



Students singing carols at the Periwinkle Place shopping center

Celebrating Sanibel Luminary

In keeping with the tradition of the Sanibel Luminary Night, the little ones of the Children's Education Center of the Islands sang Christmas carols at the Periwinkle Place Shopping Center for all to hear. Dressed in their red school shirts and wearing Santa hats, they belted out holiday tunes and shook jingle bells, much to the amusement of their parents, relatives and onlookers. Shortly after, Santa arrived to have his picture taken with the kids, and was warmly welcomed by all. Excitement was in the air as they waited in line to give him their list of Christmas wishes. With Santa, carols, holiday lights and cool breezes, one could feel the presence of the approaching festivities in the air.✪

Lions Christmas Food Drive

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club is holding its annual holiday food drive for the homeless. Lions encourage everyone to support the drive with their donations.

Non-perishable food items are being collected for The Salvation Army. You can drop off the donations at the Lions Christmas tree lot in the Bailey's Center, located between the Grog Shop and Island Cinema. All local businesses are also encouraged to take up collections of food from now until December 21. If you stop by the tree lot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on December 21 to drop off your food items, you'll get your photo taken with the Lions.

The Lions are continuing their tradition of selling Christmas trees this year, and if you have not gotten around to picking out your tree yet, this will be the perfect opportunity to do so and help support one of the Lions' charities. The tree lot is open Monday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Lions will make their annual delivery to the Soup Kitchen on December 22, just in time for Christmas dinner. "The Soup Kitchen is serving more homeless families this year, and we want to ask everyone to help us make it an even better donation year," said Tom Hoover, Lions Club past president. "As always, we are tremendously grateful for everyone's support and looking forward to you helping us make another great delivery to the Soup Kitchen this year."✪

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The critically-acclaimed musical *Winter Wonderettes* will play this holiday season at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children. Single event tickets as well as series and subscription tickets are available for purchase online through the BIG ARTS website. Season series tickets are \$108 for three shows. *Winter Wonderettes* runs Monday through Saturday, December 15 to 31. All shows begin at 8 p.m.

The musical is set in the fictional town of Springfield, where the all-girl musical group The Marvelous Wonderettes is preparing for a special holiday revue at Harper's

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City Advertising Legal Notices In Fort Myers Paper

by Anne Mitchell

The City of Sanibel has to spend more on its legal advertising now that there is no "paper of record" on the island.

Since the *Island Reporter* was combined with its sister paper *The Islander* several weeks ago into a free publication, the *Reporter* no longer meets the criteria to carry government notices such as scheduled meetings and the annual list of delinquent taxpayers.

On Tuesday, the city council approved the transfer of \$27,000 from the general fund reserve to the legislative and planning departments for legal advertising in *The News-Press*.

To qualify as a paper of record, for which the *Island Reporter* was founded more than 40 years ago, it must maintain a paid circulation, have a second class mail permit and have its circulation audited.

Councilman Jim Jennings asked City Manager Judie Zimomra to send out notice to all the city's email subscribers that legal ads will now appear in *The News-Press*. He said, "Why do we sneak this through and put it in Fort Myers where nobody might see it?" he observed.

Zimomra said that legal advertising is based on statutory requirements... and none of the island papers meet the statutory requirements.

Council authorized staff to send out an email notifying residents of the change.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham noted that the state legislature will consider a bid to have public notices announced by other means than newspapers. Zimomra said, "It has been introduced for the last seven or eight years and has never made it through."✪

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The 2.5-hour adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, we enter the historic bends of the river and revisit the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF (Sanibel-

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Cruises depart at 1 p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80 in Olga. Upcoming cruise dates in 2012 are: January 22, February 12, March 11, April 15, and Mothers Day, May 13.

Cruises depart at 1 p.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. We also need the names of all passengers at the time of reservation. Please call SCCF at 472-2329. Please note that reservations must be made by Friday, December 9 for the December 11 cruise. Space is limited.

We look forward to taking you back in time! ☺

Calling All Shell Fashionistas

Remember to get your sketch, your commentary, your picture of your shell-lagant creation for the Shellabration! 2012 Couture Fashion Show. By mid-December, the Sanibel Community House is asking for your submissions, so the lucky contestants can get started. Whether you are an artist, a designer, a shell enthusiast or a group of friends, let's get those entries in.

There is no entry fee and the rules are simple: shells need to be a part of the fashion. What a great way for the island to show off its creativity and imagination yet again. The fashion show, which will take place at the Sanctuary Golf Club on February 27 at 11 a.m., will showcase the clothing and the audience will pick the winner of the \$500 grand prize!

For all you shell art creators, you will be part of the shell silent auction, where 50 percent of the highest bid will go to you and 50 percent will go to the Community House.

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American Legion Post 123 News

In honor of Doug Fresh, the Sunday, December 11 menu at American Legion Post 123 will feature BBQ ribs and chicken from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 14 is the American Legion general meeting at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, December 18, stop by for spaghetti and meatballs from 1 to 8 p.m. Every Monday night is 8 Ball Pool League at 6 p.m. Stop in and watch some great shootin'. Texas Hold 'em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Players are welcome.

Every Friday the Legion serves a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich all day. Stop in and try one of the famous half-pound burgers. Check out the full menu and daily specials. Food is served all day, every day. The public is welcome.

American Legion Post 123 is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m., located at mile marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 472-9979.*

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"It smells like Christmas!" is one of the most frequent comments heard from people entering the old Bailey store, where a live tree is decorated with red bows and large bells. A large wreath with shells hangs over the store door. Many of the buildings have greenery swags and wreaths trimming the doors and windows.

Morning Glories, the Sears and Roebuck kit house, uses shells as the main theme. The tree in the sun room has bows, shells and candles. The dining room table is set for dessert and has a shell centerpiece. In the kitchen, a young girl frosts a gingerbread house while Raggedy Andy looks on.

Come experience the simple Christmases of the past at the Historic Village. The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults while those 18 and under are free. The Museum is located at 950 Dunlop Road.*



Gifts available at the Sanibel Historical Museum

Great Ideas For Holiday Giving

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village gift shop has opened and is featuring exclusive favorites with some new touches.

Barb Walling has added sea urchin or fig shell ornaments in addition to her Sanibel shell wreaths. New pine needle baskets from Gisela Damandl have arrived. The traditional octagonal sailors valentines are also in heart or star shapes and accompanied by shell encrusted hand mirrors. There is a new shipment of Luc Century's lighthouse etched glass ornaments. For children of all ages, the whimsical *Sandpiles* book combines fantasy in both art and poetry. All these featured items can only be found in the gift shop.

These are just in time for the holidays, joining Civil War memorabilia and mother-child-doll aprons as well as Jeri Magg's book about Sanibel and Captiva. Everything is available in the gift shop in the old Bailey store in the village, 950 Dunlop Road. The village contains seven historic building, from a one-room schoolhouse to a Sears and Roebuck mail order cottage. The village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 p.m.*

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Its 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.

Traffic Aides Honored By City



Craig Crouthamel, John Hall, Jack Fenwick and John Sherwood listen as the mayor reads the proclamation

Four police aides who keep Sanibel traffic moving shared the honor of being named Employee of the Year on Tuesday. Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane presented Craig Crouthamel, John Fenwick, John Hall and John Sherwood checks and read a proclamation to honor their duties at the city council meeting. "You do what you do no matter what the weather is," Ruane said. You are the guys who keep Sanibel moving."*

Once Again, Shore Haven Offered To City

by Anne Mitchell

Shore Haven, a 1924 Sears Roebuck kit house, is again being offered to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

At Councilman Marty Harry's request, the city council on Tuesday authorized staff to look into whether there is room for the bayside home on the city-owned village site, which houses an old schoolhouse, a tea room and other relics of island history.

The current owners of Shore Haven, at 1111 Bird Lane, "are ready to make some decisions about building a new

house. They want to know if there is any interest from the city to get involved in the property."

Harry stressed that at this juncture he's asking only if there is room for the house, which was brought to Sanibel in pieces by barge.

Alex Werner, president of the Sanibel Historical Museum, said, "For the last three years we have looked at maybe having another building because we need gallery space." If there is room, he said, the board would have to take "a long, hard look" at financing the move. There are reserves the board has put together for the last four years for something very much like this, Werner said.

Councilman Jim Jennings said, "If they wanted, they could destroy it and that is the biggest concern right now. I think it would be wise for the city to look at it one more time."

The discussion was a case of *deja vu* for many at the meeting. Several years ago, then owner Larry Thompson wanted to give the home to the city with the city paying the estimated \$125,000 or more in moving costs and repair. Some residents, including Sam Bailey, pushed to keep the home on the bayside where he said it belonged and there were talks of moving it to city property near the boat ramp.

Thompson had said he would demolish the home if the city didn't want it, but he later sold it.

Florida Hannen, resident, said the village was a tortoise habitat. "I don't know if they are still living there. It seems to me the historical village has the most important pieces of island history and it should not be a dumping ground for people who are going to get some sort of tax benefit for doing this."*

Council Wants Backup Plan For CHR

by Anne Mitchell

The resignation of three members last month leaves the Community Housing & Resources board six members down, according to Sanibel City Councilman Doug Congress.

Congress, who acts as the council's liaison to CHR, said he didn't want to call the board dysfunctional "but they don't agree and there is some real divisiveness." He added, "The crux has to do with the executive director (Nancy Fash-McHenry). Some believe she is not doing what she was brought on to do. Some say it is too early and we need to have a proper forum to discuss it."

The city helps fund CHR and its contract with the low income housing agency expires next September. Fash-McHenry's contract is up for review

December 12.

The board members who resigned, Jill Dillon, Mike Cuscaden and Lynne Riddlehoover, want the city to take over the CHR program.

CHR is in serious financial difficulties, but Congress said he believes it is "heading in the right direction." He said CHR has a contract to sell one of the properties, which will bring in a sizeable amount to pay off some long past due bills. "They will also convert some properties to limited equity ownership to help with the cash crunch," he said. Mayor Kevin Ruane said when the CHR contract is up for renewal, he wants to set some objectives, some ways to measure accomplishments. "We have the right to probe and ask questions and we have the right to set conditions that are in the best interests of this community. Having said that, Ruane noted that he is "100 percent behind CHR housing."

Vice Mayor Mick Denham added, "I hope and pray it will be successful. It is very important to this community." However, Denham wants a "fall-back plan."

Congress said he has asked CHR President Richard Johnson for his Plan B and added, "What I will put together for you in January is some bullet points to the current contract and where it needs to go. I really do feel that this can work."*

Toll Count Hits Four-Year High

In September, the total vehicles crossing the Sanibel Causeway increased by 3,469 (1.92 percent) to 183,962 as compared to September 2010 when 180,493 vehicles crossed the toll bridge.

In presenting the report to the Sanibel City Council on Tuesday, City Manager

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Condominiums Receive Good News From City

By Anne Mitchell

City officials addressed island condominiums at two meetings last week. One purpose of the meetings was to introduce newly adopted City ordinances that are intended to encourage property improvements. Condominiums actively participated in the City's deliberations of these ordinances.

City Manager Judie Zimomra opened a Chamber-sponsored workshop on November 29 saying the City recognizes that guests and seasonal property owners are a vital economic engine for the City and the County. Many of the properties in the Resort Housing District were constructed in the 1970s and '80s. If they are to appeal to tomorrow's travelers and buyers, these properties will need new tools that will allow them to continue to improve. To that end, City Council recently adopted ordinances that make the permitting process easier, and will allow a broader scope of work. To emphasize the City's commitment to this new direction, Mayor Ruane, Vice Mayor Denham and Councilman Congress, as well as Planning Commissioners Reynolds and Heidrick, and a representative from the County's Tourist Development Council attended the workshop. A copy of the "Guide to

Redevelopment in the Resort Housing District" was reviewed and distributed at the workshop and will be available online soon.

On December 2, Mayor Kevin Ruane gave a "State of the City" briefing to a CASI (Condominium Associations of Sanibel, Inc.) breakfast meeting. Mayor Ruane stated that "our property values and desirability as a destination are directly tied to the quality of life to all those who live, work and visit Sanibel. We are totally committed to maintaining the quality of Sanibel during the current economic climate."

Mayor Ruane went on to say that City Council adopted three goals this year to move toward that commitment. The first goal is to strengthen and sustain the City's financial stability. The second goal is to continue work on a redevelopment plan that will allow properties to improve or redevelop. The third goal is to continue efforts to improve Gulf water quality.

Property values on Sanibel have fallen an average of 20 percent since 2006, a drop much less severe than neighboring cities including Naples. Revenue from property taxes constitute two-thirds of the City's budget. Even with this reduction in revenue, they City has not raised taxes the past three years. The City's strategy to meet the economic climate is to reduce fixed costs, accelerate debt reduction, and protect and increase reserves. City reserves are now \$27 million. Hurricane Charley cost the City \$15 million; at the time there was \$14 million in reserves. Having adequate reserves allows the City to respond more quickly and maintain more auton-

my in emergencies. In recent years, hurricanes, red drift algae and oil spills could have quickly drawn down reserve funds. To accelerate debt reduction, the City has retired \$12 million in sewer debt which has resulted in a total annual fixed cost reduction of \$1.5 million. To reduce fixed costs, the City has fine tuned contractor and employee costs without layoffs.

The Council's second goal is to encourage properties to improve or redevelop. The City has just completed the first phase of its redevelopment plan which allows properties in the Resort Housing District to improve or redevelop by making the permitting process more user friendly and enlarging the scope of work that will be allowed. These objectives have been accomplished within the Sanibel Plan with the exception of improvements to pools and accessory structures in the Gulf Beach Zone. After taking citizen input, the City is working to amend the Plan to allow improvements to existing structures in the Gulf Beach Zone. The next phases of the redevelopment plan will concentrate on resorts outside the Resort Housing District, adopting "green practices" standards for new development and reconstruction, and a renewed exploration of the Town Center concept.

Water quality issues is the third goal of this year's Council. Vice Mayor Mick Denham has expended endless volunteer hours for several years working at local, county, state and federal levels on water quality issues. These issues came to the fore several years ago during a red drift algae outbreak which piled 3 feet

of algae on Sanibel beaches for months. The City has successfully lobbied for a fertilizer ordinance to reduce nutrient pollution of the waters. Future projects include a stormwater management plan for Southwest Florida communities, and a water storage and treatment project for the Caloosahatchee Basin.

Mayor Ruane stated that the City is working towards less government with greater emphasis on helping the local area succeed.

Sharon Murphy, President of Loggerhead Cay, asked the Mayor when the cell tower on the East end will be constructed, noting that lack of cell service is quite a detriment to that end of the island. The Mayor responded that Verizon, after receiving City permits, had stalled on building the tower due to budget cutbacks. The City has been pressing Verizon and has received assurances that funds for the cell tower are in Verizon's budget for the coming year.

Neal Halleran, President of Sunset South, told the Mayor they had been urged and therefore signed onto a reclaimed water program several years ago when the City needed to reduce its wastewater surplus. Mr. Halleran questioned why the City has raised the prices of the water so much over the few years the program has been in place. The Mayor agreed with the observation and reported that he was surprised at the increase proposed during this past budget process and, along with two other Council members, defeated the proposed

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The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 27th annual Luminary Festival this weekend. The Chamber of Commerce believes this was best Luminary yet, with the most attractions available to guests and residents, as well as the highest attendance in the events history. For more than two decades, island businesses, organizations, residents and visitors



Luminary bags illuminate the way

have gathered for this annual affair.

More people heard about this year's Luminary celebration as a result of a live broadcast from the Bailey's Center by WINK News throughout the afternoon. Santa traveled from center to center on a fire truck, Christmas movies played on a large outdoor movie screen, and more than 100 volunteers illuminated the streets, manned trollies and greeted guests as they arrived to each shopping center. The entire island was covered in carolers – many who are members of the BIG ARTS Chorus, and handfuls who joined in from the audience. Food and drink were around every corner; from hot chocolate to eggnog, from cheese

plates to cookies. It was the ultimate island-wide celebration.

Ric Base, President of the Sanibel & Captiva Chamber of Commerce, attributed much of the evenings success to volunteers and businesses who participated, "With over 100 volunteers helping set up and tear down the luminaries, and dozens of businesses joining in the festivities, we knew this night would be a huge success and very enjoyable for our guests and residents. And that's the whole point – to come together and have a great time," he concluded.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Premier Sponsor for Luminary, the Sanctuary Golf Club, as well as all of the Silver and Gold Sponsors, Linda and Mike Miller, for coordinating all of the Luminary volunteers, and of course, the volunteers themselves.*

Mother-Daughter-Doll Aprons Available At Historical Museum

Among new items in the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village gift shop are old favorites – aprons for the entire family, including a child's special doll or teddy bear. Mix and match aprons for mother, junior cook, young Paula Deens, and aspiring James Beards are now available in the old Bailey store on the grounds of the historical museum as well as ones sized for the child's favorite companion.

Stitched by an Indiana craftswoman, each apron is individually designed to be mixed with others of similar colors and patterns and is made of fabrics reminiscent of vintage materials. Pockets, buttons, bows and other trims are added to make each apron special. Patterns range from gingerbread men to cherries or apples, puppy dogs, owls, polka dots and stripes.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is located at 950 Dunlop Street. Comprised of seven buildings, it offers visitors a look back into the early days of life on Sanibel. The village is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*



Lisa Lambert and her two daughters, Molly and Hudson. They are from Marietta, Georgia. Lambert is the daughter-in-law of Gayle Pence of Sanibel.

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This program assists financially-eligible island parents and island workers on a sliding fee scale for their children to attend the after school program, fun days, holiday and summer day camp at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

Financial assistance awards range from 10 percent to 80 percent of the program fee. The difference between the award and the program is paid by the parent.

Fund raising concludes on December 31 with a community New Year's Eve party at the Sanibel Recreation Center beginning at 8 p.m. For more information, call the recreation center at 472-0345, visit the city's website at www.mysanibel.com or call volunteer chairman Barry Roth at 313-9591.✪

Your Help Is Needed This Holiday Season

Friends Who Care, Inc. has been assisting island residents since 1983. The organization provides help for children and adults in crisis-related situations. Friends Who Care works on an anonymous basis through information from local churches, schools and other caring individuals in the community.

The holiday season has become a very rewarding experience for those involved. Many volunteers have joined in the gift collection program at the post office, fire department, city hall, the Shell Island Garden Club, ABWA, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, The Sanctuary Golf Club, the Center 4 Life, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and Zonta. The local service clubs, Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary, have contributed funds in support of the organization.

There is also continued support from many of the local realtors and churches. Other contributions are given from private individuals, all providing their time and effort to make children and adults happy during the holiday season.

