuce gets too much sun it will bolt (grow seed pods)."

Worden Farm now participates in three farmers markets regularly. Worden provides for several hundred people through its CSA. They may make an appearance sometime this fall/winter at

the Sanibel Farmers Market. Sign up for their newsletter at wordenfarm.com to be notified when they are planning to come to the market in your area.

"They ended the tour by giving us bouquets of sunflowers which they grow on their farm," said Fusco.

Eva Worden said switching to organic eating transforms your life. "Every human being is tied to the earth," she said. "Every meal is direct and meaningful and it has a powerful impact on you, your community and the larger world."*

New Year's Eve Party At The Community House



Old School Heroes

New Year's Eve comes earlier to our Icelandic friends, and you are invited to party just as they do on New Year's Eve at The Community House. Iceland is known for fire and ice celebrations where volcanoes erupt against a backdrop of glaciers. The Community House will have its own Ice and VolcanoFetti celebration with Champagne toast early at 10 p.m.

The evening starts with dinner by Elias Brothers Catering, dancing music by Old School Heroes, playing classics, rock, country and R&B hits from the '60s to '80s. The band plays the music of the Eagles, Steve Miller, Johnny Cash and the Beatles, to name a few. There will also be a Texas Hold 'em game in the quiet area.

At 12 a.m., with a balloon release and noisemakers, New Year's Eve will be celebrated again.

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Orchid Society

The Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society is planning a Holiday Luncheon at Windows on the Water at the Sundial Resort on Monday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. Sundial is located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive in Sanibel.

The featured speaker will be José Exposito from Sorao Orchids in Homestead. He will bring plants to raffle as well as for sale.

Both SanCap Orchid Society members and guests are welcome to attend. The cost is \$20 for members and \$24 for guests. Checks must be received by treasurer Marilyn Kloosterman no later than Wednesday, December 7.

The menu will include a salad, choice of quiche or open-faced sandwich, both with veggies, dessert and beverage. With your check, please specify your choice of entrée - quiche or open-faced sandwich. For more information, call Marilyn at 472-9408.*

Book Signing

Local author W.C. Highfield will be having a book signing at The Island Book Nook, 2330 Palm Ridge Road, Suite #11, Sanibel, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 9.

Highfield has written two novels. Set in a fictional Southwest Florida island town, *In Sun Down Far*, delivers an island slice of life. A crime of passion intensifies the tale.

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Presentations will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday at CROW's Healing Winds Visitor Education Center. Each day will feature a different presentation given by CROW's volunteers, staff or wildlife partners at the Calusa Nature Center.

Please join in for these upcoming presentations:

Friday, December 2: Meet an Animal Ambassador

Animal ambassadors cannot live in the wild due to physical or psychological injuries. Learn more about the personal and natural histories of these special animals from wildlife partner Melinda Russek of the Calusa Nature Center. Russek will be joined by Pepper and Posse, two Virginia Opossums.

Saturday, December 3: Getting to Know CROW

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Tuesday, December 6: Armadillos and Raccoons: A Timeline from Injury to Release

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Wednesday, December 7: Rescues and Releases: A History of CROW's Patients

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Thursday, December 8: Clinic Rounds

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Friday, December 9: Why Animals Come to CROW

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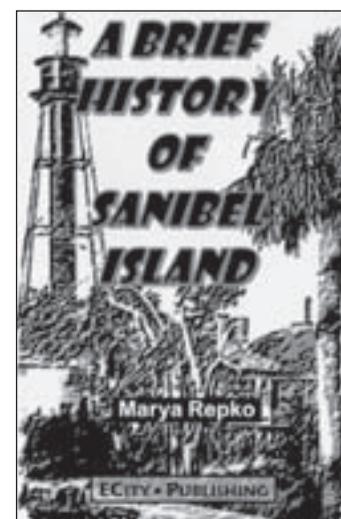
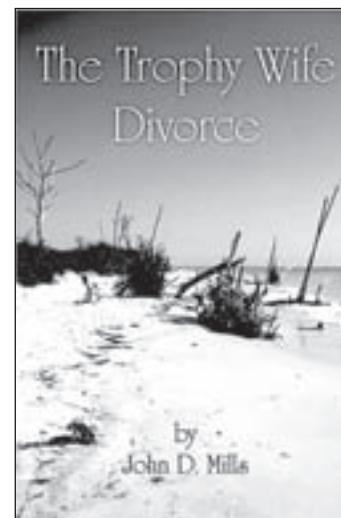
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Book Signings

Two local authors will sign copies of their books this weekend at the Sanibel Books & Gifts, 1571 Periwinkle Way. On Friday, December 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. author Marya Repko will be signing copies of her book *A Brief History of Sanibel Island*. This \$10 paperback makes a great gift for any Sanibel lover. This book covers the history from early times, the pioneers, "Ding" Darling and the refuge, the controversial building of the causeway, and city incorporation which stopped massive development. The book also deals with the cattle industry at Punta Rassa. There are numerous old photos and references.

On Saturday, December 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. local author John Mills will be signing copies of his fifth book *The Trophy Wife Divorce*. This a legal thriller about a nasty divorce case with a wealthy couple that turns into a criminal case. The main character is divorce attorney Beth Mancini, who represents the trophy wife, Karen Jacoby, and has tried to get the pre-nuptial set aside. After a failed mediation in the divorce, Beth and Karen spend a weekend at Karen's secluded beach cottage on Cayo Costa, Florida. A masked intruder with a gun ties them up and tells them Karen's husband sent him with the message that they should've settled at mediation. During the attack, Beth breaks free and kills the intruder. The husband is arrested and his defense at trial is the wife staged the attack to get an advantage in the divorce case. During the trial, the secrets of the husband and wife are exposed as the lawyers battle for the jury's verdict.✪



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Art League Gives Gift To Library

On November 17, Sanibel-Captiva Art League officers presented the Sanibel Public Library director, Margaret Mohundro, with several art books and a DVD for circulation. The gift was made in appreciation of the use of the library as a venue for league art shows. The DVD is an art lesson by nationally known oil painter Richard Schmid. Also donated were two books signed by local artist William North, and books by other well known artists and teachers, Ian Roberts and Charles Reid.

The present library, originally designed with a hanging system on the interior walls which was intended to continue the library's tradition of hosting art shows, began in the old library building on Library Way. Sanibel-Captiva Art League has existed in the island community for 40 years and values its unique historical relationship with the library. New officers of the league are Pat Smart, president; Kathy Taylor, vice-president; CC Caldwell, secretary; and Vreni Scheu, treasurer.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art League meets on the third Thursday of every month at The Community House. For information about the league, log on to sancapart.com.✽

Kids' Authors With Apps

Island authors and longtime residents Mike and Annelle Rigsby, announced their latest interactive picture book app, *Phil and Freddy's Christmas* from the popular Phil and Freddy series. Written for children using the iPad, *Phil and Freddy's Christmas* is an interactive storybook for ages three through seven about two lively frogs who work together to solve a tree-decorating dilemma. *Phil and Freddy's Christmas* delivers colorful illustrations, continuous animation, touch points, and cheerful holiday sounds. A unique feature of this series is that children can choose to hear the author narrate the story or they can choose to read the story by themselves. Either way, kids of all ages will enjoy the antics of these two likable amphibians. *Phil and Freddy's Christmas* is available online at the iTunes App store. For more information about the Rigsbys' other apps or books, visit www.misterengineer.com ✽



Authors Annelle and Mike Rigsby with frog characters from *Phil and Freddy's Christmas*, their latest iPad app for kids

photo submitted by Mike and Annelle Rigsby

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Book Review

The Paris Wife



by Max Friedersdorf

Reading *The Paris Wife* is like driving up to a railroad crossing and watching in hypnotic fascination as an inevitable train wreck occurs right before your eyes. You can't turn

away.

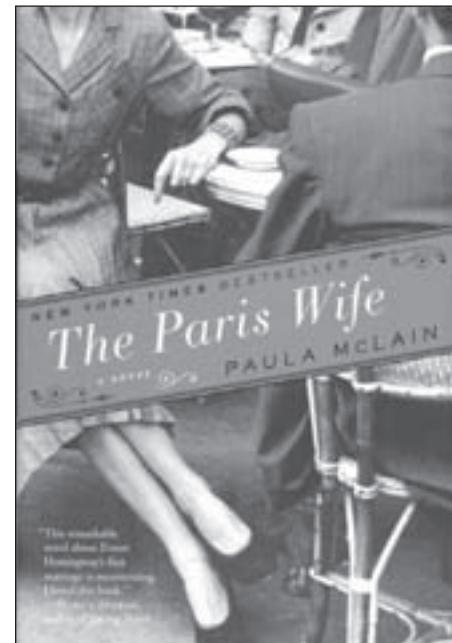
The train wreck is the smash-up of Ernest Hemingway's first marriage to a lovely, faithful, intelligent and devoted girl named Hadley Richardson.

Swept up in a whirlwind courtship, the red-headed Hadley, in her late twenties, marries the 21-year-old Hemingway and they set sail for Paris where they become part of the roaring twenties' "Lost Generation."

Living in a wretched, walk-up, toilet-down-the-hall, cold water flat, the young couple nevertheless develop friendships with wealthy and successful mentors like Gertrude Stein, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Pablo Picasso.

Hemingway accepts special assignments from the *Toronto Star* as a foreign correspondent but spends most of the time writing poems and novels while Hadley tends to their new baby boy, Bumby.

A vamp soon appears in the form



of a chic, slender brunette from St. Louis named Pauline Pfeiffer, a gal with money, a job as Paris correspondent for *Vogue*, and definite designs on the handsome, macho Hemingway.

Pauline soon ingratiates herself with Hadley and helps out with the baby sitting and shopping and joins the couple on a skiing trip to Switzerland and a vacation in Antibes on the French Riviera.

Hemingway, by this time, is wrapping up his first great novel, *The Sun Also Rises*. During their five years of

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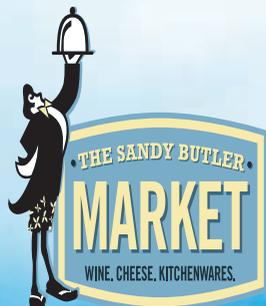
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Sanibel Public Library Author Series 2011-12

The Sanibel Public Library has announced its Author Series 2011-12. The line-up this year features bestselling authors Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, Jennifer Egan, Paul Theroux, and Dennis Lehane. The series begins on Thursday, December 8, at 7 p.m. at the library with author Nancy Taylor Rosenberg.

Rosenberg is a bestselling author of 14 novels including the critically acclaimed *Mitigating Circumstances*, *Interest of Justice*, *Abuse of Power*, and *Sullivan's Law*. Her newest book is *My Lost Daughter*. Fans praise her for her intense style and her ability to breathe real life into action-packed thrillers. Critics have called her stories "chilling" and "riveting" and her writing "intricately crafted" and "compelling." Her books have been translated into dozens of languages and are worldwide bestsellers.

Rosenberg's legal thrillers are filled with adrenaline-pumped storytelling and an insider's knowledge of the justice system. The author knows what she writes. Her previous career boasts 14 years in law enforcement with the Dallas Police Department, the New Mexico State Police, and the Ventura County Probation Department, where she was a superior court investigator.

Rosenberg is also known for her phil-



Nancy Taylor Rosenberg

anthropic and humanitarian work. She received national acclaim for her writing program for inner city youth called Voice of Tomorrow and has been honored by groups such as the Board of Supervisors of Orange County and the Boy Scouts of America, and several medical associations. She resides in Dallas.

Tickets for the Author Series are available in advance of the appearance at the Sanibel Public Library to Sanibel Public Library cardholders. First-come, first-served. Maximum two tickets per cardholder. Tickets will be released as follows:

Jennifer Egan, appearing on January 19, tickets available December 19.

Paul Theroux, appearing on January 30, tickets available December 30.

Dennis Lehane, appearing March 1, tickets available February 1.

The Sanibel Public Library Author Series is made possible with the generous support of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc. and its donors. Series Partners are Bank of the Islands, The Blue Dolphin Cottages, Dolores and Jack Clarke, Jan Egeland, Linda and John Kramer, LCEC, Sandy and Ken Nirenberg, Northern Trust, Sanibel Public Library Foundation Inc., Uhler & Vertich Financial Planners, West Wind Inn, Diane and Bob Williams.*

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Sanibel Sunset Detective Returns* by Ron Base
2. *Mama Sees Stars* by Deborah Sharp
3. *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova
4. *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda
5. *Litigators* by John Grisham
6. *I, Steve* by George Beahm
7. *Room* by Emma Donoghue
8. *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova
9. *Unlikely Friendships* by Jennifer Holland
10. *Help* by Kathryn Stockett
*Courtesy of Sanibel Island Bookshop**

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The Paris Wife

marriage, Hadley has been an honest critic of Ernest's work, not always to his appreciation, but Pauline has deduced what he really wants is plenty of unqualified praise and support.

Hemingway leaves Hadley and marries Pauline. Thirty-five years later, Hadley is vacationing in Arizona with her new husband, Paul Mowrer, when she receives a call out of the blue from Hemingway who has since married two more times and won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Hemingway, after a long conversation, concludes, "We loved each other too much. No, that's not it at all. I ruined it."

The Paris Wife by Paula McClain is a terrific novel and has been high on the bestseller lists since publication earlier this year. It captures a remarkable period of time and a love affair between two unforgettable people.

McClain constructed the book by following the very well documented historical record. "The true story of the Hemingways' marriage is so dramatic and compelling, and has been so beautifully treated by Ernest Hemingway himself in *A Moveable Feast*, that my intention became to push deeper into the emotional lives of the characters and bring new insight to historical events, while staying faithful to the facts," McClain explained.

The Paris Wife, By Paula McClain. Ballantine Books, New York. Hardback, 320 pages, \$25.*

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selected by Don Brown

Belleflower

by Warren Woessner

More than half lost
on all those letter roads
we just stop our rental
full of writers on E,
beg for bathroom and directions
at a cinder block bunker
with an open screen door:

"Town Hall." Out back,
chicken and blackbird calls.

A '54 Chevy grins at me-
brown bumper a fence
for goldenrod.
The well-known church
stands tall in big trees.

The official folks inside
are curious as birders
who spot a parrot
in December-it's remarkable,
but soon gone, flying away
like we do now past all
their frosty, picked clean fields.

This poem is from Woessner's book, *Clear All The Rest Of The Way* available from Amazon.com. Woessner conducted a poetry workshop and read at BIG ARTS in 1988. He has been published in many reviews and anthologies over the last 40 years including *Poetry*, *The Nation*, *Poetry Northwest*, and *The Beloit Poetry Journal*. He cofounded *Abraxas* magazine in 1968 and is the senior editor. A few of his other books and chapbooks are listed on Amazon.com He and his wife are part-time residents of Captiva.*

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The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club has received premium Fraser Christmas firs freshly cut and shipped on refrigerated trucks from North Carolina. Take your family and pick out this year's perfect tree. They are located in the Bailey's Center, right between the Grog Shop and Island Cinema.

The tree lot will open Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We really hope that everyone takes the time to visit our Bailey's lot and picks out that special tree," said Tom Hoover a past president of the Lions Club. "All of the money that we collect will go to a great cause, so come out and help us support it."

During this period the Lions will also host another one of their popular Fish Fry
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Around The Islands

Bistro Brings Fresh New Look To Beachview Restaurant

by Anne Mitchell

As I mentioned last week, **The Bistro at Beachview** is now open, renovated and under new ownership, serving lunch seven days a week and dinner Monday through Saturday.

I stopped by to check it out and discovered that it has a fresh new look and a colorful display of original paintings by Florida artist Lacy McClary on the walls.

Whether you want a quick burger or fish and chips after a game of golf or tennis,
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Colorful artwork adorns the walls of the recently renovated Bistro at Beachview, which is now open daily for lunch and dinner



Carolers in the courtyard of First Presbyterian Church at last year's Holiday Carol Sing

Holiday Carol Sing To Help Community Ministries Feed Hungry; Need For Food Called 'Critical'

Residents young and old can celebrate the holidays by singing together to help feed the hungry at the 21st Annual Holiday Carol Sing presented by First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships.

The Holiday Carol Sing will be Tuesday, December 13, at First Presbyterian Church, 2438 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers, between Lee Street and Royal Palm Avenue. Admission is at least two cans of non-perishable food for the Everyday Café and Marketplace (formerly known as The Soup Kitchen), operated by Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI), and a voluntary cash donation when possible.

"We certainly need to raise all of the money we can to feed the hungry, but in the event you don't have the money, do not feel embarrassed or let that keep you away.

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Creativity Could Pay Off Big At The Shellabration! Couture Fashion Show

Calling all shell enthusiasts. As part of Shellabration! 2012, The Community House will be hosting a shell fashion show featuring your shellelegant garments that are heavily embellished with shells. Imagine a shell wedding dress – how about a shell bathing suit or maybe even a shell sport coat? Yes, men are definitely invited to participate. The committee is looking for a high level of creativity and imagination with the winner taking home the grand prize of \$500.

The competition is open to organizations, groups of friends, church groups or individuals who want to have lots of fun designing an outfit. Entering the designs by December 15 to The Community House. Enter up to three designs to have an even greater chance of being selected. Drop off the sketch, the CD, or a sample at The Community House or call Isabella Rasi, the Shell Fashion Show chair, at 246-4716.

Immediately following the submissions of designs on December 15, the Shellabration Couture Committee will announce the winning designs and you can get started. The Shellcrafters have agreed to help drill holes in your shells so you can more easily attach them to your garments. The Shellcrafters are always available on Mondays at The Community House to offer advice and support.

On February 27 at 11 a.m., a special Shellabration! luncheon will be served at The Sanctuary Golf Club, followed by a runway presentation of the designs that have been selected. The audience will select the winner of a \$500 check. Expect even more surprises. Each contestant will receive multimedia recognition and a free ticket to the event.

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Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Players are welcome.

Every Friday the legion offers a 6oz. ribeye steak sandwich all dayas well as cheeseburgers and other fare, along with daily specials and a full menu.

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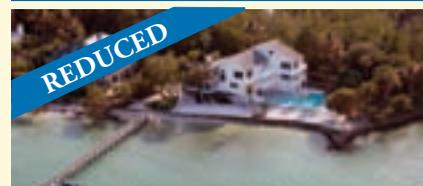
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The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company presents Shell Museum Director Dr. José H. Leal with an Under the Sea Grand Sponsor check for \$10,000. Back row from left: Linda Mason, Al Hanser, Terry Igo, Jim Young, Beth Weigel, Robin Colby, Susan Ayres, Chip Lesch, Dick Pyle. Front row from left: Betsey Houston, Jose Leal, Under the Sea Organizer Evelyn Stewart, Shell Museum Board Vice President Betty English.

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, thanks to a \$10,000 donation, is the Grand Sponsor for The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's annual Under the Sea benefit that will be held under the stars and on the beach at Island Inn on January 29, beginning at 4 p.m. Shuttle service will be available.

There will be a Polynesian luau with a tiki torch lighting, authentic Polynesian fire dancers, live music, a beach bonfire, a Polynesian dinner catered by Traditions and Bailey's, and lots of auction and raffle prizes, including artwork from Sanibel's Myra Roberts.

Tickets are \$125 per person and you can make your reservations on the Events page at www.shellmuseum.org.

To become an event sponsor or contribute auction/raffle prizes, contact Evelyn Stewart at 472-8443 or email Aippsm@aol.com.*

Center 4 Life Programs

Sanibel Fit 4 Life is the motto at the Center 4 Life. All ages are welcome. Island Seniors Inc. members can buy coupon booklets from the City of Sanibel at the Center 4 Life, 2401 Library Way, or at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Booklets of 12 coupons are \$42, or get three coupons for \$10.50. Members of the Sanibel Recreation Center need only to show their photo membership card.

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. through December 22.

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance exercises, core strength and flexibility exercises. Sandi McDougall is the instructor.

Gentle Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

Flu Clinic – Flu shots will be given at the center on Friday, January 27, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday Kayaking – There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Bring water, a snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Members have first priority.

Island Seniors, Inc. Annual Members Meeting – Friday, December 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come hear about all that has happened at the center and plans for the future. New events will be added to the schedule. Jan Nieman will be the guest speaker. Lunch is free.

Knit Wits Needed – Come by the center on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. to knit or crochet. Bring your project and share tips.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. On December 14, Alice Walzer will lead a discussion on *Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. Ann Rodman, volunteer coordinator, welcomes ideas for books to read and discuss and suggestions on facilitators. Contact her at 395-2191 or email annrodman@aol.com.

Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club Diabetes

Screening – Friday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. First come, first served.

Second Annual Justine Smith Charity Bridge Tournament – Friday, February 10 at 1 p.m. Local merchants will contribute gifts that will be given away during the tournament. All proceeds go to PAWS.

Florida Repertory Theatre – Tickets have been reserved for Saturday 2 p.m. matinees. Member ticket prices are \$21; non-members are \$26. Pay when you sign up. The shows are:

- *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry – Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m.

Games at The Center:

Bridge – 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday

Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday

Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday.

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submitted by Eric Pfeifer

Last week, Andrea Miller, the new director of the Sanibel Recreation Center, spoke to us about the City of Sanibel Financial Assistance Program. This program allows island kids to enjoy the benefits of having a place to go after school while parents are still working as well as Fun Days when there is no school, holiday camps and summer camps. Through the efforts of many islanders and local businesses, local kids have been able to have a place to go and be a part of several off-island field trips.

Last summer, this program took a busload of kids to a Tampa Bay Rays game. Kiwanis is proud to be the main sponsor of this program for which we donated \$10,000. The total money raised last year was \$50,000. Applicants are awarded some of this money as a reduction in the cost of these programs. The applications are judged based on need, size of family and family income.



Andrea Miller, Barry Roth and Judie Zimomra

Are you having trouble finding something to do for New Years Eve? Are you wondering how you might stay awake until the ball drops that night? Fear not, Sanibeleans, consider yourself invited to the greatest party this side of the Sanibel River. On December 31, Sanibel will be Rockin' at the Recreation Center. The 2nd annual New Year's Eve Celebration will start at 8 p.m. and go until Dick Muench kicks the last person out while picking up the chairs at 12:01 a.m.

Fellow Kiwanian Barry Roth captivated the audience by telling us there will be a magician, juggler and ventriloquist, none of whom are members of Kiwanis.

Some members have been practicing, however. There will be a 50-50 raffle and Bingo where one may win trips, jewelry, restaurant certificates and many more fun prizes. There will be some amazing food, drinks (non-alcoholic), desserts and coffee. You may purchase tickets at the recreation center, and all ages are welcome.

We also presented a check to Tom Uhler on behalf of the Southwest Florida Symphony. Each year, the symphony coordinates a production for the kids at the Sanibel School. Uhler says it is very interesting to watch kids listen to music without an iPod or MP3 player in their hand.



Sanibel Public Library's Board of Commissioners and library director. Seated from left: Millie Ford, President Linda Uhler, and Vice President Tom Krekel. Standing from left: Gib Warren, Executive Director Margaret Mohundro, Secretary Linda Kramer, Sandy Zahorchak, and Treasurer Dan Moeder.

Sanibel Library Earns Top National Honors

The Sanibel Public Library has been named a 5-Star Library in the *Library Journal's* annual America's Star Libraries 2011 survey. The *Library Journal* Index of Public Library Service measures the service levels of 7,153 public libraries in the U.S., based on circulation, visits, Internet use,

and program attendance.

This is the second year Sanibel's library has been honored as a Star Library, and the first year as a 5-Star Library, the highest rating; in 2010 the library received a 3-Star rating.

The Sanibel Public Library is the only Florida library to be named a Star Library.

"From its beginning by a group of volunteers through today, the library has always enjoyed tremendous community support. It is a well-respected part of the island's cultural tradition, enriching the lives of Sanibel residents and visi-

tors," said Linda Uhler, president of the Sanibel Public Library District Board of Commissioners.

The ratings are based on an overall indication of how a library's performance stacks up to peer libraries with similar expenditures.

"The board has worked very hard to use the tax revenues from the Sanibel taxpayers and the donations from the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, to provide high-quality services, and the best environment we can, to the community. Obtaining recognition by the *Library Journal* as a 5-Star Library in our expenditure category, and to be the only library recognized in Florida, is a great honor, and one we will strive to maintain," said Dan Moeder, library board of commissioners treasurer.

The library commissioners provide leadership and emphasize excellent public service and technological innovation, according to library Executive Director Margaret Mohundro.

Don Matlock, Dick Larson, Don van Alstyne and Barry Gordon all aged a little bit this week.

Please feel free to join us any Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at The Dunes for breakfast. We are running a special for the next new member of the club. It involves lighting candles, parking and scrubbing spaghetti sauce. Details to follow.*

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Lions Christmas Trees

events. The Fish Fry will take place on Luminary evening Friday, December 2 The Community House. The event will start at 4 p.m. and last until the fish runs out. The menu will feature fresh fried fish, cheese grits, baked beans, coleslaw, choice of beverages and apple pie. As usual, even carry-out will be available! There is an \$8 suggested donation for adults; children under five will be admitted for free. Money raised at the Fish Fry will benefit the Lions' Summer Camp Scholarships for individuals with learning and other disabilities who will be able to attend Quest's Camp Thunderbird program. For more information about the camp, visit www.questinc.org.*

"Additionally, the creativity, dedication, and hard work of the library staff and volunteers make the 5-Star rating possible," Mohundro said.

Changes in technology have been considerable since the index began five years ago. Significant trends include use of wireless Internet access by patrons on their own computers or handheld devices, accessing library resources online, and downloading e-books and audio books.

"The Sanibel Public Library Foundation's support of programming such as the Author Series and Summer Reading Program, and technology services like TeenSpace Tech Lab and eShelf, leverages public tax dollar investment and ensures library users are able to participate in these trends," added Uhler.

The report of America's Star Libraries is available at the *Library Journal* website: <http://features.libraryjournal.com/star-libraries/class-of-2011/americas-star-libraries-2011-top-rated-libraries>.*



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Zonta Welcomes Four Members

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva recently inducted four new members, expanding the current membership to 64. Zonta is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International.

As they were officially inducted by Barbara Nagle, Zonta president, the new members pledged to provide service to improve the legal, political, economic, health and professional status of women. Zonta's new members are:

Linda Layton. Layton hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She worked her way from a menial desk job to regional director of sales for the Adams Mark Hotels to business development manager for McGettigan Partners, and finally account executive for Carlson Marketing. She said her success would not have been possible without the support of her husband Mike, who was a stay-at-home dad caring for their four children. A rainy Sanibel vacation in 2004 prompted the couple to look at houses and they have been winter residents ever since. Layton's sponsor is Nancy Dreher.

Win Rathje. Rathje taught first and fourth grades before establishing an early learning center in Findlay, Ohio. She went on to become director of a small



Zonta recently welcomed new members. From left: sponsor Annie Nachtsheim and Susan Tucker, sponsor Judy Workman and Rev. Ellen Sloan, Win Rathje with sponsor Orlene Shimberg, and Linda Layton with sponsor Nancy Dreher.

private school. Rathje taught migrant workers' children in Deshler, Ohio, under a Title One program for two months each fall. She volunteers at the Sanibel/Captiva Chamber of Commerce, for CCMI's soup kitchen, and as secretary for the Outreach Committee at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church. She is married to Dennis, whom she met in first grade. Together they have three children and five grandchildren and spend six months in Florida and the rest of the year between their homes in Naperville, Illinois, and on Lake Shafer, Indiana. Her sponsor is Orlene Shimberg.

Ellen Sloan. Rev. Sloan is currently the rector of St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, after serving as chaplain and Dean of Community at The General Theological Seminary in New York City for five years, and as a priest

in Ridgewood, New Jersey, for four. Sloan completed her PhD in administration and organizational development at the University of Connecticut in 1995, holds a master's degree from Dartmouth College and a bachelor's from Plymouth State University. She spent 25 years in the educational field prior to her discernment leading to ordained ministry. In preparation for her ordination, she completed a master's of divinity in 2002. Sloan and her husband Ralph have two adult children and three grandchildren. Her sponsor is Judy Workman.