Tuesday, December 13 at 3 p.m. is Sorting Day at The Community House. Many hands are needed so if you can help, please stop by.

Wednesday, December 14 at 9 a.m.

is Wrapping Day at The Community House. Bring scissors. If you can volunteer either day (adults only) call Sally or Theresa at 472-5152. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club delivers the gifts to the children and seniors on the islands during the Santa Run on the evening of December 23.✪

Overcome Shadows This Christmas Season

The Christmas season can be bittersweet, encompassing shadows as well as light. The constant refrain of holiday cheer can accentuate what has been lost or changed. All the urging to "Have A Merry Christmas" can bring out feelings of sadness, loneliness or depression if one is coping with the loss of a loved one to death or disability, a change in one's own health or life circumstances, or an ongoing difficulty or challenge, no matter if it's a recent or long ago loss.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is offering a service of Shadows and Hope of Christmas on December 11 at 4:30 p.m. People are invited to gather in support of one another, first in worship at a vespers service in the sanctuary, and then around tables to share dinner in Fellowship Hall. This is not a service of mourning; rather it is intended as a time

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Taiwanese Research Scientist Tours Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum



Dr. Wen-Lung Wu and his wife, Chang Huei-Hwa, discuss shells with Shell Museum director Dr. José Leal.

Dr. Wen-Lung Wu, a research fellow from the Biodiversity Research Center—Academia Sinica in Taiwan, along with his wife, Chang Huei-Hwa, visited The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on November 30.

Dr. Wu examined the Taiwanese shell specimens in the Museum's scientific collection, and he also observed what he calls "shell culture," the relationship between shells and people that is depicted in the public exhibits. "Humans can use shells to enhance their lives," he said, noting that for centuries shells have been used for tools, utensils, weapons, jewelry, currency, and as religious symbols for civilizations around the world.

As for the Shell Museum, Dr. Wu noted, "It's quite different than other shell museums," because of its emphasis on both the scientific and cultural aspects of shells.

Shell Museum director Dr. José H. Leal enjoyed showing his colleague all facets of the facility. "I was delighted with Dr. Wu's visit," he said. "He came all the way from his research institution in Taipei, Taiwan to visit the Shell Museum. When we were walking through the Great Hall, Dr. Wu said, 'I've never been here before, but so much of it's familiar.' It's so great to see that we share the same love for what he calls the 'culture of shells' throughout human history. It was a great visit and hopefully, as a result of that visit, we'll have some cooperative projects going on — especially in relation to exhibits and educational materials."

Dr. Leal provided Dr. Wu access to the Shell Museum's Taiwanese shells. "He photographed some of them to include in one of his works that will be published through his organization, which is the Taiwan Academy of Science," Dr. Leal said. "That shows how important it is to network and to have contacts in different countries so that we can all share the common interests we have and make things bigger and better that way." ❄️

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Condos Receive Good News

increase, so there was no increase for the budget that began on October 1. The Mayor said he believes that fees charged for a service must be relational to the expenses of providing that service, and that increases in fees should be triggered by increases in operational costs. The Mayor is looking into whether the operational expenses of the reclaimed water process have been proportional to the increase in fees and will make future judgments about fees based on that analysis.

There is a red tide outbreak in the Gulf. Despite alarming news reports, there have been only 11 dead fish on the Sanibel beaches. The Mayor was asked whether the City will clean up the beaches in the event of a major fish kill or algae outbreak. The Mayor reported that during the red drift algae outbreak, the City learned that allowing algae to return to Gulf waters actually worsens the pollution problem. That finding has changed City policy for major events. The City's beach maintenance policy balances the welfare of wildlife with the welfare of the citizens.

The next CASI Breakfast will be held on Friday, January 20. The speaker will be City Manager Judie Zimomra. E-mail suitors@earthlink.net or call 334-2138 to make reservations. ❄️

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ryi139@aol.com.✱

Island Bible Study

Did you know that the Bible says a
lot about what's going to happen
before Christ comes again? And
we are seeing some of these things hap-
pen in today's news!

To learn more, join the Island Bible
Study on Monday evenings from 7 to
8:45 p.m. January 19 through February
27.

Joel Rosenberg will be one of the
lecturers this year. He has written many
books on the subject including *Epicenter*,
The Last Jihad, *The Twelfth Iman* and
The Tehran Initiative. Participants will
need a Bible and 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.✱

Theological Study

The December Theological Study
at Sanibel Congregational United
Church of Christ is: A British
Christmas: Dickens, Lewis and Carols.
What would Christmas be without Charles
Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*? Even the
music of the season is punctuated by the
many carols that come from England,
Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

This course, on Wednesdays,
December 7 and 14, will celebrate and
examine these classics, along with the
writings of CS Lewis about the signifi-

cance of Christmas. The courses will be
led by Senior Pastor John Danner and
held in Fellowship Hall.

Identical sessions will be held at 10
a.m. and 7 p.m. and participants are free
to choose the time that best suits their
schedule. All courses are open to the
public and free of charge.✱

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Wilson Arbuckle St. Peter

Wilson Arbuckle St. Peter was
born on October 2, 2011 to
Tracy and Mike St. Peter of
Chicago, Illinois. Tracy is the daughter
of Judy and the late Robert Arbuckle of
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2012 Island Bible Study



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Beginning Monday, January 9 - February 27

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Chalew's Story

by Scott Martell

Chalew, 4, has a smile that breaks your heart. He has a story that shatters it into microscopic pieces.

Chalew grew up on the streets, with a mentally ill mother who never let the little boy off her back, where he was strapped in with a dirty blanket. People in Butajira wondered if Chalew could even walk. The mother also was a heavy user of "chat." Chat is a green leaf that gives users a feeling similar to cocaine. It is commonly used in Butajira, with some, like Chalew's mother, becoming addicted.

City officials took Chalew away from the mother after hearing reports that she was frequently feeding the boy the chat leaves as he hung on her back. He came to Ethiopia Hope Village in August, 2011. When asked what he wanted to do with his life, he surprisingly shouted, "Go to school!" Today, he's in preschool and walks like any normal boy (in other words has a tendency to want to run!).

Please help us help these precious children. Ethiopia Hope Village is attending to the most desperate orphans of Butajira, Ethiopia. You can make a difference! Help us care for these children with a monthly online donation through www.nmsi.org. Twenty-five people willing to help with \$40 a month will allow us to reach our minimum budget of \$1,000 a month. This provides shelter, food, education, medical, clothing, counseling, and staff for the house and outreach.

Or please considering helping us build the first stage of the Village – a residence for the kids. New Mission Systems International has the highest Charity Navigator rating, and is a member of the ECFA. If you prefer to use a check, please write them to "NMSI" and mail them to NMSI, 2701 Cleveland, Avenue, Suite 7, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and put Ethiopia Hope Village/Building or Ethiopia Hope Village/monthly children support, in the memo line.

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 WGCU 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.

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Chalew

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CHRISTMAS SEASON AT SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

All Church Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Concert is intergenerational and will feature The Vintage Brass Quartet. Various groups will present several styles of music, new and old. Bring a friend and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments in the Courtyard following the concert. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for local families in need. Seating is available at 5:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Living Nativity

Friday, December 16 & Saturday, December 17 ~ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The night air will be filled with Christmas songs of praise. Please bring a canned good for FISH as a present to the King of Kings.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Saturday, December 24 ~ 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Three Services of praise. 6:00 p.m. Contemporary under the stars. 8:00 p.m. Traditional with Chancel Choir. 11:00 p.m. Traditional with sharing in the Lord's Supper at Midnight. Pastor Daryl Donovan will be preaching a message of God's love at all three services.

Christmas Morning Services

Sunday, December 25 ~ 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Two morning services celebrating the Savior's Birth! 9:00 Traditional Service, 10:45 Contemporary Service. Each service will be family oriented, with a special visit from the Shepherds and the Wise Men.



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ABWA To Hold Its Holiday Party

The Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites all members and guests to the monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at The Community House. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner/meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The December meeting is the annual ABWA Holiday Party and Auction. Each member should bring a new or slightly used item that other members can bid on. Some may be "white elephant" items disguised and wrapped beautifully. It will be a surprise to each member when they open the gift. The secret is which package has the fruitcake inside, compliments of long time member Judy Michie. Many gifts arrive unwrapped so those who are bidding get to see what great things they

are buying. Dress in your holiday wear for the festivities. Members are welcome to bring a guest to participate.

The second part of the holiday evening is to collect unwrapped gifts for a boy or girl for "friends who care" night. These gifts will be given to children in need during the holiday season.

To secure your reservation, RSVP to Gayle DeHaan-Garland (godehaan@comcast.net) or call 565-7872 by December 10. The cost of the dinner is \$22.

The ABWA, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at The Community House, focuses on bringing together women of professional and business interests to provide opportunities for them to help them and others grow professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. All money raised is used to further the education of women through seminars, conferences and scholarships. The purpose of the networking time prior to the start of the meeting is to build

networking skills and provide business enhancing opportunities for Sanibel and Captiva business women.

For more information about joining ABWA, call membership chair Barbara Boulton at 472-2929.

Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

One thing that is evident at our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meetings every Friday morning is how interesting a group Rotarians really are.

They represent many professions, many interests and may have lived or traveled in all parts of the world. They are familiar with how much of a difference people working together can impact others people's lives. Rotarians not only give their time, energy, and financial support to club matters, but many Rotarians manage to do the same for other non-profits that are doing great things in their communities. We were reminded of that fact by our guest speaker Bill Fellows, president of FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel when he recognized that Rotarians John Pryor and Claire Beckman sit on the FISH Board of Directors and next year they will be joined by Rotarian Adair Heath.

FISH is the most inclusive human

services organization on Sanibel and Captiva. Their mission is "to lend a helping hand to those in need on Sanibel or Captiva who live, work or visit here." Don't guffaw now! There are people who need a helping hand on the islands. Over 950 clients were

served by FISH last year and that number will probably grow if our economy does not rebound soon. Those over the age of 55, who have special needs of their own, make up 38 percent of FISH clients; children make up 24 percent, all under the age of 18. FISH served 204 children in 2010.

Fellows gave us some amazing facts regarding the organization's growth from 2006 to 2010 and counting: in 2006 FISH had 136 clients, in 2010 they had over 950 clients; their revenue from donations, grants, organizations and fundraising events went from \$18,420 in 2006 to \$374,022 in 2010. As demand grew, FISH needed a larger location for servicing clients. Before 2007, Maggi Feiner, past president and current executive director, basically ran the whole operation from her home. In 2007, a small walk-in center was opened which brought new recognition of the services offered by FISH.

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Bill Fellows

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Chamber Lights Christmas Tree For The Season

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce lit their 14-foot tree on Causeway Road this week. Dignitaries from the City of Sanibel, Chamber Board members and Chamber Staff were some of those in attendance at this year's annual lighting.

Vice Mayor Mick Denham did the honors of switching on the lights.

Stop by the Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, located on the right hand side after you cross the last causeway bridge, to take a photo with the beautifully decorated tree.*



Blanaid Colley, Bridgit Stone-Budd, Tara Kane, Jim Jennings, Don Oglander, Ric Base, Barb Harrington, Vice Mayor Mick Denham, Scott Thompson, Candy Thompson, Steve Erhardt, Chris Heidrick, Richard Johnson and Robert Monk

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Zonta Sets Date For Peek At The Unique



Zontian and 2011 Peek house homeowner JoAnne Marriott stands ready to greet guests at last year's event

Keep your schedules clear for Saturday, March 24, as Zonta will hold its popular Peek at the Unique house tour fundraiser that day. "Peekers" will be gathering in a new location this year as Zonta proudly relocates its Peek home base to The Community House, due in part to the construction at Sanibel Community Church. Parking will be at The Herb Strauss Theater.

Peek at the Unique takes people on a tour of four fabulous island homes, each special in its own way. This year promises to be better than ever, according to Peek Co-chairs Carolyn Gray and Linda Robison.

As usual, guests will be greeted with a variety of foods and beverages donated by island restaurants before boarding air-conditioned buses for the three-hour home tour. Zontians serve as bus guides and are also stationed at each of the four homes, where a speaker familiar with the home's unique properties stands ready to address each group. A keepsake program book honors principal sponsors and describes the club's service projects. There will also be a raffle, A Chance at the Unique, with high-end prizes. Tickets for the tour will go on sale in January, with former Peekers given priority.

Various levels of sponsorship are available; for information call Jan Smith, sponsorship chair, at 472-5466, visit www.zontasancap.com or send an e-mail to ZontaPeek@comcast.net.

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

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The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's annual Under The Sea benefit, with the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Co. as the Grand Sponsor, will be held under the stars and on the beach at The Island Inn on January 29, from 4 to 9 p.m. (Shuttle service will be available).

The fun-filled evening will include a Polynesian luau with a tiki torch lighting, authentic Polynesian fire dancers, live music, a beach bonfire, a delicious Polynesian dinner catered by Traditions and Bailey's General Store, and lots of spectacular auction and raffle prizes, including artwork from Sanibel's Myra

Roberts.

Sanibel Captiva Trust Co. president Terry Igo explained why the company wanted to participate as Grand Sponsor for the event.

"The great thing about Sanibel and Captiva is that there are always treasures to be discovered," he said. "Many islanders don't realize that The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is a one-of-a-kind, internationally-known museum, with one of the most extensive collections anywhere. It's a great educational experience right in our back yard. It brings us recognition, visitors, and it's a wonderful community asset."

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

If you would like to be an event sponsor or contribute auction/raffle prizes, please contact Evelyn Stewart at 472-8443 or via e-mail at aippsm@aol.com.✪

Ospreyfest! A Benefit For CROW

You may have noticed an increase in osprey activity lately, as the large brown and white raptors prepare for their 2012 breeding season. In southwest Florida, they typically exhibit courting and mating behavior during the month of December.

Local ospreys start incubating eggs in mid-January, so the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will celebrate the official beginning of the breeding season with Ospreyfest! The event features CROW's popular *Story of Ospreys*, presented by Mark "Bird" Westall, founder of The International Osprey Foundation (TIOF), Claudia Burns, longtime CROW/TIOF volunteer, and Dave Horton, illustrator of *Look Who's Flying*, an educational coloring book about ospreys, and creator of the wildly-funny Hortoons that appear in the *Island Sun*.

Ospreyfest! is sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, with Bailey's General Store as wine sponsor, and will be celebrated at Traditions on the Beach in Sanibel's historic Island Inn on West Gulf Drive at 4 p.m. on January 15.

A silent auction of osprey-related items will be offered prior to a three-course sit-down dinner, created and served by Andrea Mucciga's award-winning staff.

Horton will entertain Ospreyfest! attendees before the meal by creating an impromptu drawing of an osprey.



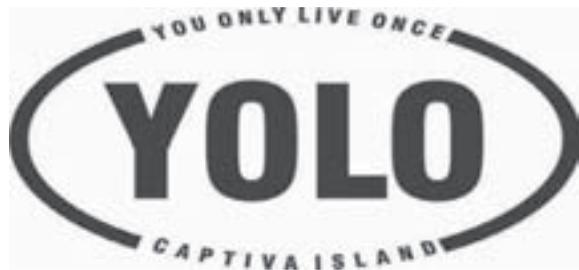
Darryl Pottorf's stunning depiction of a young osprey is valued at \$22,000 and will be the main auction item at Ospreyfest!

Following dinner, the on-the-spot drawing and an original depiction of an osprey created for CROW by Darryl Pottorf will be auctioned to the highest bidder. After the auction, Burns will present *The Story of Ospreys*, punctuated with incredibly lifelike osprey calls performed by Westall.

All proceeds go toward the care and feeding of wildlife patients at CROW.

Additional Ospreyfest! sponsorships are continued on page 15

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Ospreyfest!

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Admission to Ospreyfest! is \$75 per person and limited to 175 celebrants. For more information and to reserve a place, contact Debbie Friedlund at 472-6667 or at SanibelFL@hotmail.com.✧

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Shadows

to find the hope of Christmas in the midst of circumstances that can overshadow it.

Reserve your place for the supper by calling the church office at 472-0497, or call if you have any questions. Supper will be hosted and provided by SCWIM. Feel free to invite any loved ones and friends who you believe would also benefit from this time together. The church is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across from Periwinkle Place.✧

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Something for Everyone

Against All Odds



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The local TV news this week was full of reports of the worst red tide in six years in our area. From what I saw out on the water, Pine Island Sound is not affected

at all by the fish-killing algae bloom. Running the sound from Captiva Pass at the north end all the way south to the Sanibel Causeway this week, I saw less than a dozen dead mullet floating in the very southern end of the bay and this was at the start of the week when winds were northwesterly. Later in the week there was not a dead fish to be spotted in the sound.

Now that we are back on a northeast wind pattern, the red tide should stay well offshore and out of the sound.

Fishing expectations were low this week with the strong winds, red tide reports, low daytime tides and the strong

cold front that brought us the chilliest temperatures since March. Despite all these factors working against catching fish, I was amazed at how great the action was. I caught and released more snook than I have in a one-week period since the summer. This shows that even when you think action will be slow, you never really know until you put a line in the water and give it a shot.

Right as this last cold front was passing, the snook fishing really heated up, which is not unusual with low pressure before the front moves through. What was unusual was that when I returned to these same pre-front hot spots after the front had passed and during the cold windy conditions that followed, I was still catching snook.

Though most of the snook caught this week were less than 26 inches, we did hook a few over the 30-inch mark, which is great to see after the snook fishing drought I seem to have been in for the last few months.

Along with snook, the species count for this week was just on fire as it rose higher and higher. Redfish, black drum, sheepshead, flounder and grouper were just a few of the many species caught. The super low tides we had really



Capt. Matt Mitchell with a 29-inch redfish caught this week

bunched up all the fish in the deeper channels. Not knowing what species of fish you will catch on your next cast is never a bad thing as long as they are not catfish and you are hooking a fish just about every cast.

Finding your own winter fishing oasis can be as easy as spending some quality time with a detailed chart of the sound. Look for a large grassy area or flat that is high and dry on a low tide with a deeper, four-foot plus channel cut through it or right next to it. These channels funnel the tide and really bunch up the fish. All the fish that would usually be out on the flat will have to fall off into the channel on low water. Fish these channels at the very end of an outgoing tide or the start of an incoming tide. Plan on fishing it on a minus tide so you can really see how it's laid out.

Depending on the wind direction and tide, these fish-holding channels are located all over the sound. The deeper and narrower the channel during cold weather periods – generally the better it can be. A couple of the better known areas that fall into this category are the Chino Island channel, Flamingo Bay channel and the Demiere Key channel.