Susan Tucker. Tucker grew up on Long Island, New York, where she earned finance and accounting degrees. After moving to Atlanta in 1981, she became accounting manager for an international automotive parts company, eventually becoming vice president of

finance and operations. Tucker retired in 2000 and moved to Sanibel with her husband; they spend summers in British Columbia. An active volunteer both on and off the island, Tucker has been a past board president for CROW and now serves as treasurer, is a Hope Parkinson's exercise instructor, a foster mom to rescued Chihuahuas, as well as a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Her sponsor is Annie Nachtsheim.

The club is now in full swing planning for the 11th Annual Peek at the Unique, its signature fundraiser and home tour, set for Saturday, March 24. Funds raised are given in grants to both local and global programs that support the Zonta mission of improving the status of women.

For information about Zonta, visit www.zontasancap.com.✱



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Bailey's Christmas Ornament Is Here

Santa has arrived! Continuing the tradition of limited-edition collector ornaments, Bailey's General Store has unveiled its 2011 edition.

The 2011 ornament, the third in the series, depicts the "Bailey's Santa Claus" climbing up the ladder to the roof of Bailey's General Store to reach his sleigh. All who visit Bailey's around the holidays have witnessed this phenomenon first-hand. Santa has visited Bailey's to spread the spirit of the season to all residents and visitors in this way for many years.

Francis P. Bailey Jr., the store's very own Santa, celebrated his 90th birthday in April. This year's ornament was designed in honor of Francis and created as a keepsake for all to remember the spirit of Christmas.

This ornament, as well as the 2010 ornament of the original Bailey's Store on Matthews Wharf and the 2009 inaugural ornament which bears the hand-written initials of Sam and Francis Bailey, is available for purchase exclusively at Bailey's General Store.

Each ornament is made of 24k gold on brass and comes in a royal blue presentation folder showing the Bailey's logo on the front. The folder contains a certificate indicating the limited-edition ornament number and giving a brief description of the particular significance of the design.

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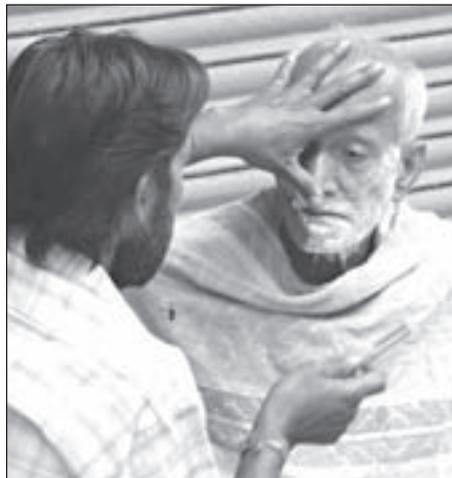
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A Journey To India, Part One



Administering to an elderly man

by Patty Molnar

At the beginning of November we embarked on a long-anticipated 18-day tour of India.

Before I describe the cities and sites we visited, some pertinent facts about the country are indicated. India is the second-most populous country in the world (after China), with 1.25 billion inhabitants. The religious breakdown is as follows: 80 percent Hindus; 13 percent Muslims (India is the second-most populous Muslim nation after Indonesia); with the remaining being Buddhists (India is the birth-place of Buddhism); Jains (an offshoot of Hinduism), Sikhs; Parsis who practice Zoastrianism; and Christians.

India is composed of 30 states, seven of which border China and Tibet. Hindi is the main language of the people; English is the language of the central government and of higher education. There are 20 additional languages, each with its own script. The central government has a parliamentary system with a federal structure.

Although India is now the world's fourth-largest economic power, 70 percent of its citizens live in the countryside



India has 1.25 billion inhabitants

working in agriculture. While enough is produced to feed the entire population, a poor distribution system means 50 percent of the production rots before it ever reaches its destination.

The literacy rate today stands at 64 percent, an almost 40 percent increase since the British left India in 1947. Twenty-five percent of the populace lives in poverty, down 10 percent from two decades ago owing to economic reforms. These, combined with improvements in the educational system, are producing economic growth and freeing women from their traditional boundaries.

Everyone warned us about the poverty for which India is known and is in full view everywhere. However, our Indian guides told us not to give money to beggars (which are omnipresent), as virtually everyone could find some sort of work if he really wanted to. I don't know enough about the situation to either agree or challenge the veracity of this view.

Unfortunately, we were repeatedly told that India has huge problems with corruption and bureaucracy. Bribery cuts wide swaths through aspects of Indian life. However, one native lecturer we heard said there are signs that tolerance for such offenses is lessening, citing the fact that six corrupt officials involved with the



Twenty-five percent of the populace lives in poverty, yet beauty abounds

troubled Commonwealth Games early this fall are now serving prison time, something that was unheard of 10 years ago.

First on the itinerary was India's capital of Delhi, a city of 15 million. Since we arrived two days before the start of our tour, we made two forays with a private guide into the section of the city known as Old Delhi. Driving there (or better said, being driven; you would have to have a strong death wish to drive yourself!) we saw on the side of the road a lot of goats waiting to be sold and sacrificed for an upcoming Muslim holy day.

We also got our first taste of the rules of the road in India. These are basically (1) the largest vehicle has the right-of-way; (2) the loudest and most frequently

used horn, employed to announce one's presence, prevails; and (3) the most adventurous and aggressive driver gets the farthest. Imagine the following sharing the road: cars (mostly Tatas and Ambassadors, the latter being a British-looking vehicle used principally by government officials); rickshaws, both motorized (called tuktuks) and bicycle and occasionally water buffalo-driven; mini-taxis often with 10 or more passengers; buses (we were amused to see dilapidated buses with the improbable slogan of "The World's Most Eco-friendly Bus System" painted on their sides!); and numerous animals all over the roadway, including goats, cows, dogs, pigs and monkeys.

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Goats and people live side-by-side



The rules of the road are practically non-existent

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Zontians Kris Riffs and Jan Alden, who helped PACE girls produce the jewelry, with PACE counselor Katelyn Uhler

Island Zonta Club Joins Fort Myers Club For Benefit

Zontians from Sanibel and Fort Myers turned out in force at the recent MADE by US Fashion Show, Sale and Benefit held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers. The well-attended event featured fashion designers, crafts people and women with small food and catering businesses. There were 22 vendors in all at the benefit.

After shopping, visitors were treated to a fashion show and speakers including Christa Hicks from Beauty from Ashes (a faith-based organization ministering to victims of the sex industry), Yaro Garcia from ACT (Abuse Counseling And Treatment Inc., a service provider for survivors of domestic violence), Dr. Genelle Grant from GRACE (Guatemalan Rural Adult and Children Education), and Nola Theiss from HTAP (Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership Inc.). HTAP combats human trafficking by educating young people, while GRACE is a UUCFM project dedicated to improving the lives of Guatemalan women and their families through education.

Marta Matias, a mother of three who cleans houses for a living, was one of more than a dozen vendors selling everything from crocheted and woven tops and shawls to hand-painted women's golf gloves. Matias was recently the subject of an article by Amy Bennett Williams in the *News Press* highlighting her Mayan crafts and fashion.

Canvases painted by area students for HTAP's ARTREACH project were on display at the event. ARTREACH is designed to educate local children about the dangers of human trafficking through art and theater.

The event was the brainchild of Sanibel resident Gari Grant Lewis, who for years dreamed of putting on an event that showcased the talents of women. "It was always my intention to someday feature and showcase fashions designed and sewn by women," Grant Lewis said. Also featured was jewelry made by the PACE



Gari Grant Lewis, show organizer and emcee, with vendor Marta Matias

Center for Girls, another Zonta partner.

Grant Lewis and her sister, Dr. Genelle Grant, director for GRACE, had talked extensively about putting on an event that would raise awareness surrounding projects combating violence against women. The idea crystallized when she became a member of The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva and a team member for the club's service partner, HTAP, Grant Lewis said. Both HTAP and GRACE are service projects funded by the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva.

"All in all, it was a big success," Grant Lewis said. "We can give nice donations to GRACE and HTAP. The vendors did well and sold items. The people who attended were able to buy some nice and unusual handmade holiday gifts. We are certain to make this an annual event."

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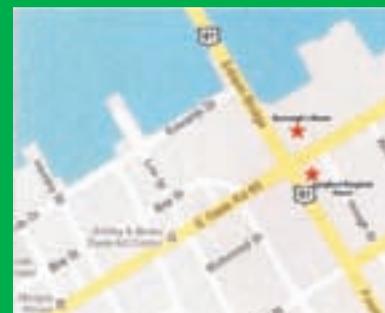
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Coffee Bar @Bailey's Gives To Heart Drive

The Coffee Bar @Bailey's participated in the Heart Drive for the American Heart Association this November, and at the end of the drive had raised \$300. The Coffee Bar has been "painted" red with hearts, representing each donation made. This is the second year the Coffee Bar has participated in the Heart Drive.

Patrons of the Coffee Bar were asked to donate \$1 to the Heart Drive, and many responded. Some supporters generously contributed \$10 to \$20 in one visit alone. It made \$300 very easy to hit in one week.

The money raised will go to heart and stroke research and to supply the Fort Myers Police Department officers with life-saving, automated external defibrillator devices (AEDs).

The Heart Drive ran for one week in November and was inspired by 16-year-old stroke survivor Megan Lucker. After a stroke in 2008, she's again a healthy teenager; she is now raising money and awareness for a cause that many are not so lucky to survive. "We figured that since we're healthy, it's our responsibility to help raise money and awareness," Lucker said.

The Coffee Bar @Bailey's also participates in the MDA Shamrock drive each March, and pledges to continue to be a part of the Heart Drive in the upcoming years.

The Coffee Bar @Bailey's is located at 2477 Periwinkle Way inside Bailey's General Store. It is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.*



Renee Cutaia prepares a check for the Coffee Bar's donation to the American Heart Association through their annual Heart Drive

Florida Hot Rods And Hogs Show Has Entertainment For Everyone

Sunday, December 4, will provide fans of a plethora of vehicles at a mega event at the Lee Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. One hundred five acres of show cars and motorcycles and 65,000 square feet of exhibitor space will provide the largest single-day car and bike show in Florida.

The Florida Hot Rods & Hogs Car and Bike Show's title sponsor is the Seminole Casino Immokalee. Attendees are asked to bring nonperishable food items to be donated to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. With a projected attendance of 20,000, this will be the largest single-day food drive in the tri-county area.

Spectator general admission is \$12; \$10 if you bring two food items. Children under the age of eight are free when accompanied by an adult. The Lee Civic Center charges \$5 for spectator parking.

Numerous well-known personalities will make appearances at the all-day event:

- Chip Foose, the youngest person to be inducted into the Hot Rod Hall of Fame.
- Buddy Baker, the first NASCAR driver to exceed 200 mph on a closed course, and the first driver to win the same race at the same venue as his father.
- "Big Daddy" Don Garlits, who perfected the rear-engine top fuel dragster design.
- Shirley Muldowney, known as the "First Lady of Drag Racing," and the first woman to receive a license from the National Hot Rod Association to drive a top fuel dragster.

The West Coast Chapter of Abate will host a Biker Rodeo. Live entertainment for all ages includes 15 bands that will be spread over three stages. There will be a special free Kids Alley sponsored by the Shriners, Lee County Sheriff's Office, and Home Depot that will include a youth entertainment center, face painting, finger painting, and bounce houses.

For more information or to find out how to register your hot rod or bike in the show, visit www.flhrh.com. For more information about or to contribute to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 239-334-7007 or go to harrychapinfoodbank.org.*

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Around The Islands

or a full-scale, three-course dinner, you'll find some new dishes as well as a few of the tried and true, such as Mike's Cowboy Steak. While Chef Mike is no longer in the kitchen, Dayna Anding, general manager, says his steak will remain because it is so popular and he did it so well.

Anding said the current menu will undergo some tweaking but will continue to emphasize "high quality, innovative comfort food and classics."

As far as entrees, corned beef and cabbage and prime rib round out the beef options, or you can go with such popular dishes as Cuban pork with beans and rice, marinated salmon, oven-roasted mahi mahi, shrimp scampi and linguini and clams.

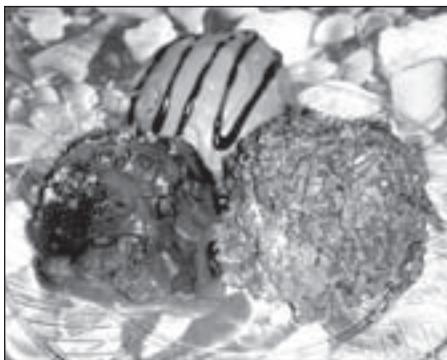
For lunch, there's a nice selection of sandwiches including French dip, oyster po' boy and a crab sandwich, plus a line-up of salads. I'm told the Cobb salad is the best!

A simpler menu that includes salads, sandwiches, mac and cheese and wings, is also available in the tavern.

Happy hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. daily. The restaurant is now operated by the Talmadge-Anding Partnership.

The Bistro is at 1100 Par View, Sanibel, at Beachview Golf & Country Club. For reservations, call 472-4394.

Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream recently introduced a new dessert addition to its menu dubbed the Pinocchio's Beach Bon. These delicious



Pinocchio's Beach Bons come in many flavors and coatings

and generously portioned Pinocchio-sized treats are made from the unique signature flavors of their original Italian ice cream and gelato. Each Beach Bon is enrobed in a variety of coatings including chocolate, toasted coconut and cocoa.

I apologize for the truncated report about the Beach Bons in last week's column. Please read on.

Beach Bons were initially intended to capture the essence and flavors of our islands. However, they have been so well received that Pinocchio's will expand them, offering holiday flavors this season. They are wonderful individual dessert accompaniments for the holiday table.

Pinocchio's Beach Bons were showcased this year at CROW's Taste of the Islands last month, where they were awarded the 2011 Best Dessert.

Call-ahead orders are encouraged. Pinocchio's is at 362 Periwinkle Way on

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To celebrate its 17th anniversary, **Matzaluna, the Italian Kitchen**, will take 17 percent of your food bill for 17 days starting Friday, December 2.

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In more restaurant news, **The Mucky Duck** is now open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 9:30 p.m.

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Feeling bloated after that enormous Thanksgiving dinner? Ready to get in shape before the next round of parties?

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LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Gene Federico plays at **Courtney's on Sanibel** on Thursdays and Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. and on Sundays at the tiki bar from 2 to 5 p.m. Courtney's is at 1231 Middle Gulf Drive, phone 472-4646.

Traditions on the Beach has live music Thursday through Saturday, featuring Joe McCormick, Marvilla Marzan and Barbara Smith. There are periodic jazz nights on Wednesdays. The restaurant is at the Island Inn, 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

The Jacaranda has entertainment nightly from 7 to 11 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, various artists are featured. On Sunday, it's Jamaica "Dave" & Co., reggae and dance; Monday, Renata, jazz, contemporary music and dance; Tuesday, Steve "Scooter" Reynolds, acoustic guitar, contemporary music and dance; Wednesday, Buckeye Ken, contemporary, Top 40 and blues; Thursday, 2 Hot, contemporary, reggae and dance. The Jacaranda is at 1223 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-1771.

Traders features music by Chris Workman Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and Danny Morgan and Friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Traders is at 1551 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-7242.

Chip's Sanibel Steakhouse features Michael David playing light classical guitar on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The steakhouse is at 1473 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-5700.

The Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn, Captiva has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays with the family show at 5:30 p.m. and grown-up races at 9 p.m. The Crow's

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Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

George & Wendy's Corner Grill features Chris Workman, keyboard and vocals, on Fridays and Steve "Scooter" Reynolds, guitar and vocals, on Saturdays. Entertainment is from 7 to 11 p.m. The Corner Grill is at Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road, phone 395-1263.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment from 6 to 9:30 p.m. nightly. The line-up: Monday, Dan Confrey; Tuesday, Jeff Key; Wednesday, Ken Wasiniak; Thursday, Diana Lynn; Friday, Greg Watts; Saturday, Diana Lynn; and Sunday, Ken Wasiniak. Phone 472-0606.

RC Otter's, 11506 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva, has live music daily with dining inside and out, phone 395-1142.

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Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge Will Be January 21

The Sanctuary Golf Club as title sponsor is hosting the 10th Annual Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge on January 21. This event has raised almost \$600,000 in the past decade for the Charitable Foundation of the Islands and its predecessors solely from the generous support of Sanibel and Captiva residents.

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities ranging from the \$5,000 Diamond Partnership, which includes additional rounds of golf, lunch, and dinner at The Sanctuary Golf Club; to a \$150 Hole Partnership. All proceeds go directly to the Charitable Foundation of the Islands which in turn distributes the funds to assist island nonprofit organizations and individual island residents and workers who have experienced hardships such as medical and financial emergencies. The co-chairmen of the event are Gordon Coons, Terry Igo, and Mike Valiquette and the committee members include Al Hanser, Drew Donnelly, Brian Johnson, Ralph Clark, and Ken Kouril, general manager of The Sanctuary Golf Club.

This year the honorary chairpersons are Art and Susan Cassell. The Cassells have been supporters of the tournament for many years and are generous donors to the island nonprofits. "We are both honored to be part of this wonderful tournament which has raised over half a million dollars for individuals and organizations on our islands. The foundation's work exemplifies what it means to be a good citizen," stated Art Cassell.

"The Cassells deserve high praise for their generosity and dedication to the island's many events and causes. We are very proud to have Art and Susan Cassell as honorary chairpersons. Their support and spirit are appreciated by many," commented Gordon Coons, co-chairman.

"The Sanctuary Golf Club Members have warmly embraced this event with their exceptional generosity and commitment to this fundraiser. The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge allows opportunities for our community to pay it forward and say thank you," said Terry Igo, co-chairman.

The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge begins at 10:30 a.m. with a brunch followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Afterwards, golfers meet at the clubhouse for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, an awards presentation, and the ever-popular Helicopter Drop. For more information about The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge, contact Drew Donnelly, head professional, at 472-6223 or ddonnelly@sanctuarygc.net.



Art and Susan Cassell are honorary chairpersons



Front Row: Al Hanser, Art Cassell, Susan Cassell, Co-Chairmen Gordon Coons and Michael Valiquette (Terry Igo not shown), General Manager Ken Kouril. Back row: Ralph Clark and Head Golf Professional Drew Donnelly

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	Essential Total Fitness	9:30 a.m.
Thursdays	Power Hour Fitness	8 a.m.
	Gentle Yoga	9:30 a.m.
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Leaders On The Green For Junior Achievement

Last month \$50,000 was raised by golfers and sponsors during the 6th annual Southwest Florida Leaders on the Green Golf Tournament at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel. The exclusive, all-inclusive, limited team golf experience included a gift salon, pre-tournament warm-up massages, gourmet meals and hospitality throughout the day.

"This charity golf tournament has been in existence since 2006, with a total of more than \$700,000 raised for Junior Achievement to date," said D. Michael Sherman, CEO/chairman of Dawson Companies and tournament chair.

"This event continues to be strongly supported by the business community even during the challenging economic times," he said.

Sponsors of the 2011 tournament included Visionary Sponsor, Westfield

Insurance; Team Sponsors, Dawson Companies, Hahn Loser & Parks, LLP, McGarvey Development Company, Physicians Regional Healthcare Systems, Target Builders Construction Management, BlueCross BlueShield of Florida and Team Fiddlesticks Country Club.

Junior Achievement is dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida Inc. provides in-school and after-school programs for students in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties that focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Today, 124 individual area operations reach 4 million students in the United States, with an additional 5 million students served by operations in 120 other countries worldwide.

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Beachview Men Feast On Thanksgiving Leftovers



Beachview golfers wait for lunch at Bistro @ Beachview after an enjoyable round of golf

by JW Boynton

A small Thanksgiving weekend field of 22 golfers teed off on another beautiful Sanibel Saturday in a two-best-balls-of-four tournament. When the score cards were tallied by Head Pro Gene Taylor, the team of Bill Stell, Jack Schmidt, Richard Chocol, and a blind draw finished first with a 27 under par score of 113. Chocol was the standout performer from the gold tees, with three net eagles, six net birdies, and a net score of six under par 64. "He was amazing," Stell gushed. "Someone better cut his 30 handicap down," grouched a disgruntled competitor.

Skip Tutor: David Lewis, Bill "the happy farmer" Blankenship, and Jerry "in the money" Mader finished second at 114. Jack Tukey, Mike Mackay, and David "the auditor" Smith finished third at 119. Club president Jay Allen, Marty Gallagher, Wayne Turner, and Rene Lohser finished a disappointing last, 18 strokes off the pace. When asked to explain this poor finish, Lohser showed off his bandaged left ankle: "I was in pain," he said, limping to his home across from the club.✪



Crack Beachview staff, Mike Demick, Allen Schwoko, and Dave Baird



Beachview course marshall Dave Baird, wife Libby, "The Bird Lady" of Periwinkle Park, and her macaw stop by to check the final results



Richard Chocol: 3 net eagles and 6 net birdies

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Shellabration! Fashion Show

Additionally, shell-themed works of art are needed for the silent auction. Whether it is a shell handbag, shell-adorned shoes, a shell hat, a shell mirror, a shell picture, shell jewelry – you get the idea – these items will be special keepsakes. Shell artists answering this request for auction items will receive multimedia recognition and a free ticket to the Shellabration! Fashion Show, and will receive 50 percent of the auction sale price. Submit up to three shell-themed works of art by December 15 and the selection of these items will be made shortly thereafter.

This is surely going to be a fashion show like no other. Fun for everyone and a great tribute to our shell islands and the 75th anniversary of the Shell Fair and Shell Show, our island-wide Shellabration! 2012. The proceeds from the Shell Couture Fashion Show benefit the operations of the Community House.

For more information call the Community House at 472-2155. You'll want to order tickets early, because at \$35 for a three-course shellicious luncheon and the Shell Couture Fashion Show, a shell-out is a certainty. This event is sponsored by the *Island Sun*; if you would like to be a sponsor as well, give Marge Meek a call at 472-2466.✪

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We are seeking 20 designer or design teams to enter our own "Project Runway" type fashion show SHELLABRATION STYLE! The challenge is to create your own Shell Themed Couture garment to be presented at The Sanctuary Golf Club, for a fashion faceoff on the runway scheduled for Monday, February 27th at 11:00 am.

Maximum of 3 designs per entrant is eligible for the show. You will be asked to model, or provide a model for your garment.

Please submit your completed form to The Community House by December 15th, 2011. Accepted entries will be notified December 20th, 2011.

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Luncheon attendees will vote to select the winning garment.

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Please provide a brief statement highlighting your vision for your garment, if any. If submitting as an organization, provide information about the organization: use back of form if needed.

Remember, this is a "Couture" show, not a "Costume" show.

For questions, please contact The Community House at 239-472-2155



Anne Kuhnle



Karen Hendricks



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Jeanne Lindman



Marry Coddens

The Dunes Womens Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club results Friday, November 25.
Format: throw out the turkey.
Flight #1(9.0 - 21.9)
1st Anne Kuhnle 65
2nd Karen Hendricks 66
Flight #2 (HCP Range 22.6 - 29.3)

1st Janna Stone 60
2nd Judy Wellons 61
Flight #3 (HCP Range 32.0 - 36.7)
1st Maureen O'Brien 68
2nd Jeanne Lindman 70
2nd Marry Coddens 70
Congratulations to all the winners.✪

PGA Tips

The Rhythm Of Golf



by Matt Oakley,
PGA Golf Professional

Every person has a different rhythm to their personality. Some people are fast. They walk fast, they talk fast, they do everything fast. Others are more laid back. In golf we want to match the rhythm of our swing to our

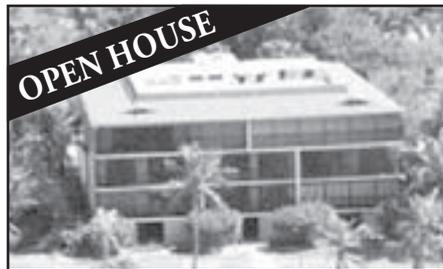
personality. If you are a fast paced Type A person you will tend to swing a golf club the same way. Try to slow down and everything goes haywire. Slower paced people cannot try to speed up or the same thing happens.

So, let's identify who you are; fast, slow or somewhere in between and let's match your golf swing to your personality. Here are a few tips:

1. Use a metronome to establish your golf rhythm.

A metronome is that thing that looks almost like a clock and can be set to produce a "beat" at a set pace. Tick, tock, tick tock as the arm goes back and forth. They use them a lot to teach music. Take one to the putting green and set it for a fast paced beat, then slower and slower

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Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League - Monday, November 21

Wipe Outs No Mercy

Seven players posted perfect 4-0 records in their matches this week. This wipes out the previous record of five 4-0 scores in one night. Racking up the scores were: John Gonzalez and Joe Steamer from Bathroom Magic, Dave Doane and Terry Ricotta from Bunt's Ball Busters, Larry Hancock from Fresh Legion Crew, Kevin Pottorf from Sandycappers, and Kip Buntrock from the Odd Balls.

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2011-12 Standings through November 21, 2011				
Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost	
First	Bathroom Magic	57	23	
Second	Bunt's Ball Busters	55	25	
Third	Odd Balls	48	32	
Fourth	Sanibel Café	41	39	
Fifth	Sandycappers	39	41	
Sixth	Chalk & Awe	33	35	
Seventh	Fresh Legion Crew	31	49	
Eighth	George & Wendy's	16	64	

Bunt's Ball Busters	13	Sanibel Café	3
Odd Balls	12	Chalk & Awe	4
Bathroom Magic	14	George & Wendy's	2
Sandycappers	9	Fresh Legion Crew	7

In the match between the second and third place teams, Bunt's Ball Busters showed Sanibel Café no mercy in their 13-3 win to push the Café into fourth place. The Odd Balls took over third place on the strength of their 12-4 victory over Chalk & Awe and Bathroom Magic moved two games into the League by pounding George & Wendy's 14-2.

This is a correction. On Monday, November 14, Chalk & Awe Captain Carol Johnson did not lose four games. She was 1-3 and said she would be better with a lighter cue and smaller tip. She bought the cue and this week lost all four games to Kip Buntrock. Carol may be in the market for another new cue.*

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League - Monday, November 28

Ball Run And Perfect Scores

Dave Doane won four straight games for Bunt's Ball Busters to propel his team into first place by two games over Bathroom Magic. Rich Ennis, Kip Johnson, and Terry Ricotta added two wins each for the team that's been at the top for the past three years. Three other players posted perfect 4-0 scores in their matches: Carol Johnson and Tracy Walters from Chalk & Awe and John Gonzalez from Bathroom Magic.

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2011-12 Standings through November 28, 2011				
Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost	
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	67	29	
Second	Bathroom Magic	65	31	
Third	Odd Balls	56	40	
Fourth	Sanibel Café	50	46	
Fifth	Chalk & Awe	44	52	
Sixth	Sandycappers	43	53	
Seventh	Fresh Legion Crew	38	58	
Eighth	George & Wendy's	21	75	

Bunt's Ball Busters	12	Sandycappers	4
Odd Balls	8	Bathroom Magic	8
Chalk & Awe	11	George & Wendy's	5
Sanibel Café	9	Fresh Legion Crew	7

Fresh Legion Crew Captain Gator Gate produced the highlight of the night. He broke the rack and proceeded to run all seven low balls plus the eight ball for his win without allowing his opponent to get to the table. His elation at his first-time feat was short lived, however, as he missed shots on the eight ball three times in a row to get crushed in his second game. Such is life.