When fishing these channels during the colder periods of winter, concentrate

in the bottom of the water column. When air temperatures are cold, deeper water will always stay warmer longer than shallow water and fish will hang close to if not right on the bottom.

Getting your live bait on the bottom can be done by the use of a split shot, sliding egg sinker or my personal favorite, a jig head. The advantage of the jig head is it gets your bait right against the bottom and can be slowly bounced back on the retrieval, which will often trigger a bite.

After living in Southwest Florida for 30-plus years, I simply do not like cold weather, you can give me our sticky summer heat over mornings in the 40s anytime. Clients often ask me, "How is it living somewhere without seasons?" Although not as extreme as northern seasons, we certainly do have seasons. The one thing I do really like about winter in the tropics though is the huge variety of fish you can catch without having to travel very far.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.✪

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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Basic Course On Coastal Navigation



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

submitted by Bob Allen

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Steve Abbott is the certified instructor for a course on coastal navigation from 9:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, December 10.

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.*

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Marsh Rabbit



by Emilie Alfino

This adult marsh rabbit was found at Sea Oats, a community located off West Gulf Drive, north of Rabbit Road.

Local Wendy Schnapp, manager of Tarpon Bay



Marsh rabbit

The rabbit weighed about 300 grams and was the size of small guinea pig. Bast said an interesting thing about rabbits is that their skin is really thin and tears easily. "This sounds like a really bad idea but actually they have evolved that way because if a predator gets them, the skin will tear away and they can get away. They'll have a wound, but that usually will heal," explained Bast.

CROW staff took X-rays and found no broken bones, no fluid in the lungs – all good news. They cleaned and flushed the wound really well and applied SSD – silver sulfadiazine – a topical antibiotic cream. They also put her on oral antibiotics to prevent that wound from getting infected. Different antibiotics are used in different cases. "Some antibiotics cause stomach upset and usually we can tell with wildlife if they stop eating or regurgitate. In that case, depending on the infection, you can switch to another antibiotic.

"You have to be careful with rabbits; penicillin and other antibiotics can inter-

fere with bacteria in their gut and cause a number of problems by destroying that good bacteria and leaving room for bad bacteria to take its place," said Bast. "It can even result in death."

Also when determining how to proceed with treatment, Bast had to take into account that rabbits in general are very high stress. She chose to dose the rabbit in such a way so she only received treatment once a day but with a stronger dose. "The less you handle these guys, the better," Bast said.

The recuperating marsh rabbit was kept in a carrier rather than a hutch because it made it easier to handle the animal for treatment and the staff didn't have to upset her by chasing her around a hutch.

By November 2 there was no longer any discharge from the wound and a scab was starting to form. Luckily, the rabbit was eating really well on her own. "We feed them fresh greens and Timothy hay. You have to be careful to be sure the greens are fresh; rabbits have sensitive digestive tracts. Slimy greens can actually kill them, as there are bacteria on decomposing leaves. It causes diarrhea, which can kill them quickly," Bast explained. "In the wild they are picky and choosy, but in captivity they're hungry and eat what they're given." CROW also gives rabbits soaked monkey biscuits; soaking them fluffs them up, making it easier for rabbits to eat. "The rabbits really love it with applesauce and banana baby food frosted over the top. Otherwise they won't touch a monkey biscuit," Bast laughed. "If we have a lot, I feel like I'm frosting cakes."

On November 7, Bast walked into the rabbit room to get her patient out for treatment and saw she had chewed the corner of her carrier, making a hole about the size of... a rabbit. And she wasn't there. "Sometimes they do that when they don't want to be there," Bast said. "I looked all around the rabbit room, under boxes, behind the towel rack – the rabbit was nowhere to be found. Peninsula cooters are also out there and they dig burrows. I thought there was no way

she'd be hanging out with water turtles. When I picked up the burrow, though, there were two full-grown water turtles side by side with the marsh rabbit just sitting in between them. She wasn't injured or anything – she was just hanging out."

After that, staff had no choice but to move the rabbit to a hutch so she couldn't chew out of it.

Treatment continued until November 10, when she no longer needed oral antibiotics or topical antibiotics, and there was a good scab on her wound. "We planned to monitor her for about five more days but we ended up keeping her longer to make sure her wound didn't get infected after the antibiotics were stopped," Bast said.

The rabbit was still pretty high stressed on November 19, at which point her wound was pretty much sealed over and the scab looked like it would fall off soon. Bast decided it was time to release her. "Not anywhere near a pool, but in a site in Fort Myers with nice marsh habitat," said Bast. "There are marsh rabbits on Sanibel, but this was a really nice location and we decided to release her there."

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.*

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Shell Islands Garden Club



Lee Behrhorst of sundance orchids and bromeliads

photo by Terry Allen Williams, *The News Press*

Lee Behrhorst, owner/operator of Sundance Orchids and Bromeliads in South Fort Myers, will bring his expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge to the Shell Islands Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at the Sanibel Community House, discussing holiday decor with orchids and bromeliads. Founded in 2001, Behrhorst's nursery stocks 25,000 orchids and 10,000 bromeliads in seven greenhouses. He and his team have developed landscaped areas to demonstrate the use of orchids and bromeliads in home gardens.

The December 13 meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. with a shared sandwich lunch and meeting, with Mr. Behrhorst's presentation beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in the give and take of gardening, sharing what you grow, the art of flower arranging, beautifying the landscape and helping conserve our natural resources as well as making new gardening friends might consider becoming a member of the Shell Islands Garden Club.

If you would like to find out about membership in the club, please contact Maggie Buthcer at 395-0978.

Orchid Society Holiday Lunch

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society is planning a holiday luncheon at the Sundial Beach & Golf Resort on Monday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. Sundial is located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive on Sanibel.

Featured speaker will be Jose Exposito from Sorao Orchids in Homestead. He will bring plants to raffle as well as for sale.

Both orchid society members and guests are welcome to attend. The cost is \$20 for members and \$24 for guests. The menu will include a salad, choice of quiche or open-faced sandwich, both with vegetables, dessert and beverage. With your check, specify your choice of entrée. For more information, call 472-9408.

Garden Club Auction In January

The Shell Islands Garden Club will conduct an auction on Monday, January 9 beginning at 5 p.m. with Hospitality Time. The live auction with professional auctioneer Tommy Williams will start at 6:30 p.m.

Appetizers and desserts will be served. The event will feature garden, floral, plant related items and goodie baskets as well as door prize drawings.

For more information, contact Carolyn DeCoster at 395-2265.

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Rotary Happenings

New programming brought a need for larger space. The center, located at 1630-B Periwinkle Way, next to Pfeifer Realty, includes office space, food pantry, computer area, processing area, social worker office, meeting space and space for additional programming.

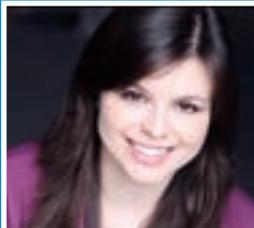
FISH states its objective: "to make a social investment in our community that assists our neighbors to live independently with dignity in their homes." They have 200 dedicated volunteers led by 12 amazing volunteer directors and a paid part-time program director and licensed clinical social worker. They continue to fund raise, and develop financial relationships with individuals and organizations, and seek grants. Ninety percent of the budget goes directly to client support.

Stop by the walk-in center and see how you can help.

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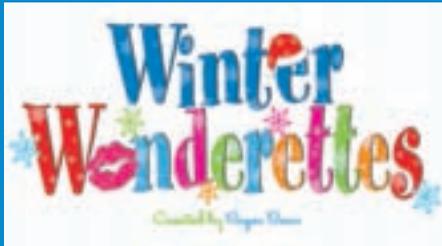
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Community Band Holiday Concert

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BIG ARTS Community Band will perform many marches and holiday favorites including *Beneath the Holly – A Selection of Christmas Songs*, *The Many Sounds of Christmas*, *O Holy Night*, John Philip Sousa's *Washington*

Post March, and *Hey Man, Christmas Swings*. The concert will also feature solos by Hannah Czoski, Terry Flannery, Joan Knowland, and Kathy Lamado.

Tickets for adults are \$7, children 17 and under are free with adult. The concert will be in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

If you ever played a musical instrument at any time in your life, you are welcome to indulge once again in the joys of making music with the band. For more information about joining the band, contact Knowland at 415-9092, 246-4158 or email doninfortmyers@gmail.com.*

Turtle Tracks Program



Loggerhead baby turtle, cooter baby turtle and baby gopher tortoise

Learn about the life cycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on local beaches and what the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) is doing to protect them. SCCF sea turtle volunteers and staff monitor every inch of Sanibel and Captiva beaches every morning from May 1 through October, looking for tracks to nests laid the night before or nests that have hatched. The Turtle Tracks program is Thursday, December 15 and 29 at 10 a.m. at SCCF, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information. Following the program take a walk on the trails to see the Sanibel River and visit the butterfly house.*



Bobcat

Night time sounds of carousing bobcats are being heard these days. It is mating season for resident bobcats with kits being born in January. Come to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and learn more about these shy felines that live so peacefully among us. The program begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14 at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Cost is \$5 per adult with SCCF members and children free. Following the program take a walk on the trails to the Sanibel River or visit the butterfly house. Call 472-2329 for more information.*

Beach Walk Is Fun For The Family



Carol Young and Noah Jobke

Carol Young of Milwaukee, Wisconsin had fun watching her 15-month-old grandson, Noah Jobke, examine shells that he found during The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's Beach Walk on November 29. The next Beach Walk will be held on December 27 at Algier's Beach. For more information, call 395-2233.*

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FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2011

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers -- most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming every-

thing else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly -- but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 18, 1620, the Mayflower docks at what today is Plymouth, Mass., and its passengers disembarked to begin their new settlement, Plymouth Colony. The winter of 1620-1621 was brutal, and by spring, only 52 of the original 102 Mayflower passengers were still alive.

- On Dec. 16, 1773, in Boston Harbor, a group of Massachusetts colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians board three British tea ships and dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor in protest of the British Parliament's Tea Act of 1773. The value of the tea was more than \$700,000 in today's currency.

- On Dec. 14, 1909, workers place the last of the 3.2 million 10-pound bricks that pave the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana. Since then, all but a 1-yard-wide strip at the start-finish line has been buried under asphalt. Kissing those bricks after a successful race remains a tradition among Indy drivers.

- On Dec. 13, 1916, a powerful avalanche kills hundreds of Austrian soldiers in barracks near Italy's Mount Marmolada. Over a period of several weeks, avalanches killed an estimated 10,000 Austrian and Italian soldiers.

- On Dec. 17, 1961, a fire at a filled-to-capacity circus in Brazil kills more than 300 people and severely burns 500 more. The cause of the fire was never conclusively determined, but it may have been the result of sparks from a train passing nearby.

- On Dec. 15, 1973, Jean Paul Getty III, the grandson of American billionaire J. Paul Getty, is found alive near Naples, five months after his kidnapping by an Italian gang. Getty had initially refused to pay his 16-year-old grandson's \$17 million ransom, but finally agreed after the boy's severed right ear was sent to a newspaper in Rome.

- On Dec. 12, 1980, American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays \$5,126,000 at auction for a notebook containing writings by the legendary artist Leonardo da Vinci. The manuscript, written around 1508, contained 72 loose pages featuring some 300 notes and detailed drawings, all relating to the common theme of water and how it moved.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was English biologist Thomas Henry Huxley who made the following sage observation: "Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors."

- If you put your rubber bands in the refrig-

erator, they'll last longer.

- It's not just the tiger's fur that has stripes; its skin is striped, too.

- You probably know that the iconic film "Rocky" starred Sylvester Stallone in the leading role, but you might not be aware of the fact that he wrote the script, as well. The sale of the rights to the script came just in time; he had a total of \$106 in his bank account and was trying to sell his dog for lack of the means to feed it.

- In the winter of 1932, Niagara Falls froze solid.

- Madame Tussaud started creating her famous wax figures in 1777 and created many models during the French Revolution. She traveled around Europe displaying wax figures (both the ones she created and ones she inherited from her mentor), and she opened her first museum in London in 1831. Today there are branches located in the United Kingdom, Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Vienna, Moscow, Bangkok, Dubai, Berlin and Hamburg, plus five U.S. locations. It's appropriate that there are more locations in American than in any other country, since so many Hollywood celebrities are recreated in the museums. In fact, in 2006, Shiloh, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's baby, became the first infant to be memorialized in wax for Madame Tussauds.

- Those who study such things say that apples are more effective than caffeine at waking you up in the morning.

- It's not clear why, but a duck's quack doesn't create echoes.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it." -- Franklin P. Jones

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Snowy egret

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Volunteers are needed for this year's CBC. Birding skills are desirable but not necessary. If you would like to participate in this year's Sanibel-Captiva CBC, you may obtain additional information by calling 395-3804.*

Photographer To Give Presentation

Sea life adventurer/photographer Rob Masino will be the guest presenter at the Shell Museum's Friday Lunch Hour series from noon-1 p.m. on Friday, December 9.

Masino, a lifelong shell enthusiast who has made more than 2,600 night dives searching for snails, will show photographs of live mollusks found in Honduras, the Grenadines and other Caribbean locations, and he will give photography pointers for taking the best mollusk pictures.

The program is free with museum admission or membership.*



Rob Masino will discuss shells and sea life photography at the Shell Museum

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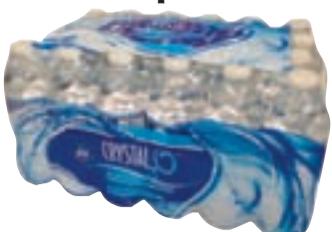
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Neil Glaser painting

Art League Meeting Will Show Some Perspective

There will be a lecture and demonstration about the principles of perspective in drawing and painting at the Sanibel-Captiva Art League meeting on Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Refreshments will be served. The speaker will be Neil Glaser, a retired architect and an award-winning watercolor painter on the island, who will demonstrate two-point linear perspective.

Glaser received a degree in architecture from Ohio State and was a practicing architect in Cleveland for 35 years, designing mainly commercial and institutional buildings. He was introduced to the possibilities of his art when doing the pre-computer hand-drawn and colored architectural renderings, which were a

necessary part of the design process. He then took formal art courses at night as he neared retirement, leading him to begin exhibiting on Sanibel during his family's vacations here. He is a past president of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League. His paintings of rural buildings and light-houses have earned him a succession of awards and prizes in local art competitions. He currently manages the Hirdie Girdie Art Gallery. He will be part of a three-person group show in the Sanibel Public Library in March 2012.

Representational painters have struggled with perspective and scale for centuries. The ability of modern painters to play with perspective and scale is grounded in their understanding of the principles underlying those two concepts. This lecture ought to both give attending painters a valuable tool, and, at the same time, help foster art appreciation in the community.

This meeting is open to the public. The Sanibel Captive Art League meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Sanibel Community Center. For information about the league, log onto the league website at www.sancapart.com.*

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Tour To The Tarpon Lodge And Calusa Heritage Trail Resumes

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound; a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel to Pineland on Pine Island. Along the way, you will get an up-close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and hear about commercial fishing, fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company, and the spectacular tarpon and sport fishing of today. Passengers will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family run business and their tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Relax and enjoy the old Florida charm of the 1926 lodge and have lunch overlooking Pine Island Sound and the mangrove islands. After lunch, walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC), located across the street from The Tarpon Lodge. The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain, at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site, a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide the group on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.



Fish house

This cruise will depart at 10 a.m. from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva. Captiva Cruises has established Discover Southwest Florida History cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande and has recently added cruises to The Edison & Ford Winter Estates on the Caloosahatchee as well as the cruise to Pine Island. These are excellent opportunities for families and neighborhoods to get together and learn about the history of Southwest Florida while enjoying a day out on the water.

For more information, cruise dates or reservations, call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.*



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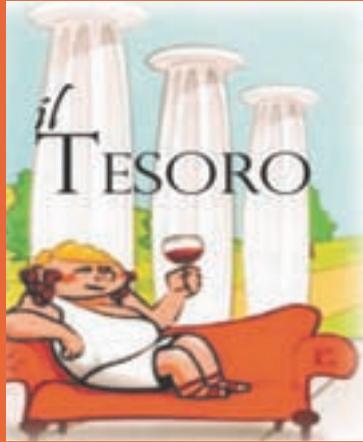
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Meet Dancing With The Islands' Star Phaidra McDermott

Each week, The Sanibel Community Association presents a profile of one of the six contestants for this year's Dancing with the Islands' Stars. It is one of the islands' favorite annual events, now in its third season.

This week, meet Phaidra McDermott. Of all the contestants, McDermott has timeless roots in Sanibel as she has resided here since the age of three. A true island girl, she enjoys sharing her deep love of Sanibel and Captiva with everyone she contacts.

Known as one of the islands' leading realtors, she has introduced a myriad of families from around the world to this amazing community. In addition to her numerous real estate accolades, McDermott is a true competitor. Harnessing her athletic ability, she will be taking to the dance floor with professional dancer James Rivest as they compete to raise funds for The Community House and bring home one of the trophies.

McDermott's can-do attitude is reflected in her motto, "If you believe you can, you can!"

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 are on sale now for both the rehearsal night and



Phaidra McDermott and James Rivest
gala.

To track McDermott's progress along with other dancers – Raynauld Bentley, Katie Gardenia, Terry Igo, Nicole McHale and Shara Weaver – visit online at www.sanibelcommunityassociation.net or on Facebook.*

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Winter Wonderettes

Hardware. But when Santa mysteriously goes missing on the night of their performance, the Wonderettes must combine their talent and spontaneity to distract from the absence of the jolly big guy in red. Festive tunes such as *Santa Baby*, *Jingle Bell Rock* and *It's a Marshmallow World* quickly warm the crowd, but when the chilling details explaining Santa's sudden disappearance are discovered, the pressure is on for the girls to keep the Christmas spirit alive.

LA Weekly calls *Winter Wonderettes*, "The perfect Christmas revue... the musical numbers crackle with energy and joy."

There will be a special New Year's Eve performance Saturday, December 31, which will include a champagne reception and toast with the cast of the show. Tickets are \$75. Show begins at 9 p.m.

Winter Wonderettes is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsor The Royal Shell Companies.

To purchase tickets and learn more about upcoming shows at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, call the box office at 472-6862 or 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*



Fisheating Creek by Clyde Butcher

Clyde Butcher Photography Talk And Exhibit

Famous Florida wilderness photographer Clyde Butcher is coming to Sanibel next month to exhibit his work in BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery. Clyde Butcher: Big Cypress Swamp – The Western Everglades features photos taken at Big Cypress National

Preserve, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve, and Corkscrew Swamp. The exhibit runs Saturday, December 3 through Saturday, January 14, with a special reception Saturday, December 17 at 5:30 p.m.