League matches start at 6 p.m. Monday nights at American Legion Post 123 and George & Wendy's Corner Grill. The matches have been drawing a good number of spectators. It's suggested you arrive early to get a premium seat to view the contests.*

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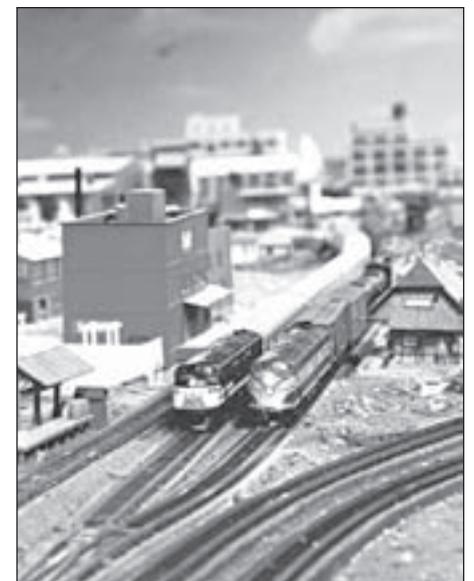
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Model Train Room Attraction Open For Visitors

The Gulf Coast Model Railroad at Shell Point Retirement Community is now open for tours. Last year thousands of visitors toured the train room, and this year many new upgrades have been added.

Visitors from all over the Southwest Florida area are welcome to stop by and see this 40' x 40' model train display in the shape of the state of Florida. Some of its features include hundreds of recognizable geographic landmarks such as Tallahassee's old Capitol Building, Pensacola freight yards, the Gainesville Gator Bowl, Epcot and Disney World, Kennedy Space Center with an orbiting space shuttle, Miami's famous hotels, the Everglades and even Shell Point Retirement Community. The "Train Room," as it is called by the Shell Point residents, is located on The Island at Shell Point.

Some of the recent renovations include detailing and upgrades in the scenery, and a city street was added that allows the trains to run down the center of the road; it is completely hand-painted. The annual maintenance was done to make sure the miniature railroad stays in the most efficient operational condition. In addition to the features already mentioned, the display has several hundred buildings, automobiles, trucks, tractors, and people. Originally built in 1971 by



Shell Point Model Train Room

a group of residents who enjoyed model railroads as a hobby, the Gulf Coast Model Railroad is operated and maintained by Shell Point resident volunteers. Up to nine trains run around the nearly 1,000 feet of track, and on about 100 turnouts, or switches. The switches and trains are motivated electronically from four console panels, and the self-operated children's layout features Thomas the Tank engine.

Visitors can stop by to see the Gulf Coast Model Railroad for free on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Special group tours larger than 10 people can be scheduled by calling 454-2152.*

Red Sox 2012 Spring Training Schedule; Tickets For Inaugural Season Go On Sale December 17

The Boston Red Sox have released the 2012 Spring Training schedule, which includes 18 games at the team's new Spring Training facility, JetBlue Park at Fenway South. The 33-game exhibition season includes one game against the Washington Nationals in Washington, DC on Tuesday, April 3. Tickets for all 2012 Spring Training games at JetBlue Park are scheduled to go on sale on Saturday, December 17.

Ticket prices at JetBlue Park will range from \$5 to \$46 for the 2012 season with more than 75 percent of tickets available priced at \$27 or less. Like City of Palms Park, the Red Sox previous Spring Training home, the majority of seats in the park will be in the shade.

Spring Training tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. on December 17, and fans can purchase tickets at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers, online at redsox.com, and by phone at 888-REDSOX6. Fans who require ADA-accessible seating may also call 877-REDSOX9. Hearing-impaired fans may call the Red Sox TTY line at (617) 226-6644.

Boston will open the Spring Training season with two college exhibitions on Saturday, March 3: a 2:35 p.m. matinee against the Northeastern University Huskies, followed by a nightcap with the Boston College Eagles at 7:05 p.m.

The Red Sox will kick off the 2012 Grapefruit League schedule at home on Sunday, March 4 at 1:35 p.m. against their Mayor's Cup rival Minnesota Twins. The Twins host Boston at Hammond Stadium the following night, the second of six total contests between the cross-town foes.

Boston will visit the AL East rival New York Yankees on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:05 p.m. in Tampa and will host the club on Thursday, March 22 at 7:05 p.m. The contests are two of nine scheduled night games for the Red Sox this spring, including six at home.

On March 17, the Baltimore Orioles will visit JetBlue Park as part of a split-squad St. Patrick's Day match-up starting at 1:35 p.m. The team will also play a 1:05 p.m. game against the Orioles in Sarasota. Other division matchups include three additional contests against Baltimore, four versus the Tampa Bay Rays and four with Toronto.

The team will also hold the City of Palms Park Yard Sale on December 17, giving fans an opportunity to purchase a selection of items from the Red Sox' 20-year history at the ballpark, including memorabilia from former and current players, ballpark

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2012 BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

(All Times Eastern and Subject to Change)			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Saturday, March 3	Northeastern	JetBlue Park	2:35 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	Boston College	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Monday, March 5	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	7:05 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6	Baltimore Orioles	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	Toronto Blue Jays	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
Thursday, March 8	St. Louis Cardinals	Jupiter	1:05 p.m.
Friday, March 9	Pittsburgh Pirates	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	Tampa Bay Rays	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Sunday, March 11	Baltimore Orioles	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Monday, March 12	Miami Marlins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13	New York Yankees	Tampa	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14	Off Day		
Thursday, March 15	St. Louis Cardinals	JetBlue Park	2:35 p.m.
Friday, March 16	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	Baltimore Orioles (SS)	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	Baltimore Orioles (SS)	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Sunday, March 18	Tampa Bay Rays	PortC harlotfa	1:05 p.m.
Monday, March 19	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20	Toronto Blue Jays	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	Pittsburgh Pirates	Bradeiton	1:35 p.m.
Thursday, March 22	New York Yankees	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Friday, March 23	Baltimore Orioles	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 24	Miami Marlins (SS)	Jupiter	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 24	Philadelphia Phillies (SS)	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Sunday, March 25	Toronto Blue Jays	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
Monday, March 26	Philadelphia Phillies	Clearwater	1:05 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27	Tampa Bay Rays	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	Off Day		
Thursday, March 29	Toronto Blue Jays	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Friday, March 30	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	Tampa Bay Rays	PortCharlotfe	1:05 p.m.
Sunday, April 1	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Monday, April 2	Washington Nationals	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3	Washington Nationals	Nationals Park	6:05 p.m.

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Private Prep Schools Loaded With Star Basketball Talent Are Changing The Face Of High School Basketball



by Ed Frank

A small private prep school in northern Indiana best known as the high school of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts is one of about a dozen private boarding schools throughout the nation that are changing the face of high school basketball.

Amazingly, this school of 200 students in Indiana, La Lumiere, will have seven graduating seniors that will sign with Division I colleges – five already have signed National Letters of Intent – two with Purdue, one with Indiana, one with New Mexico and one with Southern Illinois.

La Lumiere, and the handful of other top-tier private schools so loaded with talent that most local high schools won't play them, instead compete among themselves traveling nationwide.

And these athletes are students, not just basketball players, who must adhere to the rigid academic standards and school policies.

In a state where high school basketball is a near religion, La Lumiere sets a far different standard than most public high schools. Here basketball ranks third in importance after academics and student life.

"Yes, we're unique to the area," says La Lumiere coach Alan Huss, a former Creighton University player. "We prepare our kids to go to college with a great academic environment. We realize that 75 per cent of all high school students are not capable of doing the work we require."

His players, who are recruited nationally and internationally, face the pressure of the classroom and are not treated differently than non-athletes.

"The teachers don't care who they are. They need to work and I put that on them," Huss said.

On any given day, as many as 35 college coaches can be seen in the La Lumiere gym scouting his players. And it's understandable when you observe the five seniors who already have signed with major college basketball programs – two guards, two forwards and a center.

Jay Simpson, a 6-foot-9-inch forward, and Raphael Davis, a 6-foot-5-inch forward, have signed with Purdue. Both transferred to La Lumiere this year: Simpson



Five basketball players from tiny La Lumiere School in Indiana who have signed National Letters of Intent with major Division I colleges are from left: Jay Simpson, Obji Aget, Antonio Drummond, Raphael Davis and Hanna Perea

from Champaign, Illinois, Central High School; and Davis from Fort Wayne, Indiana, South Side.

Davis, a 4.0 student, played for three difference coaches in three years and needed the stability and attention to detail that the La Lumiere program provides, according to Huss. Simpson, also a top student, has flourished with the school's set schedule and study hall requirements.

Hanna Perea, a 6-foot-9-inch power forward, signed with Indiana. Originally from Columbia, he transferred to La Lumiere a year ago from United Faith Christian Academy in North Carolina. Huss describes Perea as a "freak athlete" who is taking that athleticism and learning how to be more productive with it.

Obji Aget, a towering seven-footer, has signed with Steve Alford's New Mexico; and the fifth Division I signer is Antonio Drummond, a 5-foot-11-inch guard who will play for Southern Illinois and is described as the team leader.

Huss said his two remaining seniors, Aarom Emmanuel, a 6-foot-1-inch guard, and Matel Buovac, a 6-foot-7-inch forward, are still considering offers from several Division I schools.

Because it is a boarding school – tuition is \$33,370 a year – lengthy holiday breaks allow for extended team travel. The players never miss a day of school because of a basketball game.

During the current Thanksgiving vacation, they traveled to New Haven, Connecticut, where they went 2-0 in the National Prep Showcase, defeating Lee Academy of Virginia 83-57 and Vermont Academy 102-93. Both Vermont and La Lumiere are nationally ranked top 20 teams by *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

This weekend, La Lumiere seeks to extend its 4-0 season record when it faces the nation's No. 2 high school, Findlay Prep of Nevada at the University of Kentucky's Rupp Arena. Huss said all 12 members of Findlay Prep will sign with Division I colleges.

In just his second year as La Lumiere coach, Huss said, "We're just scratching the surface. I'm excited about the future." His sophomore class of three players is "very strong," but with seven departing seniors he will probably "go young" with next year's recruiting.

La Lumiere will play 35 games this season and hopes in the future to play in the prestigious Fort Myers City of Palms Tournament.

The famous movie *Hoosiers* dramatically portrayed the excitement of Indiana high school basketball. The La Lumiere Lakers are giving a new meaning to Hoosier basketball.

Everblades Split Pair against Greenville Last Weekend

The Florida Everblades hockey team went 1-1 last weekend at Germain Arena defeating the Greenville Road Warriors 5-0 Saturday night after a 5-2 loss Friday.

Florida began the week with a 7-8-1 season record, but just three points out of first place in the ECHL South Division.

They travel to the Midwest this week for three games, one against Toledo and two against Kalamazoo. The Everblades return home next week for three games with Gwinnett, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.*

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The annual Spring Training equipment truck departure will take place on Saturday, February 11 from Fenway Park.

Prior to the start of the exhibition season, Red Sox will hold workouts at the organization's new Player Development Complex at Fenway South. Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report on Sunday, February 19, and will hold the first workout on Tuesday, February 21 with the first full squad workout on Saturday, February 25. All workouts are open to the public free of charge.

JetBlue Park sits within Fenway South, the Red Sox new Spring Training and Player Development Complex, which will provide a single, state-of-the-art, year-round site where both Major and Minor League teams can train together. The ballpark includes improved features and amenities such as new food options, an HD video board as well as interactive family areas. The Yawkey Way experience at Fenway Park will be recreated on the road positioned immediately south of JetBlue Park during Spring Training and will add to the ballpark's concourse with a street festival feel including entertainment, concessions and other activities.*

From page 15

The Rhythm Of Golf

until you find yours.

2. Once you have identified your rhythm focus only on that when you play golf, every shot.

I like to use numbers. "One-two" for short shots and putts and "one-two-three" for long shots.

3. Embrace your rhythm and don't try to fight it.

Nick Price made a nice living playing golf with a fast paced swing. Ernie Els and Fred Couples make theirs with a slow and deliberate swing. Most likely you are somewhere in between. Once you have established your rhythm, follow it.

4. Swing like you walk.

Most bad golf shots come from poor rhythm; we either swing back too quickly and slow down coming into the ball or we swing back slowly then really rush to hit it. Try to make your next swing have the same rhythm back and through. Most people can make a beautiful practice swing then their golf shot looks like an act of violence. When you watch on TV they are the same back and through.

I hope this helps you find the rhythm of your golf. Schedule a lesson with your local golf professional on this important topic.*



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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation soon will be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Start your Hanukkah and Christmas gift-buying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. A family member has important information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to September 22) You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem

still needs to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

BORN THIS WEEK: You aim for truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 7, 1787, in Dover, Del., the U.S. Constitution is unanimously ratified by all 30 delegates to the Delaware Constitutional Convention, making Delaware the first state of the modern United States. Government under the U.S. Constitution took effect on March 4, 1789.

- On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, on the fifth anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel. Although Nobel offered no public reason for his creation of the prizes, it is believed that he did so out of moral regret over the lethal uses of his invention of dynamite and other explosives.

- On Dec. 11, 1936, after ruling for less than one year, Edward VIII becomes the first English monarch to voluntarily abdicate the throne. The British government, public and the Church of England condemned his decision to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson. Edward claimed it was impossible to discharge his duties without the woman he loved.

- On Dec. 5, 1945, five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station in Florida on a three-hour training flight. They never returned, and no trace of the bodies or aircraft was ever found. The story helped cement the legend of the Bermuda Triangle, an area of the Atlantic Ocean where ships and aircraft are said to disappear without a trace.

- On Dec. 8, 1969, at a news conference, President Richard Nixon says that the Vietnam War is coming to an end. His pronouncements proved premature. In April 1970, he expanded the war by ordering attacks on communist sanctuaries in Cambodia.

- On Dec. 6, 1976, deaf professional stuntwoman Kitty O'Neil sets the land-speed record for female drivers at the Alvord Desert in southeastern Oregon, averaging more than 512 mph.

- On Dec. 9, 1983, "Scarface," starring Al Pacino as a Cuban refugee who becomes a Miami drug lord, opens in theaters. The film, written by Oliver Stone and directed by Brian De Palma, initially received unfavorable reviews but is now considered a classic.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was celebrated Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: "The liar's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed, but

that he cannot believe anyone else."

- Virginia law prohibits anyone over the age of 15 from wearing a mask in public, unless it's part of a traditional holiday costume, for work or for medical reasons.