BIG ARTS Phillips Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, beginning in January. The gallery is located at 900 Dunlop Road, and is open to the public.

The recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award in Nature Photography by the North American

Nature Photography Association, Butcher is most famous locally for his black and white images of Florida's great wilderness, including the Everglades. In an age where the popularity of digital photography remains on the rise, Butcher's notable use of large format cameras that require film make his images instantly recognizable.

In addition to his exhibit, Butcher will be leading an ARTSalon lecture titled *Adventures Photographing in the Swamp* on Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m. at BIG ARTS Center. Tickets are \$5.

Clyde Butcher: Big Cypress Swamp – The Western Everglades is supported by Visual Arts Patron Season Sponsors June Rosner and Russ Bilgore.

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Cleveland International Piano Competition Winner To Perform



2011 Cleveland International Piano winner, Alexander Schimpf, photo by Balazs Böröcz

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 Sunday, January 29.

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

The first German winner of the prestigious Cleveland International Piano Competition, Schimpf triumphed over finalists from around the world in the August 2011 competition. Schimpf's BIG ARTS 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 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.

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

Lab Theater Debuts New Version Of A Christmas Carol

Mike Carlip, the director of Lab Theater's *A Christmas Carol: The Haunting and Judgment of Ebenezer Scrooge*, explains what makes this production of *A Christmas Carol* different from others:

"This is a telling of a haunting, that happens to take place during Christmas. It is not a happy tale nor does it ultimately have to be one of absolute redemption. This is a dark tale told during the darkest time of the year. When you enter the theater space to see this production, you enter the world separate from our own. It is not a comfortable world, but one that exists for all of us in the shadow. These are the ideas at the heart of this production.

The players are on stage the entire show, all moving set pieces, setting props, and existing in this world of their own construction.

Each audience member will take something unique from this show. No two people will have the same thoughts or ideas of what they have seen. Perhaps the audience should take some time to watch each other during the show."

Mike Carlip received his undergraduate training at Bennington College. Upon graduation he began training with Bill Reichblum and Kadmus Theatre Studio. While with KTS, he received additional training from Włodzimierz Staniewski and The Association of Theatrical Practices Gardzienice. He notes that this is not a show for small children. This is a show for people who want to experience an old story in a new way.

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Dr. Ella Piper

Lee County Black History Society Presents Holiday In The Park

The Lee County Black History Society, Inc. will host a kick-off of Holiday in the Park on December 10 at 12 p.m. in Clemente Park. This is a fund raising event to benefit the Williams Academy Museum.

The kick off will include:

- Holiday Entertainment
- The Inaugural Williams Academy Rock-A-Thon Fundraiser

• Unveiling of A 1926 Christmas with Dr. Ella Piper Holiday House and Exhibit in the Williams Academy Museum

In 1915 Mrs. Sarah Williams, the mother of Dr. Ella Piper, hosted the first Christmas Toy Give Away drive for children in the Safety Hill (later known as Dunbar) community of Fort Myers. Mrs. Williams continued her initiative until her death in 1926. Her daughter, Dr. Ella Piper, took the reins of the Christmas toy giveaway initiative after her mother's death in 1926. The year 2011 marks the 96th consecutive year of the aforementioned initiative.

The Lee County Black History Society, Inc. will pay homage to the initiative, as well as the legacy of Dr. Piper's tireless altruistic drive to provide a sense of holiday spirit for children in the Dunbar Community.

The society will turn back the hands of time, and convert the classroom space in the museum into a 1926-era parlor/ living room during Christmas time.

"This event will really bring the spirit of Christmas to the park," said Harriet Myers, president of the Lee County Black History Society.

Gates will open At 12 p.m. Performances are 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and students 14 and older. They may be purchased from any member of the Lee County Black History Society or at the gate on the day of the event.

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, beach umbrellas and blankets. There will be food and beverage vendors in the park. No coolers or pets.

Clemente Park is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue in Fort Myers.✱

Island Writers Perform Their Works At BIG Arts

The Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers will perform selections from their prose and poetic works on Thursday, December 15 in the Phillips Gallery at BIG ARTS from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The evening "Reads" have been an island tradition since 1987.

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

10 writers each comprise Island Writers.

The selections have been chosen carefully for quality, listener friendliness and length by a panel representing each of the five groups. This Spring's March Read was received enthusiastically by an audience of more than a hundred island residents and visitors.

The readers for the December 15 Read will include Duke Barron, Don Brown, Raymond Buck, Nancy Carlile, Carol Drummond, Vince Faraone, Bev Forslund, Sandy Greco, Tanya Hochschild, Jane Hogg, Martha Jeffers, Bob Maxeiner, Elaine Metz, Joe Pacheco, Vivian Pyke, Joyce Rand, Karl Rodman, Dawn Schumann, Sid Simon and Lorraine Vail.

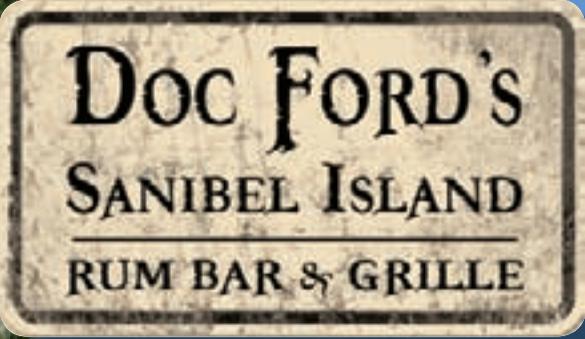
Admission to the Read event will be a \$5 donation to BIG ARTS.✱
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Lab Theater

A Christmas Carol: The Haunting and Judgment of Ebenezer Scrooge will play at The Laboratory Theater of Florida, located on the corner of Second Street and Woodford in the Fort Myers River District (1634 Woodford Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901).

Showtime is at 8 p.m. on December 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 18. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults. For more information on the show, visit the Lab Theater website at www.laboratory-theaterflorida.com. Links on the site will take you to the ticket purchasing page, or you can go directly to www.brownpapertickets.com to purchase tickets online. Call 218-0481 with questions.✱



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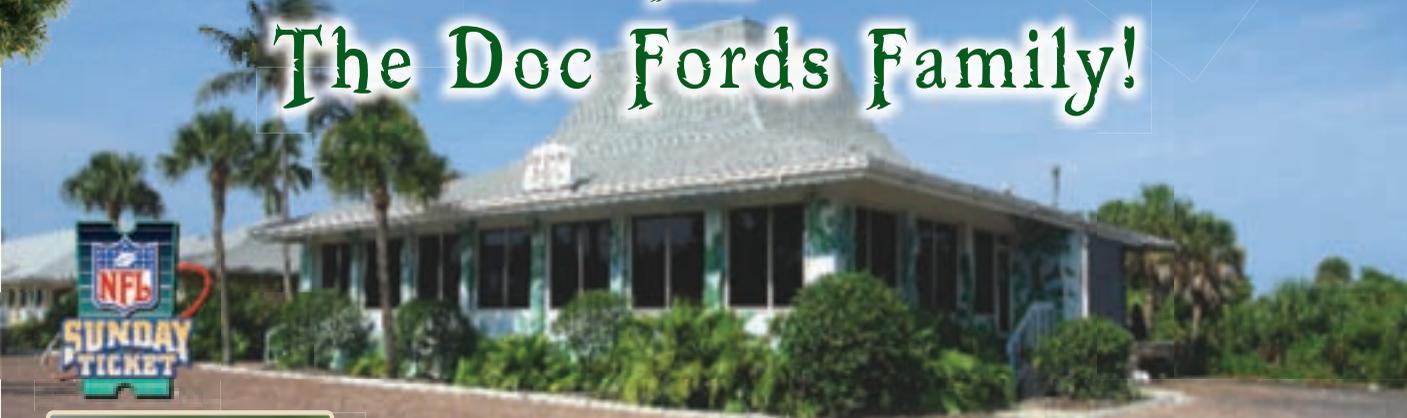
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Crumpet The Elf Is Back

by Di Saggau

For the third year, due to popular demand, Florida Repertory Studio Theatre is bringing back *Santaland Diaries*. The show is written by one of America's top humorists, David Sedaris, and it recounts his experiences working as an elf in Macy's Santaland. The bottom line is, "It's not easy being an elf."

Jason Parrish will again play the role of Crumpet, who is actually David Sedaris.

I spoke to him recently about the show and its continuing popularity. He said, "The show is expertly written and is sort of an antedote to the sweet saccharine Christmas shows we see so much. It appeals to people, like myself, who have a wicked sense of humor, who don't necessarily want to see something sweet at Christmas."

"It's more of a sour offering and allows people to laugh at themselves. This play holds up a mirror to the crazy things that we all do in the name of holiday cheer."

Parrish has done over 60 performances so far and will do 30 more this year. He said the audience is important in keeping the material fresh.

"The audience is never the same. I talk to people directly in the front row. It's like they've been invited over for an evening. The audience is what I use to keep it fresh. The audience is my theme partner, the second character in the play. If it's a rowdy audience, which I love, then it's more fun to play with them."

Satire is what the show is all about. Parrish said, "Sedaris sees the crazy things that people do and rather than accepting them he writes them down and says, can you believe this? When he read the Macy's ad about being an elf, he didn't say are they kidding me with this ad copy, he took the job on a dare." From this experience he wrote *Santaland Diaries*, which has been delighting audiences around the country.



Jason Parrish as Crumpet the Elf

There is no improvisation in the show. Parrish said, "We stick to the script and tell the story that David Sedaris wrote for us. The performance adapts to each different audience. Last year I had a group of women who had been drinking and were definitely having a good time."

Because they were so rowdy and loving the show, it made for a much different and more enjoyable experience than the matinee earlier in the day. They were having a ball and the rest of the audience responded as well."

Having seen the show twice I can attest to Parrish's performance. He makes the most of the sharp material, not only with his expert delivery, but also with his gestures, expressions and body language. He also makes good use of the ingenious and colorful props.

If you are seeking something other than sweetness and sentiment, *Santaland Diaries* is the perfect show with its tart and caustic perspective on Christmas madness.

The show contains adult language and is not appropriate for children.

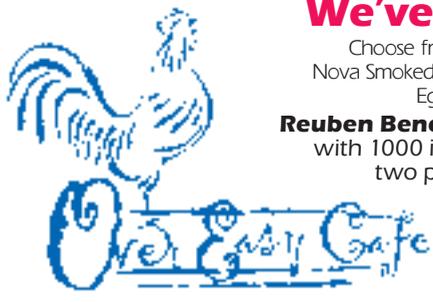
It runs December 14 through 31. Florida Repertory Theatre, is located in the historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street, between Jackson and Hendry streets. The Florida Rep Studio Theatre is just down the hall. For tickets call 332-4488.*

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BIG ARTS has announced its workshop schedule for season; signups are ongoing. This season there are new classes in iPods, iPads and iPhone apps as well as new workshops in pastels, open studio, African jewelry and improv.

BIG ARTS Winter Academy has recruited professors who will lecture on art history, economics, music and art appreciation, religion and international law.

The full workshop schedule is available online at www.BIGARTS.org or by contacting the main BIG ARTS office at (239) 395-0900.

All classes to follow will be held at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, unless noted.

Community Chorus with Steve Cramer starts January 3.

Intermediate Wheel Throwing with Joe Koch starts January 4.

Glass Fusing - Wednesday with Petra Kaiser starts January 4.

Glass Fusing - Thursday with Petra Kaiser starts January 5.

Beginning Watercolor with Patty Kane starts January 5.

Photography with Denny Souers starts January 5.

Life Drawing - Open Studio Non Instructed, with Carol Rosenberg, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. starts January 6 at BIG ARTS on Periwinkle.

Life Drawing - Open Studio Non Instructed, with Carol Rosenberg, 12:15 to 2:45 p.m. starts January 6 at BIG ARTS on Periwinkle.

Winter Academy - Great Composers and Their Music: From Bach to Brubeck, with Joanne Smith starts January 6.

Creative Clay with Dawn Boesen starts January 9.

Nantucket Baskets with Brandy Llewellyn. Registration due by January 2; class starts January 9.



Baskets made by Brandy Llewellyn

"Great Themes" Discussion Group with Steve Oberbeck starts January 9.
 Adobe Photoshop with Denny Souers starts January 10.
 Watercolor: Realistic and Abstract with Anne Kittel starts January 10.
 Adult Tap (Intermediate) with Bobby Logue starts January 10.
 Adult Jazz/Hip Hop with Bobby Logue starts January 10.
 Stand in the moment: Short Fiction or Memoir Writing with Steve Oberbeck starts January 10
 Pilates Mat Class with Marsha Wagner starts January 10.
 Pottery on the Wheel with Kelly Williamson starts January 10.
 Youth Dance with Kathleen More, 3rd to 5th Grade. Registrations due by December 29; class starts January 10 at Sanibel Rec.
 Youth Dance with Kathleen More, Kindergarten to 2nd Grade. Registrations due by December 29; class starts January 10 at Sanibel Rec.
 Youth Dance with Kathleen More, Preschool - age 3 and up. Registrations due by December 29; class starts January 10 at Sanibel Rec.
 Decorative Painting and More with Lois Ferguson starts January 11.
 Learning to See & Draw Through Old Master Drawings with Daphne Hammond starts January 11.
 Winter Academy: International Law with Sidney Picker starts January 11.
 iPhone Basics with Gerard Damiano starts January 12.
 How to Write Your Memoirs - Course 1 with Norma Hagen starts January 12 at BIG ARTS on Periwinkle.
 Introduction to Macintosh OS X with Dick Holmes starts January 12.
 Jewelry and Metalsmithing with Pilar Baker starts January 13.
 iPad Basics with Gerard Damiano starts January 13.
 iTunes with Gerard Damiano starts January 13.
 Intermediate Tap (no class January 20, February 3) with Bobby Logue starts January 13.
 Beginners Tap (no class January 20, February 3) with Bobby Logue starts January 13.
 Writing: Playwright's Workshop for Beginners with Angela Koch starts January 14.
 BIG ARTS Workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.
 There is a 20 percent discount on workshops for BIG ARTS members.
 BIG ARTS on Periwinkle is located at 2244 Periwinkle Way. The Sanibel Rec Center is located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.
 Individual flute, piano and saxophone lessons are available for children and adult students.
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Last year, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital, cared for 4,111 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the more than 200 different species, 54 percent were birds, 38 percent mammals, and eight percent reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation, visitors can see photos of current and past patients,



Baby burrowing owl

with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday December 9 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School.

Admission for adults is \$5, teens are \$3, and free for members and children 12 and under.

Admission includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore CROW's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with its efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information, call 472-3644, ext. 231. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org.

CROW Thanks The *Island Sun*



Left, Steve Greenstein, executive director of the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), thanks Lorin Arundel and Ken Rasi, co-publishers of the *Island Sun* and *River Weekly* newspapers, for helping with promotion and public relations to help insure the care and feeding of patients at CROW

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Toll Count

Judie Zimomra noted: "The number represents a four-year high for September monthly vehicle counts. Additionally, this is the fourth consecutive month in which 2011 causeway counts have increased compared to last year."

However, October's count decreased by 498 vehicles (-0.23 percent) to 213,083 vehicles, compared to October 2010 when 213,581 vehicles crossed the bridge.

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The Golden Age Of Radio At Florida Rep



by Di Saggau

The Holiday Classic *It's a Wonderful Life* is now showing at Florida Repertory Theatre, reimagined as a live radio play. The action begins a half hour before show time when



The main cast members

complex range of emotions throughout the play.

In multiple roles are Peter Thomasson, Carrie Lund and Brad DePlanche.

All are great in their roles but I especially enjoyed DePlanche's characters which include Clarence the angel who has not yet earned his wings. His many facial expressions were a joy to watch.

The story is timely today considering it deals with the possible closing of a financial institution, a family savings and loan business.

When faced with a dilemma that could mean ultimate ruin, George considers suicide, but through the intercession of his guardian angel Clarence, he comes to see that his life is too precious to be thrown

the audience is treated to roaming telegraph boys and cigarette girls in period costumes and a trio of screaming young girls who would be called "groupies" in today's terminology. It's a clever way to get the audience ready for the staged 1946 live radio broadcast of the beloved story on station WFRT.

The old time On Air and Applause signs light up at appropriate moments, and a lot of the old-time singing commercials take place adding to the evening's nostalgia. The show is touching and poignant, with performances that evoke laughter and tears.

Chris Kipiniak plays George Bailey, a dreamer and unsung hero, who never quite makes it out of his hometown of Bedford Falls. Claire K. Guy is his wife Mary. They both do a fine job showing a



Mark Chambers the Foley Artist

enactment is not quite as warm and fuzzy as the beloved classic movie, it does make for a very enjoyable evening, creating an inviting atmosphere that celebrates the spirit of the season.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play runs through December 18 at Florida Repertory Theatre, located in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry. Tickets are available at floridarep.org or by calling 332-4488. The show runs about 90 minutes without an intermission.

One more thing. Opening night, following the final curtain call, there was a very special event that took place. Chris Simpson, technical director, came on stage and proposed to his girlfriend of six years, Claire Guy. She accepted, they embraced, and we all wish them a wonderful life together.*

away.

Watching the behind-the-mike antics of the cast and the technical intricacies of putting on a radio program, especially the sound effects, makes for a very interesting experience.

Mark Chambers as the Foley Artist, is in charge of all the sound effects which range from footsteps, to cracking ice and everything in between. He throws himself into his role in true comedic fashion.

Every now and then I closed my eyes and listened to everything as if it were a live radio broadcast. It brought back memories from my childhood, the pre-television era when live radio was in its heyday.

While watching a live radio show re-

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Client 9: The Rise And Fall Of Eliot Spitzer



By Hyde Tucker

Eliot Spitzer's political stardom rose rapidly as he attacked Wall Street practices and people as attorney general of New York. He was elected governor of New York State and served for

part of a term. In both jobs he picked up enemies and developed a prostitute habit. Gov. Spitzer's fall was also rapid. It appears that some of the enemies became aware of the prostitute habit and Spitzer was quickly out of office.

Alex Gibney made a documentary film called *Client 9: The Rise and Fall of Eliot Spitzer*. He also made *Casino Jack and United States of Money*. That was part of the Not For Monday Night Movie series last season.

Gov. Spitzer is interviewed for this film and he seems unusually candid. His enemies are also interviewed and they do not seem as candid.

Client 9: The Rise and Fall of Eliot Spitzer will be shown at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 14 in the Schein Performance Hall of BIG ARTS. There

is a \$5 charge for tickets. The film runs 117 minutes. It is the last of four films that are part of the Not For Monday Night series this season.

There will be a brief introduction before the film is shown. There will be a short break after the film and then we will have a discussion on the film, Gov. Spitzer and others.

The film is R rated for sexual materials, language and nudity.*

Writers Present Poetry And Prose

Sanibel-Captiva Island Writers members will read 29 original selections from their prose and poetic works at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

Members have been meeting weekly since 1984 to share their work and help build a community of thriving writers.

The December read will include writers Don Brown, Ray Buck, Nancy Carlile, Carol Drummond, Vince Faraone, Bev Forslund, Sandy Greco, Tanya Hochschild, Jane Hogg, Martha Jeffers, Bob Maxeiner, Eileen Metz, Joe Pacheco, Vivian Pyke, Joyce Rand, Karl Rodman, Dawn Schumann, Sid Simon and Lorraine Vail.

Selections have been chosen carefully for quality and listener friendliness by a selection committee.

Admission is \$5. There will be an intermission.

For further information about workshops, classes, events and membership at BIG ARTS, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road Sanibel; call (239) 395-0900; e-mail info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

December At The Sanibel Public Library

submitted by Cathy Cangelosi, Sanibel Public Library

Now showing at the Sanibel Public Library. You can watch a movie and have popcorn at the library.

The featured film on December 20 at 2 p.m. will be *White Christmas*.

The 2011-12 Author Series kicked off with Nancy Taylor Rosenberg on December 8.

Tickets are wait-listed for this event. Tickets for the Author Series are available at no charge to Sanibel Public Library cardholders. One cardholder per person,

two tickets per card. Tickets are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Tickets for An Evening with Jennifer Egan will be released at 9 a.m. on December 19. Egan is the winner of the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Her newest novel is *A Visit from the Goon Squad*.

Paul Theroux, novelist, essayist and travel writer, will appear on January 30. Tickets for An Evening with Paul Theroux will be released on December 30 at 9 a.m.

Eyewitness to History with Duane E. Shaffer will begin on Thursday December 15 at 2 p.m. The topic will be WWI: Aviation Goes to War.

Library programs are offered at no charge and are funded in part with generous support of the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc.

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Cabaret And Auction At FGCU

FGCU theatre students will host Thistletoe Cabaret and Silent Night Auction in the Florida Gulf Coast University Theatre Lab. It will be open to the public.

It will be an evening of seasonal cheer and will include a reception of wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres where silent auction items can be viewed at 7 p.m. Following the reception, attendees will be entertained by the theatre students with holiday themed songs and acts in Thistletoe Cabaret at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will go directly to help FGCU theatre students take an original production to the Fringe Festival in Scotland, the world's largest and most significant performance festival.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at theatrelab.fgcu.edu or by calling 590-7268.

Contact Professor and Director of FGCU Theatre Lab Barry Cavin at 590-7183.*

Monday Night Movie

Mother



by Nancy Carlile

Once again the BIG ARTS Film Society, by way of their Monday Night Movie Series, offers the opportunity to view the world from a different perspective.

Monday night, December 12, at 7 p.m., they will be screening a Korean Film, *Mother*, a mystery thriller that has won many awards and holds an attendance record in Korea for domestic films. It has also focused the world's attention on and brought recognition to its director, Bong Joon-ho, who wrote the original screenplay with Park Eun-kyo.

They have carefully crafted their movie into an engaging film that draws you in with its basic premise and then involves you in the escalating tensions as the themes of the film twist and turn. One reviewer likened it to a Hitchcock thriller. Another says *Mother* (Kim Hye-ja) "will stop at nothing to save her son."

The son, Do-Joon, due to a childhood incident, is slower than his contemporaries but tries hard to keep up with them. His mother supports him but is over protective to the extreme. It is

when he is accused of the murder of a young woman in the community that his mother finds it is up to her to prove his innocence as the police investigation is very minimal and the high priced lawyer she finds, very disinterested.

Through her own detective work *Mother* comes up with three other possible murderers and pursues each of them and in doing so discovers a troubled society trying to protect itself, not unlike what we might find in contemporary American culture.

If you get drawn into this film as I did, then you must join me for the discussion following the film. See you at the movies.

The movie shows at 7 p.m., Monday, December 12 in Shein Hall at BIG ARTS. Tickets are \$8.

BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is supported by Series Sponsor Bank Of The Islands and Stan and Visnja Gembicki, supporters George & Wendy's Corner Grill, Jerry's Foods of Sanibel, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, and Sanibel Taxi.

For the complete listing of BIG ARTS films, to purchase tickets, to sign up for workshops, or to become a member, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, call 395-0900, email info@BIGARTS.org, or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*

The Jewish Book Fair continues on Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. at Miromar Outlets in Estero in store B121 across from Adidas and Bloomingdales. Authors Mary Lou Weisman (*Al Jaffee's Mad Life*), Ronda Robinson (*Beyond Politics: Inspirational People of Israel*) and Lisa April Smith (*Dangerous Lies*) will present their books. There is no charge, though donations will be accepted.

The 2011 Author Luncheon will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Bell Tower, Fort Myers on Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. Advance reservations are required by calling 481-4449 ext. 3. The cost is \$20 for the luncheon and authors' lectures; books are sold separately. Register online at www.jewishfederationlcc.org.

The luncheon speakers will be Dr. Leonard Felder (*Here I Am: Using Spiritual Wisdom to Become More Present, Centered and Available for Life*) and Michael David Lukas (*The Oracle of Stamboul*). That evening the authors will also make a presentation at Temple Shalom of Port Charlotte and the Gulf Islands at 7:30 p.m.

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slope down to the water from a grassy plateau.
Quickly she scrambles, in an instant tops banks,
Compass-point nose homes in on us two.
She nears us, dragon teeth chill us to bone.
Hearts pounding, preparing to run.
Faster than we are, she slips down the bank -
glimpses of ancient days trail in her wake.

*Francesca Joyce was born and raised in Brooklyn, spent the '70s, '80s, '90s in Park Slope, a beautiful brownstone neighborhood on Prospect Park. She and her husband, artist Dennis Joyce, moved to Sanibel from Upstate New York and still summer there. She is a member of Island Writers' Group 3; her co-writers are talented, supportive and encouraging.**

Our email address is press@islandsunnews.com

selected by Don Brown

Alligator

by Francesca Joyce

Alligator sighting -
round eyes above the waterline
moving closer to the edge
we watch, still and quiet.

Jaw creases the surface,
the ridge of her back.
We each breathe silently
willing her to come nearer.

We become as stone statues.
We want to know her, thus keep
careful watch.
Each feels the other's fear, feeling
our own;
unspoken decision, whisper quiet we
sit.

The banks of the bayou, muddy and
slick,

Island Book Nook To Host Return Visit Of Children's Author Crawford

Joyce Holton Crawford will be signing copies of her children's books at The Island Book Nook on Monday, December 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Island Book Nook is located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road.

Crawford, who taught elementary school for 35 years, knows how important it is for children to be able to discuss difficult situations. *Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down* deals with the sensitive topic of inappropriate touch. It provides an excellent opportunity for discussion between parents and children about the basics of child abuse and offers hope to those who have already been victimized.

Don't Call Me Michael is a story of bullying, friendship and forgiveness. This realistic fiction story provides lessons for both children and adults.

Besides signing books, Crawford is also available to speak at schools, libraries, civic or church groups, etc. You can get more information by visiting Crawford's website at www.joyceholtoncrawford.weebly.com.*



Joyce Holton Crawford

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Brief History of Sanibel Island* by Marya Repko
 2. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
 3. *The Language of Flowers* by Venessa Diffenbaugh
 4. *Postmistress* by Sarah Blake
 5. *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See
 6. *Deep Shadow* by Randy Wayne White
 7. *Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman
 8. *How to Be an American Housewife* by Margaret Dilloway
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Book Review

*Lincoln,
The Biography
Of A Writer*by Max
Friedersdorf

For Abraham Lincoln, whether he was composing love letters, speeches, or legal arguments, words mattered. America's 16th president used language as a

vehicle both to express complex ideas and feelings and as an instrument of persuasion and empowerment.

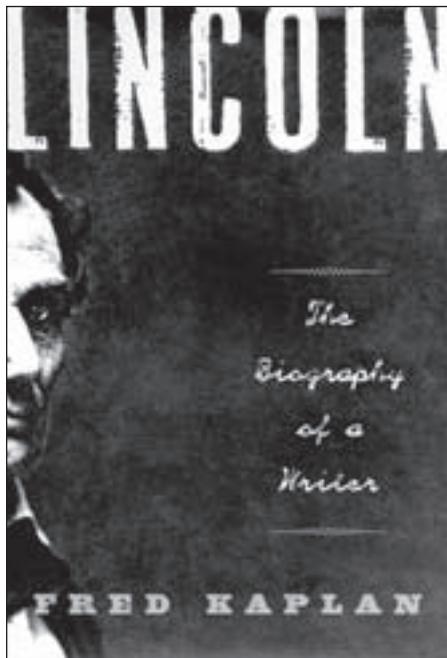
Self taught by intensive reading of Shakespeare, the classics and the Bible, Lincoln developed a reverential attitude toward precise words and language that enabled him to become a writer of timeless brilliance.

Acclaimed biographer Fred Kaplan explores the origin and development of Lincoln as a writer and speaker in an excellent new work entitled *Lincoln, The Biography Of A Writer*.

With hardly any formal education, but possessing a prodigious memory, Lincoln soaked up and retained information. "My mind is like a piece of steel," he once remarked, "very hard to scratch anything on it and almost impossible after you get it there to rub it out."

The author describes Lincoln's characteristic writing style as "a prose so lucid to read it is like looking a hundred feet through clear water."

Kaplan crams his engrossing book with hundreds of fascinating examples of Lincoln's writing. This includes love letters to a girl Lincoln probably did not want to marry, legal gems of logic and common sense, political speeches, witty poems, letters to intimates, and,



of course, the "House Divided Cannot Stand" speech, the immortal Gettysburg Address, and the forgiving and charitable Second Inaugural Address.

The narrative covers Lincoln's hardscrabble boyhood in Kentucky and Indiana, his career as a lawyer in Springfield, three romantic courtships, the difficult marriage to Mary Todd, the riveting Lincoln-Douglas debates, his religious views, the crucial elections of 1860 and 1864, and the tragic war years.

Occasionally depressed and melancholy, Lincoln perhaps had a premonition or a "haunting warning" about where his overweening ambition might lead, according to Kaplan. Lincoln often quoted the line, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave," and understood ambition is dangerous, accomplishment temporary.

Lincoln, The Biography Of A Writer, By Fred Kaplan. Harper-Collins, hardback, 406 pages, \$27.95.*

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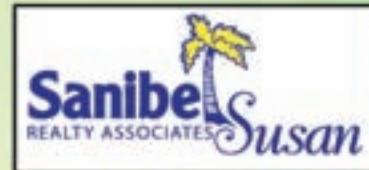
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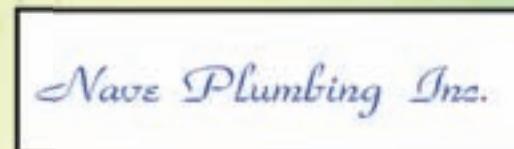
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Mollusks Featured In Captiva Lecture Series



Dr. José H. Leal, director of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, discusses mollusks at SCCF's Captiva Chautauqua lecture series on December 2

Dr. José H. Leal, director of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, was a guest speaker during SCCF's Captiva Chautauqua lecture series on December 2 at McCarthy's Marina.

Dr. Leal's presentation was entitled Mollusks in a Changing Environment, and he examined the history of mollusks as well as their prominence, diversity, feeding habits and their functions in the food chain and ecosystem.

"They are a very special group of animals, and have been around for more than 540 million years," he said. "You can find mollusks virtually everywhere on the planet."

According to Dr. Leal, the shallowness of Southwest Florida's bays and marine

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Chapel By The Sea Tree Lighting

Islanders and visitors from around the world come each year to admire the Christmas tree and lights at Captiva's Chapel by the Sea. The wire grid goes up, bulbs are tested and the strength (and patience) of chapel stalwarts make it happen! The lights will come alive on Sunday, December 11 following the carol sing, which begins at 6 p.m.*



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"Ding" Darling's fish house on Roosevelt Channel

Final Two Captiva Chautauqua Events

The Captiva Chautauqua hosts two final events next weekend. These programs will take place under the big tent at McCarthy's Marina, bayside, near the corner of Andy Rosse Lane and Captiva Drive.

On Friday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a film showing of *Captiva's Ding Darling*. This preview is of an upcoming biographical movie *America's Darling*, due to be released in October 2012.

Darling spent much of his adult life wintering on Captiva. "Tween Water Inn still maintains the "Ding" Darling Cottage. Darling's 1930s fish house is still a standing icon on the bayside, at the north end of Roosevelt Channel. Sam Koltinsky, producer of the film, will be sharing some rare footage of Darling and his family enjoying their stay on Captiva in those early days.

In the finale of the first annual Captiva Chautauqua on Saturday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m., people are invited to style their own rhythm instruments from recycled materials. The staff at Barnacle Phil's on North Captiva has been saving and cleaning cans and bottle caps perfect for the shaking, rattling and ringing that goes with the Bahamian Junkanoo Revue Band and parade. Number 10 cans and a small block of wood tied through the can make a great muted sound to keep time to the music.

The Bahamian Junkanoo Revue Band has played for the American Folk Life Festival and in many Florida venues. Saturday afternoon on the 17th, the 15-person band will be enlivening the streets of Captiva. Like pied pipers, they will be dancing and making music throughout the Captiva Holiday Village before strolling to the beach down Andy Rosse Lane. Join in to the rhythmic musical sounds with own your crafted instrument.

The Captiva Chautauqua is sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation to promote the history, culture and character of Captiva Island. In an effort to enhance islanders' sense of place, it is SCCF's belief that more people will cherish and protect what they have come to know and love including the natural environment that shapes their lives.

Stop by Friday the 16th at 9:30 a.m. for *Captiva's Ding Darling* and Saturday the 17th at 10:30 a.m. to make some music.

Notes and plans are already being formulated for the second annual Captiva Chautauqua. Please e-mail ideas to Kristie Anders at kanders@sccf.org.



Bahamian Junkanoo Revue Band

The Sanctuary Golf Club Chefs Earn Silver Awards

The Sanctuary Golf Club's Executive Chef Mark Brown and Sous Chef Derek Bryner won Silver at the American Culinary Federation's America's Chef Challenge. The two-man, hour long Mystery Basket was held at the 2011 Miami International Food Show, staged at the Miami Convention Center.

The competition required three courses, six plates for each course, and one mystery item the judges would choose. Minutes before the competition, Chef Mark and Derek were given Bison Loin as their Mystery Basket item. They had one hour to prepare and serve their courses and add the Bison Loin to one of the courses. The

first course was a Confiture of Tomato, Seared Tilapia with Braised Fennel and Olives. The second course was Dandelion Greens, Apples, Golden Beets, Roasted Poblano Vinaigrette, Pistachios, and they added the mystery item of Bison Loin, searing it rare and sliced thin. The Chefs ended with Roasted Tri-Tip of Beef with Creamed Spinach, Glazed Rutabaga and Sweet Potato Puree.

As an International Competition, contestants hailed from Argentina, Brazil, Canada and Ecuador, to name a few. Chef Derek commented, "It was my first competition and I was very excited. I'm happy with silver... but ready to go for the gold!"

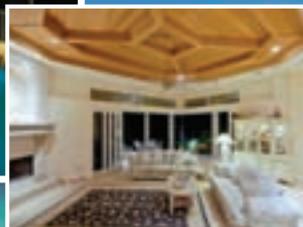
"We were among some talented chefs from all over the world. This is the fifth year the American Culinary Federation has had this challenge. We are looking forward to next year," commented Chef Mark. "For now, we have to concentrate on showing our award-winning food to the members of The Sanctuary Golf Club."

For more information about The Sanctuary Golf Club, contact Sheryl Tatum at 239-322-5182 or statum@sanctuarygc.net.✪



Executive Chef Mark Brown and Sous Chef Derek Bryner with their Silver awards

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Captiva Beach	Captiva	1968	1,518	799,000	757,500	574
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	1980	1,932	772,500	670,000	403
Little Lake Murex	Sanibel	1989	1,942	599,000	582,500	39
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	3,018	629,900	580,000	19
Spanish Wells	Bonita Springs	2000	2,908	639,000	575,000	92
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Wendy Schnapp holding cake celebrating with staff and guests

Tarpon Bay Explorers Mark 9th Anniversary

Tarpon Bay Explorers staff and guests gathered on Friday, December 2 to celebrate their ninth anniversary as the concessionaire to The J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Refreshments and all around good cheer were aplenty. "It's been a banner year, and things are shaping up to be even better in the coming year," touted Wendy Schnapp, co-owner of Tarpon Bay Explorers.



Gift and nature shop

Tarpon Bay Explorers operates in partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to provide guided eco-tours by boat, kayak and tram that are designed to be both educational and fun. First-time



Tarpon Bay Explorers and Refuge staff (l to r) Margie Klein, Steve Maddix, Donna Yetks, Joyce Palmer, Steve Yetks, Patty Clark, Brienna Coffman

visitors learn about the rich ecosystem and wildlife with an experienced natural-ist by their side. Seasoned visitors enjoy the eco-tours as well, as every day offers a different adventure with new wildlife sightings.

For the fishing enthusiast, charters on Tarpon Bay with an experienced fishing captain are widely popular. For the adventurer who wants to experience the Refuge on their own, rentals of kayaks, canoes, pontoon boats and bicycles are

available.

Another popular attraction of Tarpon Bay Explorers is their unique and extensive gift shop. They offer a host of nature-themed items, unique jewelry, clothing and elegant home décor. There's also a wide variety of children's toys, books and clothing. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff are eager to help with all of your holiday gift needs.

You can visit Tarpon Bay Explorers in The "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge at 900 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel. Call 472-8900 for information and reservations or visit their website at www.tarponbayexplorers.com. Stop in and wish them a Happy Anniversary! ✨



From left: CROW President John Schubert, CROW Board member and Taste of the Islands Chairperson Melissa Congress, the Doc Ford's team of Jean Crenshaw, Brenda Harranty, Liz Harris, Dan Howes, Kris Zook and CROW Executive Director Steve Greenstein

Doc Ford's CROW Donation

Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille donated their proceeds from The Taste of the Islands food sales back to CROW.

The fish tacos from Doc Ford's are always one of the most popular food items at the event and they highlight the culinary talents of Chef Kris Zook.