- You might be surprised to learn that there are people who study how air quality, humidity, the hardness of the water and pollution affect people's hair. According to these researchers, the worst American cities for your tresses are Corpus Christi, Texas; Olympia, Wash.; and Pittsburgh.

- In a survey conducted by the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, it was found that two-thirds of Americans believe they are smarter than the average American.

- If you happen to be traveling in India and are passing through the town of Dethnoke, you might want to check out the Karni Mata temple -- but not if you have an aversion to rodents: Karni Mata is the rat goddess. Visitors can dine at the temple, but they have to watch out for the more than 20,000 rats mingling with the guests. Don't worry, though; if a rat runs across your feet, it's considered to be good luck.

- Ever wonder what the world's deadliest animal is? It's the lowly mosquito. Thanks to the diseases it spreads, it kills more humans than any other animal on the planet.

- In 2004, a record was set for the world's farthest pizza delivery when a Domino's Pizza in London delivered a vegetarian supreme pizza to Melbourne, Australia -- a distance of 10,532 miles. The world record challenge was conducted as a fundraising event and brought in nearly \$50,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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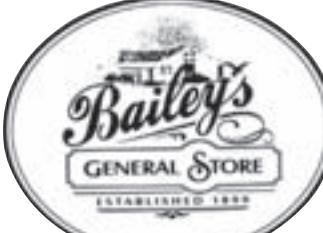
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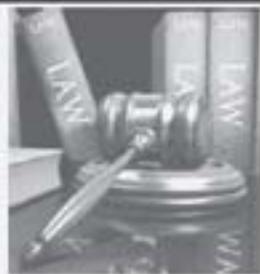
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 1 cup cornmeal
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 2 tomatoes, sliced thin
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CCMI serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres. CCMI works in partnership with United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades, Harry Chapin Food Bank and various community foundations as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups including The School District of Lee County and numerous churches, businesses and community support organizations.

The Claiborne and Ned Foulds Foundation was established in 1981 by the late Ned and Claiborne Foster Foulds, who moved to Fort Myers in 1958. Ned Foulds was a graduate of Harvard University and retired as a Junior Executive of the Airtemp Division of the Chrysler Corporation. Mrs. Foulds was a Broadway star during the 1930s known under her maiden name of Claiborne Foster and starred in more than 20 plays.

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Big, Big Bucks – \$40 Million To Be Exact – Lures Ex Gator Urban Meyer To Ohio State

Apparently \$40 million can go a long way toward eliminating the need to spend more time with your family. And apparently \$40 million is enough money to change your tune that, "I am committed to ESPN and will not pursue any coaching opportunities this fall."

The hiring Monday of former Florida football coach Urban Meyer by Ohio State once again dramatizes the fact that college football is big business and that money is no restraint when it comes to hiring the best in the business.

You do have to wonder where this money frenzy has evolved and whether college football and basketball overshadows the importance of higher education itself. Is there a university professor or even a university president who earns anywhere near the \$6 million a year that Ohio State will pay Meyer?

Of course not!

The 47-year-old Meyer is returning to his native Ohio to guide the troubled Ohio State football program that faces serious NCAA problems as the result of the misdeeds of ousted Buckeye coach Jim Tressel who knowingly played ineligible players and then lied repeatedly about it to the university and the NCAA.

After a 6-6 season and a 40-34 loss to bitter rival Michigan last Saturday, the first in seven years, Ohio State replaced interim coach Luke Fickell with Meyer who brings a sparkling resume to Columbus.

He led the Florida Gators to two national championships and in 10 years as a head coach – two at Bowling Green, two at Utah and six at Florida – compiled a 104-23 record while being named coach of the year three times. His teams are 7-1 in bowl games including a 41-14 romp over previously unbeaten Ohio State in the 2007 Bowl Championship Series title game.

However, he resigned at the end of the 2009 season for health reasons but returned to coach the Gators last year. Florida struggled in 2010 and Meyer once again walked away saying he needed to spend more time with his family.

A month later, he signed a deal with ESPN as a college football analyst.

It's not surprising that the lure of Ohio State – some consider it the premier football coaching job in America – would bring Meyer back to the sidelines. But why didn't he just say he was interested in the job rather than deny reports that swirled around him for days?

At Monday's announcement, OSU Athletic Director Gene Smith said that Meyer had been their choice from the start and that he was first contacted about the job November 20. The search committee met with him three days later.

Meyer is not entering an easy situation as Ohio State is awaiting word from the NCAA on possible sanctions that could include a ban on bowl appearances and loss of scholarships.

But then for \$40 million I guess you could live with most anything.

Everblades Have Chance to Move up This Week

The Florida Everblades have the opportunity this weekend to close the gap on second-place Gwinnett at Germain Arena.

Florida began the week with a 9-8-1-1 season record, just three points behind Gwinnett in the ECHL South Division. The Everblades host Gwinnett Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m.

The local hockey team completed a successful three-game road trip to the Midwest last week defeating Toledo 3-2 and splitting a pair against Kalamazoo. Despite a 3-2 overtime loss to Kalamazoo in the second game, Florida picked up five of a possible six points on the road trip.*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the youngest pitcher to toss a complete-game shutout in a World Series game?
2. Name the player who led the American League in home runs twice during the 1950s, but finished his career with fewer than 200 career home runs.
3. In 2010, Auburn and Arkansas set an SEC record for most combined points in a non-overtime game (108). Which two teams had held the mark?
4. Who holds the NBA record for most blocked shots in a seven-game playoff series?
5. When was the last time an ECAC Hockey school won the NCAA men's hockey championship?
6. Bill Elliott had won 44 NASCAR Cup races entering 2011. In what year did he record the most wins, and how many?
7. Who was the first unseeded player in the Open era of tennis to win the men's singles title at the U.S. Open?

ANSWERS

1. Baltimore's Jim Palmer was 20 years old when he did it in 1966. 2. Al Rosen led the A.L. with 37 home runs in 1950 and 43 in 1953, but finished his 10-year major-league career with 192. 3. South Carolina and Mississippi State combined for 104 points in 1995. 4. Denver's Dikembe Mutombo blocked 38 shots in a series against Utah in 1994. 5. Harvard won the title in 1989. 6. He won 11 races in 1985. 7. Andre Agassi, in 1994.



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Holiday Carol Sing



First Presbyterian Church Pastor Paul deJong and Holiday Carol Sing Organizer and Sponsor Sam Galloway Jr. at last year's Holiday Carol Sing

This is a birthday party – it's Jesus' birthday," said Organizer Sam Galloway Jr. "Our birthday party is in God's house and He welcomes everyone – regardless of means – and so do we."

Because of the overwhelming popularity of the event, three birthday parties are planned at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to show time.

First Presbyterian's pastor, Rev. Paul deJong, is urging the community to help with canned goods and cash donations to help those in need.

"The need for food has become a desperate situation for many families in our community," Rev. deJong said. "Continued unemployment and the ongoing downturn in our local economy have caused many of our neighbors to ask for food to feed their families for the first time in their lives. We need our community to come together and help with all the canned goods they can."

Galloway said cash donations are especially needed because CCMI can buy five times as much food for the same amount of money that residents spend at local grocery stores.

"This way, we can take every dollar and make it stretch as far as is humanly possible," he said. "The need is greater now than people realize. Please dig as deep as you can."

Residents who cannot attend any of the Holiday Carol Sing performances may donate canned goods at either the Galloway Ford dealership on Boy Scout Drive or the Coconut Point Ford dealership on U.S. 41 in Estero or mail donations to CCMI, PO Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33902

The Holiday Carol Sing is a festival of holiday music and family fun. This year's 90-minute performance will feature the First Presbyterian Church Choir, soloists and other special guests singing favorite holiday carols with audience sing-a-longs.

There is a strong rumor that Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman will be making a surprise visit for the "children



Tyler Kosecki, Renae Kosecki and Kyle Kosecki collected canned goods for CCMI at last year's Holiday Carol Sing



Dorothy Shofran of Fort Myers tells Santa what she wants for Christmas at last year's Holiday Carol Sing

in all of us" along with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and other holiday characters.

All canned goods and cash will benefit CCMI, which operates two locations of the Everyday Café and Marketplace in Cape Coral and on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Fort Myers.

The Holiday Carol Sing is the third of three hymn sings sponsored annually by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. The other two are Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing in February and A Midsummer Night's Sing in July. All three events benefit the Everyday Café and Marketplace of CCMI, which was started in 1984 by First Presbyterian Church as The Soup Kitchen to help alleviate hunger and suffering in Lee County.

CCMI is an innovative nonprofit 501(c)3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The agency provides more than 14,000 meals each month through

their Everyday Café and Marketplace and Home-Delivered Meals programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in their Community Montessori, offers homeless and comprehensive case management services through the Cape Coral United Way Resource House, oversees an emergency mobile food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 1,500 children each school year.

Last year, CCMI received more than 2,000 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable items from the Holiday Carol Sing. The food was immediately distributed to those in need.

For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 334-2261.✪



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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My children who are now five and seven and in elementary school had lots of ear infections as toddlers. Both of them are having some trouble with reading

in school. Could this be from the ear infections? What are some things I can do?

Emma J., Bonita Springs, Florida
Emma,

An ear infection or otitis media is the most frequently diagnosed illness for children in the U.S. and there has been a 150 percent increase in cases since 1975. Frequent ear infections during the first two years of life can have a harmful effect on a child's hearing and may lead to impairment of the child's developing language and speech skills according to an article in the *Journal of Speech and Hearing*.

There are many causes of ear infections including a genetic propensity, and bacterial infections. Treatment varies but often includes a course of antibiotics. For children who have chronic ear infections, an operation called a myringotomy, the insertion of pressure equalization (PE) tubes, may be suggested as well.

Research indicates that when children experience ear infections in the initial stages of speech development, they might hear speech sounds in a fluctuating manner. This would make it difficult to hear the sounds consistently and would impede the infant's ability to form well-defined speech and sound categories. Consequently, this might lead to difficulties with phonics, language development and could hinder the development of reading.

Here are some strategies from experts at the U.S. Department of Education that may help your children. Several basic things parents can do are: 1) promote a healthy environment, 2) promote listening, 3) promote language learning, and 4) promote early literacy learning.

A healthy environment is a clean environment. Frequent hand and toy washing is important, especially when a child has an infection. While ear infections are not contagious per se, the fluid that may drain from an ear infection or upper respiratory

infection is contagious. Parents and/or family members who smoke need to remember that second-hand cigarette smoke increases a child's prevalence of middle ear infections.

Good listening has two main features: it helps children to hear and understand speech and it helps to decrease background noise to minimize distractions for children when they need to listen. To ensure good listening, frequently check to make sure children understand what they have been taught, by asking them to retell in their own words, what they have heard. You can decrease background noise by limiting exposure to noisy toys, and by creating quiet, TV/video game free areas at home.

The promotion of language learning activities includes asking simple questions, listening to what your child has to say, and talking about things that your child is interested in. To help children expand their language skills you can expand conversations with them by adding to what the child is saying by using more words, praising the child for talking even when speech is unclear, and encouraging children to use their words to talk to one another. Making the language personal, and relevant, to the child's life will increase the chances that they remember what they have just learned.

The promotion of literacy learning through interaction with books, songs, and games is also an excellent strategy. Literacy learning means reading stories aloud to children, describing and explaining the pictures, referring to the child's own experiences, giving children books and magazines to look at on their own. Reading aloud from common daily experiences, such as traffic signs, newspaper headlines, labels on packages or other environmental language also helps to promote literacy.

A thorough hearing evaluation by a pediatric audiologist is important if you think that your child's hearing has been compromised. Discussion with specialists, your child's doctors, and school personnel should result in identification and intervention for any hearing and learning issues.

*Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.**

Superior Interiors

Five Holiday Ideas For Every Home



by Jeanie Tinch

Here are some sure-fire tips to help your home embrace the holiday season.

1. Candles, Candles, Everywhere!

Well, maybe not everywhere, but certainly candles are appropriate in many rooms in your home. Nothing softens a room more than the soft glow of candlelight. Tall and tapered, short votives, star-shaped colors and scents abound. Remember groupings of varying heights will be your key to a successful candle display.

2. Sparkle!

Mirrors, silver and gold ornaments, picture frames, and even candlesticks will help your room shine. Don't be afraid to mix metals. And by all means get out that antique silver, polish it up, and put it center stage. Nothing says "holidays" like the twinkle of hundreds of tiny white lights. The smallest of plants to the largest of ficus trees will come alive when you add a few inexpensive strands of white lights. Also, consider draping white lights inside silver netting or garland, and wrap

your staircase in a fabulous and unique new look.

3. Chic Tabletops!

Setting a beautiful table can set the mood for all your holiday entertaining. Try adding bows to the stems of wine glasses. Fold napkins in a special way, and tie them together with a gold tassel. Use gold or brass chargers under your special china. And pull it all together with a table runner and a wonderful holiday floral or greenery arrangement.

4. Merry Mantles!

It all starts with a theme. Possibilities might include your prize collection of antique Santas, snowmen, birdhouses or reindeer. Whatever theme you select, use different shapes and sizes to create visual interest. Unify your display with garland, ivy, magnolia leaves, or anything else that is soft and easily draped.

5. Festive Fruits And Vegetables!

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



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New seats at The Foulds Theatre

Theatre Conspiracy is opening the comedy *Becky's New Car* at the Foulds Theatre on December 2 at 8 p.m.

Becky's New Car, by Steven Dietz tells the story of Becky, a housewife, mother and car dealership employee. Her life isn't exactly unhappy – but from her desk at a car dealership, she can't help but wonder what else is out there. And then she finds out.

When a wealthy suitor presumes she is a widow – and she doesn't correct him – she finds herself leading a double life until it quickly (and hilariously) accelerates out of her control. This clever and witty new comedy shows an unexpected and inventive way to escape the midlife doldrums.

Starring Lauren Drexler as Becky and directed by Stephen Hooper, the show plays December 2 through December 17, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with one Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on December 4. Tickets are \$18. Thursday nights are "buy one get one half off".

Opening night December 2 is "pay what you will, with the audience naming the ticket price that night. For more information go to www.theatreconspiracy.org.