Everyone at CROW would like to say thank you to Doc Ford's for their participation in the 30th anniversary Taste of the Islands and thank them for your generosity in support of the mission to save wildlife through compassion, care and education. ✨

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Trust Company Sponsors Captiva Holiday Village Boat Parade



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The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is the 2011 title sponsor for the Captiva Holiday Village Boat Parade, which will take place this Saturday evening, December 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. on Captiva's Roosevelt Channel. The parade of lighted boats will cruise down Roosevelt Channel from South Seas Island Resort to Tween Waters Inn. The public is invited to join the parade as passengers on a decorated cruise boat, or as viewers on Captiva's bayside. Those interested in cruising in the boat parade should call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300 for reservations. Prime shoreline viewing will be available at Jensen's Marina, The Green Flash, Tween Waters Marina and McCarthy's Marina.

"We are proud supporters of Captiva Holiday Village, and are looking forward to cruising in the lighted boat parade this Saturday evening," said Terry Igo, president of trust company. The staff and guests of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company will be aboard the "Santiva," the lead boat in the parade.

For more information on the Captiva Boat Parade and Captiva Holiday Village go to the website at www.captivaholidayvillage.com.✪

Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Creating a vision of Captiva's future -- scope and funding proposal.
- Discussion of nominations for panel openings.
- Election of 2012 panel officers.
- Discussion of 2012 meeting dates and a 2012 panel budget.
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update.
- Other matters as necessary.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva

Community Panel meetings will be January 10 and February 14. Information is available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

The Captiva Community Panel was authorized by Lee County commissioners in January 2002 to act in an advisory role concerning land use and zoning issues on Captiva. The nine-member panel has overseen the adoption of a Captiva section in the Lee Plan, with a goal, objective and 14 initial policies adopted by the county in January 2003, October 2005 and August 2007. The Captiva Community Panel provides a public forum whereby Captiva property owners can present projects requiring variances and get feedback from and answer questions of the panel members and other Captiva neighbors attending the public meeting. The panel has no decision-making authority on variance requests, but does advise Lee County as to the point of view of the panel and the point of view expressed by other interested Captivans attending the public meeting at which the variance request was presented.✪

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Lecture Series

coastal areas leaves area plants and animals more susceptible to sudden environmental changes such as pollution, and he mentioned the implications of steady and long-lasting degradation of the nearshore marine environment.

Dr. Leal also discussed the effects of red tide and the BP oil spill on area waters.✪

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A Journey To India - Part II

by Patty Molnar

Highlights of our Delhi stay included a visit to the home where Mahatma Gandhi was staying when he was assassinated (now a museum) and his cremation site. Incidentally, Mahatma means "Great Soul." The reason for his killing has its roots in the partitioning of India into India and Pakistan. After this event, India had promised Pakistan money, which was not forthcoming. Gandhi strongly opposed this breach of trust, and for this he was assassinated by a Hindu nationalist.

From Delhi we traveled to Varanasi via Sarnath where Buddha (566-486 BC) preached his first sermon after attaining enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi (figus) Tree. I mentioned last time that India is the birthplace of Buddhism. Although Buddha was born in Nepal, all the places associated with his life and teachings are in India. Sarnath is as important to Buddhists as Varanasi is to Hindus.

Located on the banks of the "Mother" Ganges River, Varanasi is considered a mandatory pilgrimage destination for every Hindu. Twenty-thousand pilgrims a day arrive in Varanasi to take a ritual dip in the river, and we observed groups of them playing drums and singing as they approached the Ganges from the town.

Our group took an early evening boat ride on the Ganges where we saw the ritual of the river being put to sleep. We sailed past several ghats lined with Hindu temples and shrines ("ghats" are series of steps leading down to the river, here spaced at regular intervals.) Two of these were cremation ghats, and from the boat we could see seven fires blazing against the night sky. We also saw large numbers of people gathered at these sites, presumably families of the deceased come to bear witness and pay their final respects. According to our Indian guide, at least 15 bodies a day are cremated at these ghats.

The next morning we arose at 5 a.m. to watch the spiritual reawakening of the Ganges. The shore of the river came alive as the faithful stepped in to drink its waters, bathe, swim and wash their clothing.

As we watched these rituals, we were awed by the spiritual power the Ganges River has for the Hindu people.

An aside here – at most of the religious sites we visited there was a "holy man" (our guide's term) sitting outside the monuments and offering to pose for photos with tourists for 10 rupees (5 cents). My husband Attila called them "holy businessmen" for their cleverness in securing this prime real estate!

Later in the day we flew from Varanasi to Khajuraho to see the spectacular group of temples built between the 9th and 10th centuries by the Chandela dynasty that ruled India then. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 25 temples were excavated by the British beginning in 1838. There were supposedly 85 temples here originally. They are covered with exquisite sculptures of gods and goddesses, animals, dancer and musicians with sensuous curvaceous forms. In fact, it is these erotic carvings that have brought these structures the most fame.

The next day was completely devoted to travel and was adventurous to say the least! It involved traveling from Varanasi to Agra by coach and train. (There are no non-stop flights between the two cities; we would have had to fly from Varanasi back to Delhi



Statue of the Great Soul at the Gandhi museum



A holy (business)man



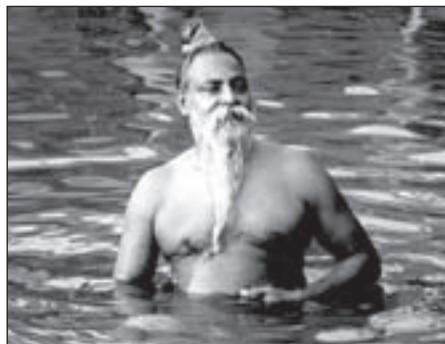
At the Khajuraho temples a carving of Ganesh, the elephant-headed son of Shiva and his wife Parvati, whose images are everywhere in India. He brings good luck and prosperity



Faithful Hindus at the Ganges in the morning



Hindus taking their ritual morning dip in the "Mother" Ganges



A faithful Hindu taking his ritual morning dip in the Ganges River



Devout Hindus taking a morning dip in the Ganges



Temples in Khajurajo

and then on to Agra.) The first leg of the journey was the coach ride from Varanasi to Orchha, another pilgrimage destination. We traveled over a heavily pot-holed road that had been washed out by this year's heavy monsoon season. I started out trying to take notes for these articles, but quickly threw in the towel because the rough ride rendered my handwriting illegible. Our tour guide kept putting a positive spin on things by pointing out sights we would have missed from the air. We grudgingly adjusted our attitude when we realized he was right. Stopped at a railroad crossing for 20 minutes, we saw local buses packed way beyond capacity with people hanging out the sides and piled onto the roof. Driving through the countryside we also witnessed the post-monsoon ritual of people washing the exterior of their houses with an anti-fungal compound containing nickel, cobalt and copper which turned the houses blue. (Power washing Indian style.)

After lunch and a leisurely stroll through the town of Orchha, a rest stop for tourists going to Agra, it was time to continue our travels, thank goodness, on a better stretch of road that led to the town where we would catch the train to Agra. Warned by the tour guide that we should not expect the Orient Express, we nevertheless had tickets to the first-class compartment which was perfectly fine. At around 8:30 p.m. we arrived in Agra where our reward for the strenuous day was a hotel with a Taj Mahal view for everyone in our group.

More on that next time. Namaste.✧



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Around The Islands

Sanibel Dentist Now Offering Facial Enhancement Treatments: Barnes Joins Island Graphics



by Anne Mitchell

Dr. Lyle Hotchkiss of **Island Dental** recently added Botox and dermafill treatments such as Juvederm to his dentistry practice.

And when you think about it, it makes perfect sense for dentists, who use a syringe more than most people in the medical field, to easily transfer that aptitude to the delicate and precise job of placing these substances exactly where they will give the best results.



Dr. Lyle Hotchkiss in his dentistry office, where he is now offering facial treatments

Dr. Hotchkiss said dentists and other professionals can now be licensed in Florida to perform these cosmetic procedures and more states are allowing it too. He started doing it in May.

"It is a logical service for dentists for several reasons," he said. "One, Botox is a material that only lasts three to four months and we have patients coming in regularly. It is a service I can give to my family of patients with whom I have a good rapport already. Also, dentists inject patients all day long. We are probably the best injectors. We are very skilled at giving shots and feel comfortable working with the facial area. A dentist is an artist. We are very concerned with aesthetics. It is what we do - to try and make people look nice."

To be certified, he took an eight-hour,

hands-on course, which included performing the various techniques on volunteer patients.

Dr. Hotchkiss explained that Botox relaxes the muscles so that they don't form wrinkles. "There's an art to knowing how much to give, and where to give it. You don't want to put muscles to sleep to the extent that you lose all facial expression," he explained.

Dermal fillers last up to a year. "It is a natural, inert substance that plumps areas of the face where volume has been lost," he said. That includes crepey lines on the upper lip and deep grooves on each side of the nose and at the corners of the mouth. "Dermal fillers are a matter of art. You have to build layers and sculpt areas," he added. Juvederm and other hyalurinic acids are safe, natural substances, therefore no allergy testing is required.

Hotchkiss said he enjoys providing a service that people are excited to have done (unlike most dental procedures).

"A good smile is more than just pretty, white teeth. Anything that I can do to make the entire face more attractive, and to encourage more smiles, complements my den-



Marcy Day, left, and Nancy Barnes, working together again at Island Graphics



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Nancy and Edgar Barnes moved to Sanibel in 1982 and created Island Graphics Printing and Design. They later purchased The Printing Center from a Canadian couple.

They spent 23 years "hauling paper, inking, cleaning, re-inking rollers, doing darkroom work and etching metalplates to match customers' requests," according to Barnes. They sold the business in 2006 to Curt Christensen, who ran it until 2009, when he returned to Ohio.

That's when island resident Bob Kern stepped in, buying the business, moving it from the east end to a more central location at 1630 Periwinkle Way, and upgrading the equipment from sheet-fed press to several digital and wide format inkjet printers. The technology has come a long way since Barnes last worked in the business. Kern can produce pictures on canvas and even images on mugs.

Island Graphics can handle full photographic color, large posters and banners and mouse pads. Finishing capabilities include various folding options for brochures and maps to all-island mailings, saddle stitching for booklets, laminating and mounting on posters and foam core. The company can also print on

PhotoTex, a re-usable adhesive fabric for wall graphics.

Now Nancy is learning the new technology from her former student Marcy. Island Graphics can be reached at 472-4437.

Cheeburger Cheeburger turned 25 years old on December 5. To celebrate, the restaurant is offering prizes, giveaways, trivia and other fun activities through Sunday, December 11.

Drop in and say "Happy Birthday." Cheeburger Cheeburger is in Tahitian Gardens Shopping Center on Sanibel.

CORRECTION: Barrett Anding is the general manager of The Bistro At Beachview. The general manager was incorrectly named in last week's Around The Islands.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

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 next jazz night on December 14 featuring Father Al & the Jazz Congregation with special guest Paul Ventura.

The restaurant is at 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, phone 472-4559.

The Stone Crab, A Shrimp & Seafood House, 2761 West Gulf Drive Sanibel, has live entertainment from 8 to 11 p.m. with Danny Morgan and Friends Wednesdays and Fridays, Buckeye Ken on Saturdays and a mystery guest musician on Thursdays. Phone 472-0305

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The Crow's Nest at Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, 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. Phone 472-5161.

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.

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.

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.

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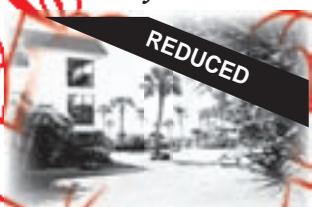
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More than 40 golf carts, dressed in holiday décor, were a part of the Captiva Holiday Village's annual Golf Cart Parade, held on Saturday afternoon from the Chadwick's

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A panel of judges selected the most outstanding golf carts:

Business Category - Captiva Kayak (Greg and Barb LeBlanc)

Tourist Category - Holly Boisdien of Idaho

Resident Category - "In The Pink" (Betsy Hanna, Kathleen and Kim Nealon, Cannella Mullins and Terry McClure)

Non-Profit Category - Captiva Civic Association

Prizes were provided by sponsors of the Golf Cart Parade, which included

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. The past two times the Cincinnati Reds made the playoffs (1995, 2010), they did so despite having only two pitchers win 10-plus games each time. Name two of the four pitchers.
2. When was the last time a pitcher captured the A.L. Cy Young Award with 16 or fewer wins in a season before Zack Greinke in 2009?
3. In 2010, Baltimore's Anquan Boldin became the fastest NFL receiver to 600 career receptions (98 games). Who had been the fastest?
4. When was the last time the Atlantic 10 Conference had five teams make the NCAA Tournament in men's basketball?
5. Name the person who was the first general manager of both the Philadelphia Flyers (1967) and the Vancouver Canucks (1970).
6. In 2011, Uruguay won the men's soccer COPA America for a record 15th time. What country had been tied with Uruguay at 14?
7. In 1988, two boxers, within three days of one another, became the first two to win five world titles in five different weight divisions. Name them.

ANSWERS

1. Pete Schourek (18) and John Smiley (12) in 1995; Bronson Arroyo (17) and Johnny Cueto (12) in 2010. 2. Kansas City's David Cone was 16-5 when he won the A.L. Cy Young Award in the shortened 1994 season. 3. The Colts' Marvin Harrison accomplished it in 102 games. 4. It was 1998 (George Washington, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Temple and Xavier). 5. Bud Pole. 6. Argentina. 7. Thomas "Hitman" Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard.



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Foursome Shatters Shambles Scoring

by JW Boynton

Forty Beachview golfers came together on a windy Sanibel Saturday, December 3, to compete in the monthly Shambles outing. Each team chooses its best drive on each hole and individuals play their own balls into the hole from there.

Craig Albert, Wayne Turner, Wally Mulka, and Jack Schmidt achieved uuber-victory, recording the lowest net two-ball score this writer has ever witnessed, in any format. The 51 under par score of 89 these golfers turned in demands a net eagle and a net birdie on virtually every hole! Does such an amazing result reflect the importance of a good drive? Stellar play? Excessive handicaps? Or some combination thereof? "Craig, Jack, and I just put a decent drive in play," explained Turner, "and then we let Wally loose! You just can't believe how far that guy can hit the ball off the tee!"

The team of Bill Stell, Bjorn Olsson, Don Maurer, and Ralph Barton finished second, 9 strokes off the pace, with a still remarkable 98. John Boynton, Marty Gallagher, Dave Bugby, and Jack Tukey matched this score on the strength of Gallagher's four natural birdies, but fell to third place on a match of cards. Why do Stell's teams always seem to win these arbitrary tie-breaking card matches?

After the match, the whole field was treated to a delicious steak sandwich lunch in the new Bistro at Beachview restaurant.

Did You Know? Popular Beachview starter/bag hand, Ron Stickney, has an impressive golf pedigree. He still carries a single-digit handicap, and he played on the Ohio State golf team back in the day with golf greats Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf. "Weiskopf was the greatest one-iron player I've ever seen," said Stickney. Stickney also played on the All-European U.S. military team with pro golfer Charlie Sifford. He feels Sifford had the talent to be one of the game's greats, had he not been excluded from the pro tour in the 50s by racial prejudice.*

Dunes Mens Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, November 30. Format: Team Quota Points

Results		
1st	Felix Cucuru +18	Joe Raboy Bob Lindman Skip Jewett
2nd	Doug Mallon +12	Bruce McLaughlin Andy McKelvey David Parmelee
3rd	Jim Burkholder +11	Wilf Manion Doug Tudhope Robert Orr
4th	Jack Pagel +4	Jack Czarnecki Ed Hannon Jack Strothman

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Dunes Womens Golf Winners

The Dunes Womens Golf Association event results from Friday, December 2. Format: Two Person Scramble.

Flight #1 (HCP Range 9.0 - 20.7) and (33.5 - 38.4)

1st Irmingard Markusch 48.5
Jan Baker

2nd Karen Hendricks 50
Adrienne Cross

2nd Carol Curcuru 50
Jane Gould

Flight #2 (HCP Range 20.8 - 28.1) and (28.4 - 32.8)

1st Betsy Cox 51.5
Daphne Hellmuth

2nd Carol Broderson 52
Sharon Hannon

Chip-Ins

Nancy Greenberg \$17 (No winner last week.)

Congratulations to all the winners.✱



Jane Gould



Betsy Cox



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PGA Tips

Playing From Bermuda Rough



by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional

In Florida we have a type of grass called Bermuda that is prevalent at most golf courses. When this grass grows long it can be very difficult to hit solid and straight

shots towards your target. In my opinion, there are three types of lies in this Bermuda rough. Here is a tip for playing out of each of these three lies:

Lie #1 - Fluffy

This is the one where the ball is sitting up in the rough on top of the grass completely.

a. Because the ball is sitting on top of the grass we do not want the club to hit the ground, rather we want to brush the grass. To do this, choke down on the club several inches at address and make practice swings only brushing the grass, not going all the way to the ground. Hit the

shot with the brushing stroke and it will fly right out.

Lie #2 - Middle

This is the one where the ball is not quite fluffy, but also not all the way down to the ground.

a. This lie demands that we go back to the full length of the club at address. Next we want to use a little bit of wrist action to take the club back. This will allow the club to "dig" into the grass a little through impact and propel the ball into the air. For this lie we want to only go down through the grass enough to get the ball out. Do not let the club strike the ground at impact.

Lie #3 - Buried

This is the one where the ball is sitting all the way down to the ground and you can barely see the top of it, if you find it at all.

a. On this one we want to use a lot of wrist action on the backswing so the club will come down steeply through the grass into the ball. We want to make sure on this one that we strike the ground firmly to get the ball to pop out. Also, make sure you follow through to a complete finish. Do not let the grass stop the club.

These shots just take a little practice to know how hard to swing the club to get your ball to go the distance and trajectory you want it to.✱

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24 Top Pros Compete Here This Weekend For \$3 Million In Greg Norman's Popular Shark Shootout



by Ed Frank

The premier PGA Tour post-season event - Greg Norman's Shark Shootout - gets underway this weekend at Naples' Tiburon Golf Club where 24 of the top golfers in the world compete for the \$3 million purse.

This is the 23rd edition of the popular event and Norman has paired the group into 12 two-man teams with the winning duo sharing the \$750,000 first-place prize.

The field includes the 2011 PGA Champion Keegan Bradley, Player of the Year candidate Webb Simpson, the colorful Rickie Fowler and Steve Stricker, ranked No. 5 in the world.

Twelve of the 24 players combined for 15 titles just this year and, as a group, have amassed 130 PGA Tour victories, including nine major championships.

The three-day shootout starts today, Friday, with a modified alternate-shot format, a better ball Saturday, and Sunday's final round scramble. The Golf Channel will carry Friday's round and NBC will telecast the weekend competition.

Here are the teams:

Scott McCarron and Greg Norman; Jerry Kelley and Steve Stricker; Keegan Bradley and Brendan Steele; Charles Howell III and Justin Leonard; Rickie Fowler and Camilo Villegas; Anthony Kim and Webb Simpson; Stewart Cink and Bo Van Pelt; Jason Dufner and Sean O'Hair; Chad Campbell and Chris DiMarco; Rory Sabbatini and Jhonattan Vegas; Mark Calcavecchia and Nick Price; and JB Holmes and Kenny Perry.

Kelly and Stricker were the 2009 shootout champions.

This will mark the 11th consecutive year that Norman has brought his tournament to the Tiburon course - evidence of the strong fan support in this area.

Bobby Valentine Surprise Pick for New Red Sox Manager

The outspoken Bobby Valentine, who last managed in the Major Leagues back in 2002, last week was named the 45th manager of the Boston Red Sox.

Valentine replaces Terry Francona who managed the Red Sox to two World Series titles in his seven-year span, but was ousted following this season's historic

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Youth Dance will begin at the recreation center January 10

Youth Dance Classes Start In January At Sanibel Rec

BIG ARTS has announced its workshop schedule for season and signups are ongoing. This season there are new classes in iPods, iPads, and iPhone apps as well as new workshops in pastels, open studio, African jewelry and improv.

All classes will be held at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, except Youth Dance.

Youth dance classes begin Tuesday, January 10 at the Sanibel Recreation Center. The registration deadline is Thursday, December 29.

Classes are:

- 2:40 – 3:35 p.m. Ballet & Jazz (fundamentals), grades 3 to 5.
- 3:40 – 4:20 p.m. Beginning Ballet & Jazz, ages 3 and 4
- 4:25 – 5:05 p.m. Basic Ballet & Tap, ages 3 to 5

For more Youth Dance information call 395-0900, or go to www.BIGARTS.org. BIG ARTS Winter Academy has recruited professors who will lecture on art history, economics, music and art appreciation, religion, and international law. Winter Academy starts in January.

BIG ARTS workshops are sponsored by Sony Corporation of America.

There is a 20 percent discount on workshops for BIG ARTS members.

Individual flute, piano and saxophone lessons are available for children and adult students.

A full workshop schedule is available at www.BIGARTS.org or by contacting the main BIG ARTS office at 395-0900.*

Welcome Back Rec Center Volunteers

Welcome back to the island! Please join us for our Annual Coffee Social and Training on Tuesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 15 at the Sanibel Recreation Center. We would like to share with you some of our upcoming volunteer opportunities. We thank you for your volunteer time!

Upcoming Events:

Day 1 - Coffee Social and CPR/AED Training Tuesday, December 13

9 – 9:30 a.m. Coffee Social

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Policies and

Procedures

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. American

Red Cross CPR/AED Certification

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break (on

your own)

1:30 – 4 p.m. CPR/AED Certification

(continued)

Day 2 - Coffee Social and First Aid Training Thursday, December 15
9 – 9:30 a.m. Welcome Back Coffee Social

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. American Red Cross First Aid Training

Volunteer Opportunities: Parking Lot Mulch and Landscape event; Tours; Weight Room; After School Program; Fun Days and Holiday Day Camps; Bicycle Safety Event; Community Outreach Events; Healthy Heart Month Special Events (February)

We look forward to hearing from you! It's going to be a great 2011-12 season. Please RSVP by Monday, December 12 to Jai Earle via e-mail at jai.earle@mysanibel.com or call 472-0345.

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

Rec Center Youth Cheerleading Program

Register now for the Youth Cheerleading Team at the Sanibel Recreation Center. The Youth Cheerleading Team is a non-competitive cheerleading team for children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The cheerleaders will alternate cheering at Flag Football games at the Sanibel ball fields on Friday nights and Rec Basketball League at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Saturday mornings from December to mid-February.

Practices are held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Program fee is \$50 for Recreation Center members and \$63 for non-members. Registration ends on Friday, December 9.

If you have any questions or for more information, contact Trish Phillips, Recreation Center Program Coordinator, at trish.phillips@mysanibel.com or call the Sanibel Recreation Center.

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Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Record Broken

Top shooters in the League playing 12 games or more in the first seven weeks of play are: John Gonzalez, 91 percent; Terry Ricotta, 83 percent; Bob Buntrock, 75 percent; Dave Doane, 75 percent; Kelly Greten, 70 percent; Rich Ennis, 69 percent; Sean Chickmore, 63 percent; Ken Rasi, 63 percent; Jimbo Gaubatz, 60 percent; and Joe Steamer, 60 percent. At the end of the season the top

eight percentage players will represent the Sanibel League in its annual year-end match against the North Fort Myers Senior 8-Ball League.

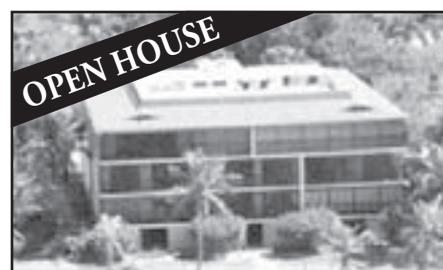
A record was broken this week as nine players posted perfect 4-0 scores in their matches. Hitting the high mark were John Earle, Butch Bouchard, Jack Dalton, John Gonzalez, Joe Steamer, Matt Hall, Tom Hensel, Doc Lubinski and Terry Ricotta.

Bathroom Magic had a golden opportunity to overtake Bunt's Ball Busters for first place when Magic Captain Dennis Bender pulled out his green-handled jump stick to put his many months of jumping lessons to work on a game-winning shot at the eight ball. He aimed, stroked and missed. Tracy Walters got his third win of the night and Bunt's retains first place.*

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2011-2012 Standings through December 5, 2011

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	79	33
Second	Bathroom Magic	78	34
Third	Odd Balls	71	41
Fourth	Sanibel Café	61	51
Fifth	Sandycappers	48	64
Sixth	Chalk & Awe	47	65
Seventh	Fresh Legion Crew	42	70
Eighth	George & Wendy's	22	90

Bunt's Ball Busters	12	Fresh Legion Crew	4
Odd Balls	15	George & Wendy's	1
Bathroom Magic	13	Chalk & Awe	3
Sanibel Café	11	Sandycappers	5



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Volunteers Of The Month



David and Madelaine Rohn

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Volunteers of the Month David and Madelaine Rohn.

The Rohns began volunteering at the Sanibel Recreation Center in 2010 when they helped with the mulching project and the New Year's Eve party. Their favorite part of being volunteers is meeting fellow island residents who give their time and get to know the members of the staff better. When asked how volunteering at the Sanibel Recreation Center has impacted their life they said, "It keeps us active and useful; helps us make new friends and is partial repayment for a debt to those who created this island paradise and this wonderful recreation center."

The Rohns have lived most of their lives in Indiana where they raised three children and several foster children. They spent their honeymoon on Captiva and regularly vacationed on Sanibel and Captiva. Three years ago they chose to retire on Captiva part-time and spend no-see-um season in Vancouver, British Columbia. They are very active and enjoy kayaking and biking.

Volunteer opportunities are now available. For information on joining your friends and neighbors who serve as recreation center volunteers, call 472-0345.✪

Members Of The Month



Gil and Helen Gilinsky

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Members of the Month Gil and Helen Gilinsky.

Gil and Helen Gilinsky became Sanibel property owners in 1979 and became full-time residents eight years later. They joined the Sanibel Recreation Center in 2008 with the goal to sustain a healthy lifestyle. As members, they have maintained their weight, increased muscle tone and improved their mental attitudes by participating in various activities. When asked about the recreation center Gil replied, "I am pleased with the facility and very happy with the staff and maintenance. We are truly lucky to have this facility on Sanibel".

Gil and Helen have been married for 62 years and have three children. Gil is a retired dentist and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh class of 1947.

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

Pazdera Named Chairman Of Assistants' Group

Jon Pazdera, first assistant golf professional at The Sanctuary Golf Club, was appointed chairman of the Assistant Golf Professionals Group for the SWFL Chapter PGA.

Pazdera has been at The Sanctuary for the past six years. Prior to The Sanctuary, he was the first assistant golf professional at Horseshoe Bay Golf Club in Wisconsin. He attended Ferris State University in Michigan and graduated with a business/marketing degree, majoring in professional golf management. Originally from Wisconsin, Pazdera started playing golf at an early age at Alaskan Golf Club, owned and operated by his parents, Gary and Barb Pazdera.

"Being nominated the chairman of the assistants' group is a great way to get involved with the PGA and your peers. It shows you care about the game of golf and everything it entails, like servicing members and guests, running tournaments, teaching, having knowledge of equipment and apparel, playing with members and in tournaments, and most importantly, growing the game," Pazdera said.



Jon Pazdera, first assistant golf professional at The Sanctuary Golf Club

"Jon will be a great mentor for a lot of the assistant golf professionals coming up. He is a team player that will enhance this organization with experience, education and talent. Jon feels honored to be nominated by Stuart Thomas, the outgoing chairman. The Sanctuary Golf Club team and members are all very proud of him," said Ed Lockard, director of golf.✪

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Shark Shootout

September collapse.

Valentine compiled a 1,117-1,072 record in a 15-year managing career with Texas and the New York Mets. He took the Mets to the World Series in 2000 and won a Japanese championship in 2005 while managing overseas.

His first order of business after being named to the Red Sox job was flying to the Dominican Republic to meet with slugger David Ortiz who is a free agent.

The Red Sox have said repeatedly that they want to resign the popular Ortiz who has been a mainstay for Boston for the last nine seasons during which he hit 320 home runs and drove in 1028 runs.

Everblades Win Two of Three Last Weekend from First-Place Gwinnett

The Florida Everblades moved within three points of first-place Gwinnett by winning two of three games last week by identical 4-3 scores, both in overtime.

Florida began the week with a season record of 11-9-1-1 for a total of 24 points to Gwinnett's 27 points in the ECHL South Division.

The Everblades continue their home stand this weekend at Germain Arena with Friday and Saturday night contests against the 12-9 Elmira Jackals who hold the first-place spot in the Atlantic Division.✪

Minnesota Twins Announce 2012 Spring Training Schedule

The Minnesota Twins will play a 17-game home Grapefruit League schedule next year – the 22d season that the Twins have trained at the Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers.

The season opener is March 3 against Tampa Bay and concludes April 4 against the Fort Myers Miracle, the Twins' Class A farm team.

The World Champion St. Louis Cardinals visit on March 9 and the New York Yankees follow on March 11.

Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report February 19 with the remainder of

the team due on February 23.

The complete home schedule:

March 3 – Tampa Bay 1:05 p.m.

March 5 – Boston 7:05 p.m.

March 8 – Tampa Bay 1:05 p.m.

March 9 – St. Louis 1:05 p.m.

March 11 – New York Yankees 1:05 p.m.

March 13 – Toronto 1:05 p.m.

March 15 – Pittsburgh 1:05 p.m.

March 16 – Baltimore 1:05 p.m.

March 18 – Pittsburgh 1:05 p.m.

March 22 – Baltimore 1:05 p.m.

March 24 – Tampa Bay 3:05 p.m.

March 26 – Tampa Bay 1:05 p.m.

March 28 – Philadelphia 1:05 p.m.

March 30 – Boston 1:05 p.m.

March 31 – Pittsburgh 1:05 p.m.

April 3 – Tampa Bay 1:05 p.m.

April 4 – Fort Myers Miracle 1:05 p.m.

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Annual Jacaranda Open To Benefit Chapin Food Bank

“The 23rd Annual Jacaranda Open, to be held on Sunday, December 11 at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on Sanibel, will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank,” announced Jacaranda General Manager and host, Patrick Harder. The longtime favorite golf event, which features a lively tournament followed by a festive feast and party at the popular restaurant.

This year’s event will benefit The Harry Chapin Food Bank with both monetary and food donations. All businesses and individuals that would like to donate an item for the raffle or make a donation of any kind may contact Brenda Kinnaman by e-mail at brenkinn@yahoo.com.

“This year has been a particularly difficult time for many in Southwest Florida. Even a simple donation of non-perishable, healthy, food items that are kid friendly would be a big help to needy families,” said Kinnaman.✪

Half-Day Fun Days At The Rec

Registration is open for the half-day Fun Days on Monday through Wednesday, December 19 to 21. The Fun Days will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment.

Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program operates from noon to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

This new option is now available to families seeking child care on school half days; however, these days are included at no charge for children currently enrolled in the After School Program. Register in

advance and receive the early bird rate.

Rates run from \$20 to \$22 for members and \$25 to \$27.50 for non-members.

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Carole Green To Be Honored At GOP Luncheon

Carole Green, a past state legislator and current lobbyist, has been named to receive the annual GEM Award by the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club during the Tuesday, December 13 luncheon meeting. The GEM Award represents individuals who have shown Good leadership, Effort in establishing programs and policies, and being a Major contributor to the community through time and effort.

Green served four years on the Lee Memorial Hospital Board, beginning

in 1994. She then served six years as District 75 Representative in the Florida House. Governor Jeb Bush then appointed her to serve on his Cabinet as the Secretary of the Department of Elder Affairs. During that time, she was also appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on his White House Council on Aging.

In 2006, she co-founded Capitol Strategies Consulting, a full-service lobbying and government consulting firm based in Tallahassee. During her public service years, she has received numerous awards and recognitions, including being named the seventh most effective legislator and the number one most effective female legislator by the *Miami Herald*. She was also the first woman from Lee County elected

to the Florida Legislature.

Established six years ago, recipients of the GEM Award have been Steve Russell, Sharon Harrington, Mike Scott, John Wiest and Elinor Scricca.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting and program follow. The luncheon cost is \$16 per person. Reservations are required by Thursday, December 8, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the

club may be obtained by contacting the president, Marilyn Stout, at 549-5629.*

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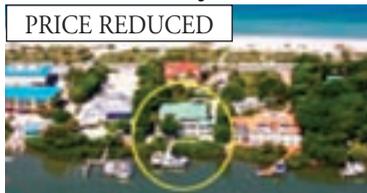


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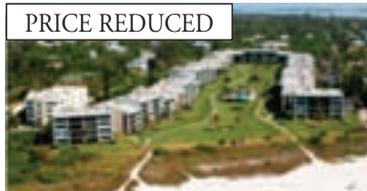


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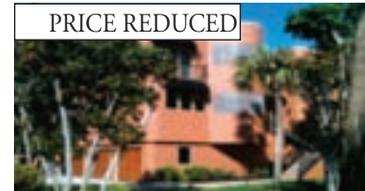


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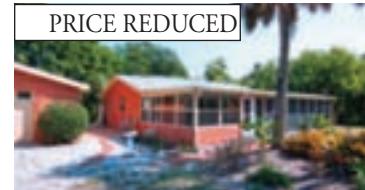


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The Sanibel School Beacon

SHEDDING LIGHT ON SCHOOL NEWS

This Issue Introduces The Student Reporters Who Write For The School Newspaper, *The Sanibel School Beacon*



Editor-in-Chief of *The Sanibel Beacon*, Richard Walker, keeps busy helping students learn the techniques of writing and preparing photographs for publication. He is always available and all the students know he is the one to go to for help.

Editor-in-Chief Richard Walker

by Staff Reporters, Grades Six, Seven and Eight

Richard Walker, eighth grade, has been on the newspaper staff for the past three years. Last year he served as Assistant Editor. This year he is the head of it all. This is a busy job involving uploading photos, helping reporters with photo placement techniques, guiding them through the process of getting a story ready for press and always being available. Richard says he likes "to be able to express my feelings through photography and editing and designing the yearbook."

Richard's opinion of a good photo is one that is not too dark and not too bright; there should be some activity or action in the photo. The subject of the photo should be centered. The photo should catch the viewer's attention and be eye-appealing.

Richard's hobbies are playing recreational football, working with computers and lots of reading. His favorite genres are challenging science fiction, space and history. One of his favorite authors is Alastair Reynolds, a writer of science and science fiction.

Like many of the other students, Richard's favorite class is science because he is really interested in space exploration.

Richard is looking forward to the eighth grade field trip to Washington, DC, because he is "extremely interested in this country's history."

Richard was new to our school in Middle School. He came from Highland, New York, where he attended St. Augustine. It was also a kindergarten through eighth-grade school; but it was very small; less than one hundred students made up the student body.

We all depend on Richard as the leader of our yearbook and journalism staff.

Say Hello To Our Reporters!

by Anna Hayes, Grade Seven

There are many reporters in the journalism class, but out of the class, Elizabeth DePasquale is one of the most exciting students. Elizabeth loves the journalism class because she can help make the yearbook and take photos.

Elizabeth is a competitive, energetic student who loves a challenge. Her favorite class is P.E. Elizabeth's favorite sport is soccer, because she loves to run. Elizabeth loves to spend most of her time outside, because she can run around and play soccer.

Elizabeth has been in *The Sanibel School* since kindergarten. What Elizabeth misses most about elementary school is going on more field trips and getting to play on the playground. Elizabeth is excited about this school year, because she gets to meet new people and hang out with her friends.

Elizabeth's favorite book is *The Hunger Games* series, because there is a lot of action. Elizabeth's favorite memory of the summer was going to Universal Studios. Elizabeth has no brothers or sisters; she has one dog, one cat, and one guinea pig. Elizabeth's favorite food is steak, because it is juicy and delicious.



Elizabeth eagerly began her second year on the *Beacon* and Sanibel Yearbook staff.
staff photo

Gabby Cooper Returns

We welcome eighth grader, Gabby Cooper, to the Journalism/Yearbook class, as she has joined the staff during the second quarter of this year. Gabby brings a year of experience with her. She was in the journalism class during her entire seventh grade. This year, she will be writing stories involving the graduating eighth graders and creating and editing pages devoted to the eighth grade in our yearbook.

Gabby is in the National Junior Honor Society as a result of her excellent grades and exemplary behavior. She is an eager participant in all the society's activities. Gabby continues to be an excellent student as well.

For journalism, Gabby has been a prolific writer and has been very creative in the pages she designed for last year's yearbook.

Gabby enjoys sports and has been on the school's volleyball team. We look forward to her participation in class.

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Gabby Cooper, eighth grade, has rejoined the staff of *The Sanibel Beacon* part of the Journalism/Yearbook Class

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Interview With Sam Gruss

by Michael Junkin, Grade Six

Sam Gruss is a sixth grade student at The Sanibel School in the journalism class. Sam has been going to The Sanibel School for seven years. Sam loves journalism, because he likes to take photos of people and interview them. He finds taking photos is his life. Sam likes walking around school and taking photos. He signed up for this class, because making the year book sounded interesting. Sam would like to have a future job in journalism, because he likes to take photos. Sam says to write a good story, you need to think about it carefully and ask creative questions for your interview.