Opening night of *Becky's New Car* is a fundraiser for the Stan and Haney DRAFT Fund (Direct Relief and Assistance for Florida's Troops). Fifty percent of ticket sales that night will go to support our troops.

Established in 2003, the DRAFT fund provides financial assistance to military personnel who have a family connection to Southwest Florida. Funds will be allocated to immediate family members for care packages and shipping/postage. Stan and Haney have been 96K Rock on-air personalities for the last 15 years. They air on weekday afternoons.

Theatre Conspiracy and the Alliance for the Arts have acquired new seats for the Foulds Theatre. These new seats are padded and very comfortable. To offset the cost, seat sponsorships are available!

Theatre Conspiracy in conjunction with OnStage Publications has launched a mobile Donation & Review Machine for the 2011-12 season. The mobile app, dubbed ArtsFreePress, allows audience members at a live performance to pledge donations right from their seats, and post instant reviews via a smart phone or similar mobile device.

Engaging new, younger audience members especially, and capitalizing on the social networking craze and Twitter, ArtsFreePress gives audience members the opportunity to instantly review the performance they are watching. Reviews and comments are posted to a live Twitter feed, allowing audience members to interact with each other, as well as their social networking friends.

Live "audience challenges" invite patrons at a performance to make small pledges for donations of \$5, \$10 and \$25 to Theatre Conspiracy. As each audience member makes a pledge, the overall goal of the audience challenge for that performance is recalculated and posted on the same live Twitter feed in which reviews are posted.

Audience members will be able to connect directly to the app without the need to download or install anything. ArtsFreePress will be accessed through a QR code found in the program books that are passed out free before each Theatre Conspiracy performance or by navigating directly to www.artsfreepress.com through a mobile device.

"Audience members spend, on average, 33 minutes browsing our program books during a performance," says Norm Orłowski, president of OnStage Publications. "Now they can also access our mobile app to make pledges or talk directly to our partner organizations. Performing arts groups make a significant impact on local economies.

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Big Bank Bureaucracy



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

Recently a client's family needed to modify an irrevocable life insurance trust where one of the national big banks was acting as the trustee. Getting to speak to someone who had both

the knowledge to deal with the problem and authority to act on that problem was harder than getting an audience with the Pope.

The client's then-attorney created the particular trust in question back in the mid-1990s when the client resided up north. They had named a local bank as the trustee, but the document did not contain any clause that would allow the family to remove and replace the bank. While irrevocable trusts generally must not allow for amendments by its grantor, they can be drafted to give an independent party the ability to make certain changes, including who should act as trustee.

Unfortunately, this trust had no such provision. You can guess what happened next. A regional bank gobbled the local bank up. A national bank then bought the regional bank. Bank employees in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who had no knowledge of the family,

why they created the trust or the family's estate planning goals, were now making the decisions relative to this trust.

Here's a synopsis of a conversation that I had with the trust officer over the telephone:

Me: "The family would like to use the merger provision found under Article Eleven of the trust to merge this trust into a similar trust that is more flexible and congruent to the family's goals."

Trust Officer: "We won't do that."

Me: "Why not? The document provides this avenue – and the family would like to take advantage of it."

Trust Officer: "I'm not sure why we can't. I ran this by our legal department's 'risk management' team and the risk manager said no."

Me: "Who is this 'risk manager' you speak of? I would like to have a discussion with this person please so that we can talk about what the merits of what the family would like to accomplish – and how best to do that."

Trust Officer: "I'm not authorized to tell you who the risk manager is."

Me (becoming agitated): "What do you mean that you aren't authorized to tell me who this person is? Can you have them call me then?"

Trust Officer: "No, I can't. They won't call you. I can relay a message though."

Me: "But you aren't a lawyer and may misunderstand the legal basis on which I wish to have this discussion."

Trust Officer: "So write me a letter and I'll give it to our 'risk manager.'"

Me: "I've already done that and you've told me that this person said 'no' to the request."

Trust Officer: "That's all I can do."

After several hours of additional effort – including leaving messages with the bank's department head (that went unreturned) and writing threatening emails, I finally got to speak with the bank's in-house counsel – the masked 'risk manager.' Believe it or not, once I got a hold of this person we actually engaged in an intelligent conversation over the legal issues, arriving at a mutual resolution that satisfied my client.

Imagine that!

But that is the danger when you have irrevocable documents that can't be changed. While some types of trusts have to be irrevocable to accomplish the intended estate planning goals, "back doors" can be drafted into the documents that can make them more flexible.

Even revocable trusts become irrevocable at some point in the future – such as when the grantor of a revocable living trust dies – so you want to work with your attorney to ensure that the document is drafted with enough flexibility to change should circumstances warrant.

One of the most important items to make flexible is who will be serving as trustee. I'm generally a proponent of getting professional help in the form of banks and trust companies, particularly when the trust is part of a more advanced and complex estate plan. But with that said, to avoid a situation where the bank or trust company you knew and loved becomes "Big Bank," where decisions are made in some building you've never stepped foot in, the document needs to give some trusted individual the authority to change who is

serving in that role.

You can fire your attorney, CPA or financial advisor at will – why shouldn't your family have the ability to hire and fire your trustee at will? This thought should even extend to family members who may serve as trustee one day. It's not a bad idea to have a check and balance on whomever is serving in that important role.

Otherwise you may be spending a lot of time, aggravation and money trying to get your message across to some bank employee charged with the task of not letting you talk to anyone who has the authority to make a decision.

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Historical Museum Names Alfino Manager



Emilie Alfino

of helping the museum to improve and grow and meet its mission to preserve and share Sanibel history.

"I'm very excited about working at the museum," Alfino said. "The village is a special place and I'll be honored to be part of the team that makes it thrive."

Previously, Alfino was executive director for the PURRE Water Coalition Inc. She has also been a writer and reporter for both *The Island Reporter* and the *Island Sun* and spent years covering the City of Sanibel's government, island events, nonprofit organizations, and cultural life. Prior to moving to Southwest Florida, Alfino worked for 20 years in the public relations department of a large electric-and-gas utility in upstate New York.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village was founded in 1984 and is located on 950 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. It is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday from November through April, and from May through August is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults 18 and over; children are admitted free. Visit the museum website at www.sanibelmuseum.org, or for more information, call 472-4648.*

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village's board of directors has named Emilie Alfino as the museum's new manager effective December 7. As manager, Alfino will be responsible for overseeing museum activities and working with the museum's docents, handling marketing and communications, recordkeeping, newsletters, and website management – all with the goals

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Realtors Membership Meeting

More than 90 realtors and affiliate members of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors attended the monthly membership meeting November 18 at association headquarters, 2353 Periwinkle Way. Association President Judith Anderson conducted the business meeting, which was sponsored by Interiors by Decorating Den/Cliff Welles.

During the meeting, Anderson delivered a president's report, discussing events and actions taken at the recent National Association of Realtors Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. Affiliate member Ron Dehler of Horizon Inspection Service, Inc. spoke regarding property inspection issues, in particular wind mitigation. Professional Development Committee Chair Diane Stocks gave a committee report.

Following the meeting, Robb Moran led the MLS Caravan.*

Local Realtors Attend Meetings In Anaheim

Real estate professionals from around the country joined Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors President Judith Anderson and President-elect Glen Simmons in Anaheim, California November 11 through 14 at the 2011 National Association of Realtors Conference & Expo. Approximately 20,200 realtors and guests attended.

During the conference, National Association of Realtors (NAR) 103rd president, Ron Phipps of Warwick, Rhode Island addressed attendees, and 2012 NAR President Maurice "Moe" Veissi of Miami, Florida and officers were installed. Realtors were provided with information on timely issues such as home ownership, the economy, market conditions, technology and "green" issues and building practices.*

Patients, Parents, And Local News Celebrities Show Their Style For The Children's Hospital Fashion Show

At only 1 lb. 14 oz., who would have thought Grace Novakovich and her twin brother James, weighing only 2 lbs. 5 oz. at birth, would walk, let alone model in a charity fashion show. But they are modeling in the 2nd Annual Fashion Show benefiting The Children's Hospital which their mother Jennifer Novakovich credits with saving their lives in 2006.

Joining the Novakovich twins will be Julie Briggs, a childhood cancer survivor who was also treated at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida along with Fox 4 News Anchor Patrick Nolan; WINK News anchor Lois Thome; and volunteers Rosalie Blakey representing Lexington Country Club; Kathie Shellenbarger representing Bonita Bay; and Joanne Weston representing Pelican Landing.

The fashion show, luncheon, and auction is scheduled for Friday, December 9, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, and is sponsored by The Lutgert Companies and Madison Marquette, presented by Trish Williams Productions, and organized by the Pelican Landing Children's Hospital Support Committee.

The auction begins at 11 a.m., lunch at 12:15 p.m., and the fashion show at 1:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$75 per person. Free chance drawing tickets are also available for \$10 each or three for \$25 to win an 18k gold and sterling silver diamond ring donated by Dufrane Jewelers LTD, \$1,000 cash, fresh flowers every month for a year donated by Planned Perfection, or a \$500 travel gift certificate donated by Schwinn Tours and Travel LLC. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Reservation and drawing tickets are available by calling event Chairperson Patricia Smart at 495-8295, the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6950, or online at <https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=34946>.*



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The Right Hormones Can Make You Happy

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: I took your column regarding hormone replacement to my doctor. He's never ordered progesterone, just estrogen because of the hysterectomy. For eight

years, I've suffered with occasional hot flashes, mood swings, insomnia, and I can't lose weight. Anyway, three days later, his nurse called to say he did some research, and wanted to add bio-identical progesterone to my compounded prescription cream. Two weeks later, I feel remarkably better.

SH, Boca Raton, Florida

You're lucky your doctor is open-minded. This is an important topic so I'm revisiting it. Should a woman with a hysterectomy just take estrogen, or estrogen along with progesterone? It's not black and white. Some physicians refuse to recognize the importance of progesterone once the uterus is taken out! That's unfortunate because women could suffer needlessly.

For new readers trying to understand this, let me back up. In early November, my syndicated column informed women with a hysterectomy that taking "unopposed estrogen," (meaning estrogen without progesterone) wasn't always a good idea.

Many doctors today assume the hormone progesterone has only one use – to protect the uterus. But that is wrong. There are progesterone receptors throughout the entire body, and

like every other human hormone, it has far-reaching effects. Does it make sense to deprive the body of the benefits of progesterone just because one particular organ that used it was surgically removed? When you deprive a person of progesterone, an insufficiency develops and may lead to chronic fatigue, depression, anxiety, brain fog, insomnia, hot flashes, inability to lose weight, dry skin, thinning hair, bone loss, PMS, fibroids or migraines. Progesterone is known to relieve these problems, whether or not a uterus is present. It can benefit men sometimes too.

There remains confusion about progestin (drugs) versus progesterone (a natural, bio-identical hormone that humans produce). Progestin drugs have been associated with birth defects, whereas progesterone is the major hormone of pregnancy. Progestins, in some studies, may be associated with higher risk for breast cancer, heart attack and stroke, whereas progesterone is not. Progesterone stimulates production of thyroid hormone, important to every aspect of life, whether or not a uterus is present. It's needed for brain health; progressive doctors administer this post-stroke in hospitals. In men (who don't have a uterus) progesterone inhibits 5-alpha reductase, which can help with BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia). Progesterone is incredibly protective to breast tissue.

According to two large European studies, women with or without a hysterectomy who use bio-identical hormones have no increased risk of any disease. So even though the current medical "standard of practice" still says to give unopposed estrogen, and some physicians still adhere to this, me and other health experts completely disagree. For the record, if people didn't disagree with "standards of practice" we'd still blame ulcers on stress and use leeches for blood lettings. We are born with many hormones and they are best kept in balance. It's dangerous to mess with

Mother Nature.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.✱

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I am fed up with older women, the way they treat each other in ways men would never treat other men. I was at a local women's function with a woman that is severely handicapped. She had a stroke 30 years ago when she was in her early 40s and has struggled all of these years and never complains.

We were sitting at a designated table and all was fine. Then a woman came over and insisted we move to another location as it would make it easier for the others. She gave this woman no consideration whatsoever. At this point it made no difference what table we sat at and it was closer to the handicapped ladies room.

Do you know why women are so cruel to one another?

Eva

Dear Eva,

I do not think all women are mean and cruel, nor do I think that all men are mean and cruel. People are people and regardless of their gender, some can be very thoughtless and mean to others. Just as some men are given to too much testosterone and fight with others, some women are given too much estrogen and fight with other women. Unfortunately mean people are part of our world. I do not give them much of my time or energy.

Pryce

Dear Eva,

People are people regardless of their age. There are miserable children and miserable seniors and many in between.

I am very sympathetic to people who are handicapped and try to give them extra concern. However, some handicapped people are unreasonable and expect us all to conform to their needs.

The occasion you are questioning sounds a little uncaring as the woman does not seem to be asking for extra special privilege.

Lizzie

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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: With all the negativity going on with our economy I am starting to notice that I am getting pessimistic. Can you help me turn that around? I am stuck.

A: I know that many people are struggling right along with you as we are faced with so much uncertainty. Here are some ways you can turn that pessimism around and become more optimistic:

1. Live mindfully. By staying present in the moment, we lose sight of the future (which contributes to anxiety and pessimism). Be available in the here and now. Try to look at each situation with new eyes.

2. Live your life with meaning. Give your life a sense of purpose and direction so you look forward to living each day to the fullest.

3. Accept things as they are for now. Work on shifting your own perspective for the better. Look for the good each day that comes your way and be grateful for all you have. It helps to write these things down so you cement all the good coming into your life.

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Hidden Treasures

Tanzanite And Garnet



by Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell

A gemstone for December is tanzanite, which was first discovered in 1967 in Tanzania, East Africa. As one of the newest and most exotically colored gemstones,

Tanzanite is part of the Zoisite mineral

species and is only found in East Africa. Tanzanite is very rarely a pure blue and usually exhibits rich purple overtones.

While Tanzanite is often a blue color when first mined, it can also be brown and is

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Dr. Dave

Interchangeable Tools



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Have you considered surgery as a career but feel that slaving away in the roofing department at Home Hardware isn't exactly preparing you for a life of scalpels, sutures and

lawsuits? In fact, it may be the perfect place to practice your skills.

I recently shingled my roof. I did it all by myself with a little help from my sons, sons-in-law, neighbors, patients, local fire department, *Extreme Makeover* crew and St. John's Ambulance. This project involved multiple trips to the local hardware store and a few to the local emergency department. It dawned on me that the two repair shops were practically interchangeable and had I been the least bit resourceful I could have enjoyed one-stop shopping. The hardware store had most of the bandages and plaster I needed and the ER had most of the hardware. Here are some actual tools used by

both Ty Pennington and me, albeit for different reasons:

Staple/nail gun. While not used with the same pneumatic force as a roofing gun, doctors use staple guns to close many wounds in both the OR and ER. The roofing gun, frankly, is much more entertaining as it can be fired with considerable accuracy at the tyrant neighborhood cat, Edward Scissorclaws.

Saw. A century ago a famous country doctor once said, "The only two things I have in my black bag that I know that work for sure are morphine and my saw." Things haven't changed much.

Hammer and chisel. Hip replacements often require rearing back with a hammer and smacking the prosthesis into the leg like a blacksmith hammering a horseshoe, causing the entire body to reverberate.

Patients often leave the OR with a new hip but missing dental fillings.

Sandpaper. One of the stranger moments I have experienced in the operating room involved assisting in thoracic surgery. The thorax, as you recall, is that part of the grasshopper between the abdomen and the compound eyes. While repairing part of a lung that was weak and tended to pop, known as a pneumothorax, the surgeon wanted to make the lung adhere to the inside of the chest wall so that they no longer separated from each other. During the course of the operation the surgeon reached for

a sheet of sandpaper. It actually still had the \$0.39 Home Depot price sticker! It had been sterilized and was now about to be used to grate down the chest wall, deliberately inflaming it and hoping for scar tissue.

Drill. The Black and Decker cordless drill is recommended by three out of four neurosurgeons for that burr hole needed in the skull to relieve dangerous pressure caused by a bleed on the brain often sustained from falling off a roof.

Hydraulic lifts [See plastic surgery].

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India

Add into this mix the fact that no one stays in his lane and many actually create their own, and you have the most chaotic traffic we have ever witnessed! Incidentally, it was sad to see stray dogs everywhere. Their appearance is such that they all seem to be descended from the same dog, an Australian dingoish-looking canine.

The shopping streets of Old Delhi are composed of rows of mostly small shops, many of which sell textiles, fruit, spices and vegetables. In addition, there are lots of stands set up to sell "street food." Our experienced tour guide issued dire warn-

ings on the consequences of this. There are the ubiquitous peddlers who approach you selling jewelry, postcards and other trinkets. Some of the jewelry is quite attractive and a fraction of what it would cost stateside. Some of the enterprising business people we saw toiling out in the open were barbers, tailors and typists, the last using the old manual typewriters.

As one walks along the street and gazes upwards, one sees a jumble of signs and tangle of electrical wires that would confound the most experienced electrician!

In the next installment, you will hear more about the sites we visited.

'Til then, "Namaste." ✪✪

National Leader Of Critical Care Medicine To Visit Healthpark

Embracing a continuous goal of zero tolerance for central-line bloodstream infections, HealthPark Medical Center's intensive care units have been recognized with a first-ever Outstanding Leadership Award for Achievements in Eliminating Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Critical Care Societies Collaborative.

The past president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Judith Jacobi, PharmD, visited HealthPark Medical Center's Open Heart Intensive Care Unit to personally congratulate them on this honor on Monday, November 28. While there, Jacobi toured the facility and visited with members of the ICU team and senior leadership.

HealthPark Medical Center is one of only eight organizations to receive the new national award recognizing health care organizations that have had sustained success over at least 25 months in the prevention or elimination of central-line infections and that share their information and knowledge in eliminating infections with other medical organizations.

The other organizations receiving recognition include Yale Health, University of Michigan Health System, Cook Children's Health Care System in Texas, Lehigh Valley Health Network in Pennsylvania, Stony Brook University Medical Center in New York, Children's Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota, and Rome Memorial Hospital in New York.

Health care associated infections rank among the top 10 causes of death in the U.S. according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Nearly 2.1 million health-care-related infections occur in hospitals annually, contributing to almost 100,000 deaths each year.

"Receiving this award speaks volumes in terms of the dedication and commitment on the part of our team of health care professionals to improve the quality of care for our patients," said Sandra Simmons, ICU director at HealthPark Medical Center. "We are now able to mark the time since we've experienced central-line infections in years versus months."

HealthPark Medical Center is a leader in a national downward trend of central-line associated bloodstream infections. According to a recent report released by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, central line infections have been reduced by 35 percent nationally. Florida has done even better, reducing its average to 20 percent below the national average.

HealthPark's success in preventing and eliminating central-line infections is the result of a rigorous commitment to infection control beginning years ago.

"Standardization of protocols, a heightened emphasis on hygiene and a commitment by our entire medical team to provide the very best in patient care every day are what make the difference," said Simmons. ✪✪

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Hidden Treasures

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Legend says that it was Masai cattle herders that first noticed this stone some 30 years ago after a fire caused by lightning burned areas in Tanzania. The herders noticed that brown Zoisite crystals had turned a deep blue-purple due to the heat from the fire.

Along with being the gemstone for December, tanzanite is recommended as being the gem for 24th wedding anniversary gifts.

The name garnet appears to originate with the Latin granatum malum, which means pomegranate. Jewelry made with garnet has been found in burial sites from as early as 3000 BC. It is thought that early communities valued garnet and believed that it offered protections in the afterlife.

During the middle Ages some cultures believed that the red stones would stop bleeding. Many early cultures believed that garnets were helpful in preventing and curing blood disorders and infections. Garnets are formed when high temperatures and pressure are a factor. Geologists often use garnets as a gauge

of the amount of temperature and pressure that was present during their formation.

Garnet occurs in every color except blue and most varieties are named for their color. Garnets are quite strong and are found in Arizona, South Africa, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Myanmar, Scotland, Switzerland and



Garnet

Tanzania.

Along with being the birthstone for January, garnet is the recommended gemstone for the second and sixth wedding anniversaries.

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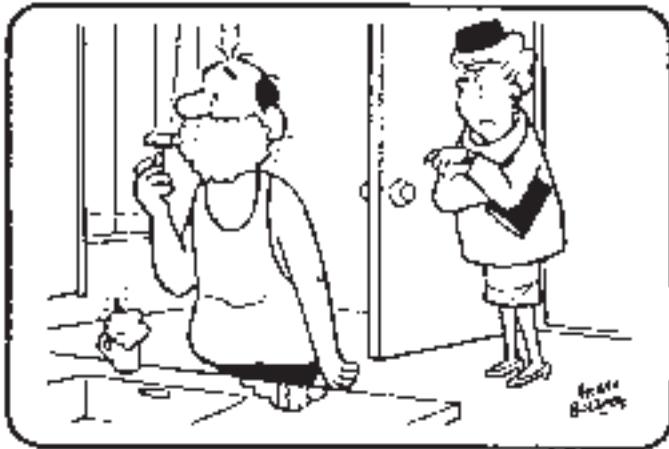
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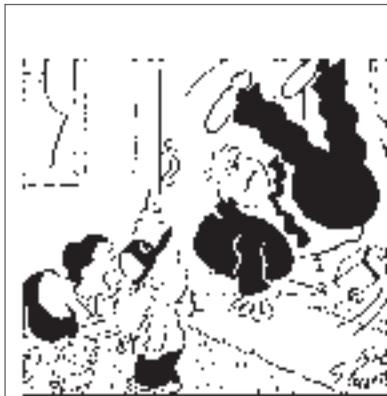
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Coast
ASTER

TODAY'S WORD

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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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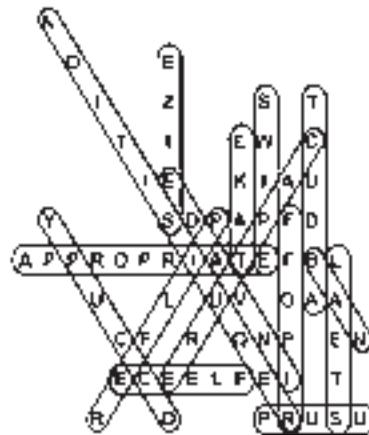
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KING CROSSWORD

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MAGIC MAZE

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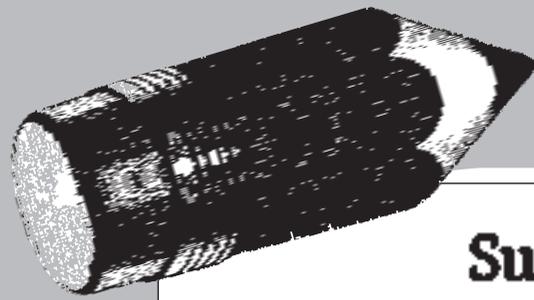
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 35B

Super Crossword

SHOCK TREATMENT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite closed
 - 5 Don't Day before
 - 9 Junkie
 - 12 Sign of cancer
 - 18 Prepare a feast
 - 20 Author of Moby-Dick
 - 21 Run the show
 - 22 The organ
 - 23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
 - 28 Saccharidometer
 - 27 Yellow hue
 - 28 Phrasal epithet
 - 29 See 14 Down
 - 31 Mid-afternoon
 - 32 Larkin's mother
 - 34 Puzzled
 - 37 Word with song or dish
 - 38 Question for a band
 - 44 Figure
 - 46 A ce time of year
 - 47 Genes's work
 - 48 Wordy Webster
 - 50 Expert equine
 - 52 Bull, but not cobra
 - 55 Raven's haven?
 - 56 Randy snacks
 - 60 Hotel's Easter feast
 - 62 Approach
 - 65 Alank for one
 - 68 Buddy
 - 70 South Seas road
 - 71 Movie
 - 72 TV's "HAWK"
 - 73 Part of USSR
 - 76 Electrician's theme song!
 - 80 "Parking" (44 ft. m)
 - 81 G's address
 - 82 "Igor" (destry)
 - 83 Malicious
 - 84 Ga's's garment
 - 86 First state
 - 88 Parado
 - 90 Skene's type
 - 94 "Igor"
 - 95 Gen's segments
 - 97 "Igor"
 - 100 Clear the windshield
 - 101 Corolla of "M*A*S*H"
 - 102 Cuban currency
 - 105 Jacques' The tea
 - 107 Hosp. dress
 - 108 "Igor"
 - 111 Electrician's hobby
 - 115 Wading bird
 - 117 65
 - 118 Buddy
 - 119 "Igor"
 - 120 "Unforgettable" name
 - 121 Born
 - 122 "Igor"
 - 126 One of the islands
 - 130 Front
 - 133 Electrician's favorite history subject!
 - 137 Tidy up
 - 138 Riddle
 - 139 "So - You" (77 song)
 - 140 "Igor"
 - 141 Benjamin of Galile
 - 142 Award for 101 Across
 - 143 Chien
 - 144 Work in the
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Fights
 - 2 Used
 - 3 Surface measurement
 - 4 Dwell
 - 5 "Igor"
 - 6 Skater
 - 7 Loaded
 - 8 Sailing
 - 9 Wagner
 - 10 Cupex drama
 - 11 Jewell
 - 12 Italian specialty
 - 13 Mischievous
 - 14 With 29 Across, rum
 - 15 Washington's
 - 16 Words of an electrician's seminar?
 - 17 Lasso
 - 18 Morris's mate
 - 24 Wide work
 - 25 Ann
 - 30 Bulw
 - 33 Hard word
 - 35 From -- Z
 - 36 Page
 - 37 Bit of
 - 38 Singer
 - 39 Drawing
 - 40 Part 1
 - 41 Diamond authority?
 - 42 "Igor"
 - 43 Sully
 - 44 Brothers' bring you
 - 45 Roth
 - 46 Prof's
 - 49 Humble house
 - 51 Prevent
 - 53 Tom or Taylor
 - 54 Defect
 - 57 Perfume's prode
 - 59 "Igor"
 - 61 Across animal
 - 63 Donzen's "Igor"
 - 64 Got a galley
 - 65 Fancy dinner
 - 67 Ruler
 - 69 Bedtime reading
 - 73 Menu
 - 74 Reviews the col's
 - 75 Picturing electrician?
 - 77 Nabich
 - 78 Mars or Maringly
 - 79 "Igor"
 - 85 Disruption
 - 87 La Spain songs
 - 88 Modest
 - 89 Pidge
 - 91 Papa
 - 92 Lot size
 - 93 Stack
 - 94 Sully
 - 96 Spruce group
 - 98 "Igor"
 - 99 Salary
 - 103 "Igor"
 - 104 Hospital
 - 106 Fast way to the UK
 - 109 Lodge
 - 110 Lucile or Lymur
 - 112 Bering selling
 - 113 Learn fast?
 - 114 End
 - 115 Cook's name
 - 116 Less
 - 118 Mr. Miller
 - 123 Leave out
 - 124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
 - 125 He
 - 127 "Igor"
 - 128 Balgerent
 - 129 Suggest
 - 131 Enjoyed
 - 132 "Igor"
 - 134 Clara's name
 - 135 Common street name
 - 136 NASA alternative

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Capture of JFK and JFK
- 2 Love
- 7 Great catch
- 12 Towel in
- 13 So tender
- 14 Ranker
- 15 Acorn
- 16 MacKenzie
- 18 Mural
- 19 Mosaic
- 20 Mice
- 21 Ring, me
- 22 Away from WWI
- 23 Towel
- 24 Artistic
- 25 Puddle of
- 26 Verb
- 27 Tapered
- 28 The word?
- 29 Mammal
- 30 Cork out
- 31 Formation
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- 37 Opposite of
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- 2 Kind of com
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I THINK I'LL JUST TAKE THAT

MAGIC MAZE ●

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- Use the following words to complete the crossword puzzle.
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| Absorb | Evade | Requisition | Swipe |
| Appropriate | Grab | Rip off | Take |
| Capture | Occupy | Seize | Usurp |
| Fleece | Pilfer | Steal | |

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