Sam is very interested in his year-book class.

staff photo

The Charismatic Sophie Gruss

by Jordyn Dolly, Grade Seven

Sophie Gruss, an eighth grader is, hilarious, friendly, charismatic, and outgoing. Sophie loves journalism, because she is able to go to different places in The Sanibel School to take pictures. Sophie said she wanted to join this class, because she wants to be able to look at all of her friends' baby pictures and design the yearbook pages.

What Sophie likes about The Sanibel School are her friends and teachers. Her goals for this year are to get good grades. She did not attend the first school dance because she was busy studying. Sophie is not trying out for any school sports this year. However, she is playing lacrosse in Fort Myers.

Sophie's future plans are to go to college and then be a preschool teacher. Sophie also wants to swim with dolphins in the ocean. Her favorite movie is "The Notebook," because "It's funny and nice." Sophie is good at being outgoing and funny when she is with her friends. No matter where this entertaining girl is, she can always make you laugh no matter what the situation. This crazy eighth grader likes to hang out with her friends outside of school in her free time.



Sophie Gruss, eighth grade, is sitting on the swings near the kindergarten room. Kindergarten is one of her journalism assignments

photo by Jordyn Dolly

Anna Hayes, The Photographer

by Elizabeth DePasquale, Grade Seven

Anna Hayes is one of many reporters in the Yearbook and Journalism elective class this year and is a seventh grader. She loves being in this elective.

Anna's favorite part about middle school is the teachers, because they make learning fun for the students. Anna's favorite class is science, because it is very hands on, and the teacher is very different from your average teacher. Anna likes the way Mrs. Dana Sanner teaches science, because she tells tons of jokes, and she is extraordinary. Anna is looking forward for all of the science labs this school year, because it's an interactive way of learning. Another thing that Anna likes about middle school is the dances, especially the Winter Formal.



Anna Hayes, seventh grade, is a yearbook and journalism reporter for The Sanibel School's creative writing class.

photo by Elizabeth DePasquale

Interview A Reporter

by Sam Gruss, Grade Six

Michael Junkin is in the sixth grade and has been coming to The Sanibel School for about seven years. In Journalism, Michael says he is looking forward to writing about students and putting them in The Sanibel School Beacon and Yearbook. Michael says he is

excited about journalism, because he loves writing about students all around the school and taking cool pictures of people.

Michael says he likes this school, because it's outdoors. When he switches periods, he likes feeling the outdoor temperature and getting out of the classrooms. Michael says he likes his first year of middle school; because, instead of sitting in one chair all day with the same teacher, he likes to move around and refresh before doing more work.

Michael's favorite part of this school is the nice teachers. Michael's favorite teacher is Ms Kathy Jones, because he likes learning about the Earth and its past. History is Michael's favorite class.

Michael says in the future he would like to have Guitar as an elective; because he wants to learn how to play and tune a guitar. He thinks it would be pretty fun.



Michael Junkin, sixth grade, is standing by cabinets in the Journalism classroom. Michael helps as a computer assistant in the class.

photo by Sam Gruss

Reading And Writing, What A Pair!

by Sierra Rainville, Grade Six

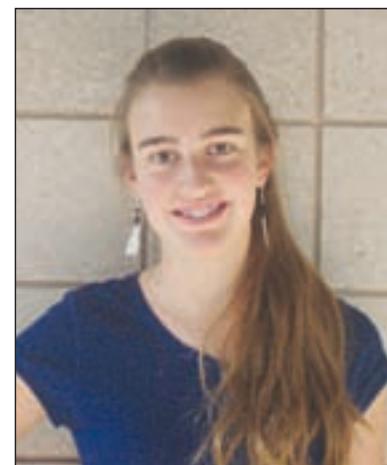
Haley Keller is a seventh grade student who has been going to The Sanibel School since kindergarten and is really looking forward to another amazing year with all of her friends and fun teachers. She is also looking forward to meeting and welcoming all the new kids at The Sanibel School.

Haley likes to write fiction stories; and because she has no reporting experience, she has a clean slate for this year's journalism class. She wanted this elective; because she knew it was going to be fun to write stories that would be published in the newspaper. If she had a career in media, it would be as a reporter, because it is fun and interesting; so she knows this class will be amazing.

Haley likes to read and create art in her spare time. Her passion for reading helps when writing stories for The Sanibel Beacon, because she has a large range of creative vocabulary words to choose from to make her stories more interesting.

Haley's favorite subject academic subject is Social Studies, because she likes learning about all of the people. Haley enjoys sports, and her favorite sport is volleyball.

She knows her last two years at The Sanibel School are going to be great, but she is sad that her time at The Sanibel School is almost over. She is savoring the last two years of fun at The Sanibel School, and getting prepared for high school.



Haley Keller, seventh grade, is on her way to the journalism class.

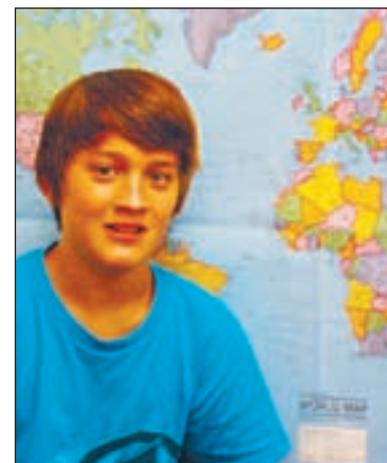
photo by Sierra Rainville

Sam Klieber: New Student From Far Away

by Nick Smith, Grade Eight

Sam Klieber went to a German school prior to The Sanibel School. Sam's nationality is a combination of German, French, and English. This is Sam's first year here. Sam is in seventh grade; and because there was no journalism class in his last school, he has no journalism experience. Sam chose this class because he wishes to improve his writing skills. He wishes to get a better grasp of the English language, through writing. His favorite topic to report about is, people, because he loves to try and enter the mind of the person he's reporting about and learn more about them, and what they're thinking about.

Sam has made the soccer team. Sam loves sports where you run almost constantly. In Sam's spare time, he likes to play soccer and go to the Recreation Center. His life-long dream is to play on a professional soccer team. Philip Lahm is Sam's role model, because they both play defense in soccer. Sam is a devoted soccer player, and if he can't make it as a professional soccer player, he would like a career in another sport.



Sam Klieber, seventh grade. His home country is Germany.

photo by Nick Smith

Meet Nick Kurn, Sanibel Beacon Reporter And Extraterrestrial Enthusiast

by Isaac Bender, Seventh Grade and Richard Walker, Eighth Grade

Of all the Sanibel Beacon journalists, Nick Kurn is one of the most interesting. Nick enjoys creating stories in Journalism. "I picked this elective because I thought it would be fun," Nick said. Although he has no previous journalism or reporting experience, he looks forward to learning more about the "art of words." Nick selected this elective, because he thinks that he will enjoy an opportunity to express his creativity. When he writes an article, he thinks that, above all, getting the person's name spelled properly is the most important part of the job. If Nick were to plan career in the journalism field, he would like to be a cameraman for a roving television reporter. Nick would choose this path, because he likes working with video technology. He also thinks he would like the adventure of dashing from place to place following a news story. Nick's idea of the perfect school is one where you can express yourself.

Nick has attended The Sanibel School for nine years. Nick's favorite classes are social studies and science. "I think science is interesting," he said. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Sanner, our science teacher. He likes science class, because he is extremely interested in space exploration and SETI research. SETI stands for the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence.

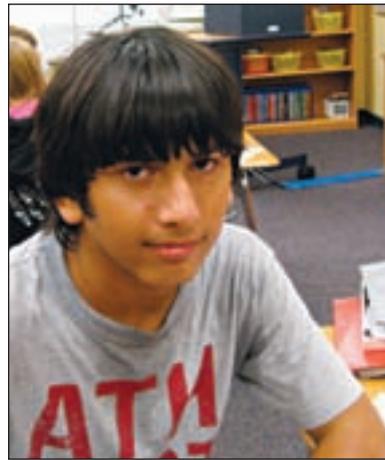
Nick is interested in the history of the world around him. Nick is especially interested in the ancient civilization of Egypt. He really likes Egypt, because he is interested in the hieroglyphic writings of the Egyptians. Also, Nick is interested in the mummification process.

Nick was born in Fort Myers. There are many more insights about Nick. He likes to visit New York City. He loved Sea Camp in the Florida Keys., because it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Nick's favorite book series features Alex Rider. Nick's favorite breed of dog is a German shepherd. His hobbies include participating in baseball and soccer. Nick's all-time favorite movie is "Saw," because it is a horror movie.

Nick is a real jokester. He likes to make other people laugh. He is a lively local character. Nick likes to read the sports section in the newspaper.

Nick gets good grades and is on the road to success.



All of Nick's academic classes relate to Nick's interests.

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The Reporter With No Reporting Experience

by Haley Keller, Grade Seven

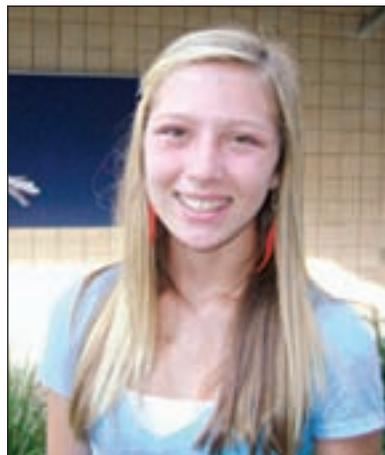
Among the many reporters, Logan Sales is one of those most interested in journalism. She chose this elective, because she knows it will be fun designing the yearbook and taking photos. She loves taking beautiful pictures and wants to be a professional photographer when she is older. Though she has no experience in reporting, Logan is already learning the skills and techniques.

Logan Sales is in seventh grade. This is her second year in middle school, and she already likes middle school a lot better than elementary school. She loves the variety of fantastic electives and having different teachers for each class.

Logan's favorite teacher is Mrs. Dana Sanner. Her favorite subject is science, because Mrs. Sanner makes everything fun and interesting.

Logan also likes to ride horses and play soccer in her spare time. In the summer and winter, she goes to Oregon. When asked who her personal role model is she replies, "My mom, because she is always there for me."

This year Logan is sure she is going to have tons of fun and hanging out with her friends in journalism.



Logan Sales, a seventh grade reporter, is standing outside the journalism classroom.

photo by Haley Keller

The Sweet Sierra Rainville

by Logan Sales, Grade Seven

From kindergarten to eighth grade, students do their best to achieve. One of these high-achieving students is Sierra Rainville, a sixth grader. Sierra doesn't think that school is dull at all, she thinks it's exciting, especially science class. Mrs. Dana Sanner makes science fun, with labs, games and lots of exciting activities. Sierra also enjoys art class, because she is a very talented at drawing and loves to create things.

Sierra likes journalism most of all, because she can express herself in written form. What makes a story important is that the reader gets pulled into the story right away. Sierra picked the elective, because she thought it would be fun to put the yearbook together. Journalism is her favorite class, because she can work on the yearbook and put in silly pictures of her friends. Sierra is looking forward to reporting on the sixth grade's exciting field trip to the Marine Lab, in Key Largo. In the Marine Lab, the students will get to go snorkeling and learn about sea creatures.

Sierra has been going to The Sanibel School since third grade. Sierra used to live in Vermont, and previously attended Stowe Elementary. The difference is her old school was much smaller than The Sanibel School. Now Sierra looks forward to exploring middle school and her new electives!



Sierra Rainville, sixth grader, enjoys having a locker, because it helps her get ready and organized for school.

photo by Logan Sales

The Creative Kristin

by Mariah Hendricks, Grade Seven

Many students attend The Sanibel School every year. It has a variety of all ages from kindergarten to eighth grade. This year Kristin Van Olst is one of the outstanding seventh graders. Tall, blonde, and athletic, Kristin Van Olst is one of the most outgoing girls. This year it's the first time Kristin is going to The Sanibel School. She came from St. Petersburg, Florida. Her previous school's name is Madeira Beach Fundamental. Kristin stated that a major difference between the two schools is that her last school was huge! She said that one grade is the size of our entire school. She now enjoys that she can find her classes really easily. This is definitely her example of a small school!

This year Kristin is looking forward to meeting new friends, and getting a fresh start. She is also excited about making the yearbook with her friends.

Within only a few weeks of school Kristin already knew her favorite teacher and subject. She absolutely adores science class and Mrs. Sanner. The fact that you get to do fun labs and experiments while learning is her favorite part.

Kristin's idea of a fun time is a good game of volleyball, and hanging out with friends. One thing she would recommend to upcoming sixth graders, or new students is, that you definitely should not be shy! Kristin looks forward to creating memories with her new friends.



Kristin Van Olst, seventh grade, loves to breathe the fresh summer air as she visits the elementary campus for a photo shoot.

photo by Mariah Hendricks

Nick Smith Cross-Country Star

by Sam Klieber, Grade Seven

Nick Smith is in eighth grade, and he is thirteen years old. He has been going to The Sanibel School since kindergarten. He really enjoys journalism, because it helps him improve his language arts skills and his writing skills. He likes The Sanibel School and is very successful in school. Nick's favorite school subject is history.

Nick is actually very nice and sometimes funny. He is very social and is very friendly. He is a very interesting person, because of his award-winning personality.

Nick is very tall and likes to play sports with his friends. His hobbies are baseball and golf. He will be going to Fort Myers High School and hopes to be involved in

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sports there. He plays baseball on a team. He wants to be a professional baseball trainer or part of another professional sport. He is on the Cross-Country Team. He runs very fast, and he can run for a very long time. At Cross Country, athletes need to run over one and a half hours. Nick runs almost all the time.

Nick has been to Disney World many times. Nick's favorite Disney character is Pluto, the dog from Mickey Mouse. He likes to spend time with his family and with his own beloved dog.



Nick Smith, eighth grade, is starting his computer, so that he can begin writing his story.

photo by Sam Klieber

The Fabulous Mariah

by Kristin Van Olst, Grade Seven

Many students at the Sanibel School choose the elective of creative writing, also known as Journalism or Yearbook. This year we have some new reporters and some returning reporters. One very experienced, returning reporter is Mariah Hendricks. She enjoys journalism, because she loves designing the yearbook with all of her good friends. When Mariah gets older, she plans to be an author, because she enjoys excelling and learning about writing.

Mariah is a blonde haired, seventh grade girl who is a very smart and really nice student. She enjoys middle school way more than elementary school, because students have lockers and lots of fun activities. She has been going to The Sanibel School since she was in third grade, and she loves it. Her favorite class is Mrs. Sanner's science class. She loves that Mrs. Sanner does lots of fun labs and enjoys the animals in the classroom.

One of Mariah's goals this year is to do well on the 2012 FCAT. She loves shopping, hanging out with friends and playing volleyball. Mariah is a great friend and you should really get to know her! She has a dog and a cat.



Mariah Hendricks roves the campus looking for a photo opportunity.

photo by Kristin Van Olst

Interview A Reporter

by Sophie Gruss, Grade Eight

Out of all the interesting new students in the school Jordyn Dolly is most fascinating. She is a new seventh grader here at the Sanibel School and so far is doing great. She has just moved here recently from Pennsylvania. So far she really enjoys living on Sanibel and attending the school. Her favorite sport is volleyball and is a member of the school's team. She is also really interested in science and enjoys the science class.

Although Jordyn does not know what she wants to be when she grows up, she will be successful at anything she shoots for. So far in this class she enjoys all of her classmates. She has made lots of new friends and everyone is making her feel very welcome at school.

When Jordyn reads the newspaper the section, she enjoys reading the most is the sports section, especially if volleyball is involved. Her favorite writing subject is about people.

Jordyn is very social and loves to meet new people and learn all about them. She is super excited about being a reporter and is looking forward to taking pictures of people and learning all about the new exciting school activities.



Jordyn (right) is creating her page in the yearbook while discussing possibilities with Anna Hayes.

staff photo

Isaac Bender

by Nick Kurn, Grade Seven

Isaac Bender is an interesting reporter. What he likes about writing is finding good stories. Isaac was born in Chicago and has been going to The Sanibel School for about eight years. He is twelve years old and is in the seventh grade. Isaac's favorite teacher is the one-and-only Mrs. Dana Sanner, everyone's favorite science teacher. Isaac's favorite class is science. Isaac's hobbies are visiting aquariums, which is a part of his love of science.

On the weekends Isaac likes going to the movies. He likes to see action movies. ✨



Isaac's love of science and aquariums has led him to training to be a docent at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.

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State Death Taxes Real Concern For Dual Homeowners



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

With the increase of the federal estate tax exemption to \$5 million, many people don't harbor any concerns about the death tax. This might turn out to

be a false sense of security. Absent any additional acts by Congress and the President, the federal estate and gift tax exemptions drop to only \$1 million on January 1, 2013.

your documents since 2005, you may want to take a fresh look at them. That is the year that many states "decoupled" from the federal system. Until 2005 it was pretty much a safe bet that if your estate plan was designed to eliminate or defer federal estate tax then those same formulas in your will or trust would result in the elimination or deferral of state death tax.

This is no longer true. As of 2005, states that set their estate tax exemption at an amount below the federal exemption impose a tax on the real property located in that state (even if you are a Florida resident) if the value of the property exceeds that state's exemption level. Ohio's current exemption level is, for example, only \$338,333. Ohio is repealing their estate tax as of January 1, 2013 - but until that date there is danger. Other states whose exemption is less than the current federal exemption include Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska (county inheritance tax), New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

When a state has decoupled with a lower exemption amount than the federal exemption amount, and if you own property in that state, your attorney

will look at the formula clause in your estate planning document to ensure that it considers not only federal exemptions, but state exemptions. The formula clauses can usually be found in the sections of your will or trust that deal with how your estate is held and distributed at your death. They are difficult to read because they contain words found in legal dictionaries and our tax code.

I tell my clients that if they ever have insomnia and can't get to sleep, start reading their formula clauses - it will put you right out!

While most estate planning attorneys attempt to create formulas that result in the deferral of any death taxes until the surviving spouse's death, this decoupling of the state systems from the federal systems can result in an unintended consequence should the plan not be adjusted to reflect these changes.

I would suggest that very few attorneys drafted clauses that considered state death taxes before 2005. Therefore, if your wills and/or trusts predate 2005, (and even if they don't), and if you own real estate in a northern state, it is a good idea to double check whether your tax formula clauses work to defer any tax that might be due.

Similarly, where a person has an estate plan and subsequently acquires real estate in a state that imposes a death tax, that event should be cause to revisit the documents with his or her estate planning counsel. I've had clients who didn't tell me about property they acquired after they signed their estate planning documents, and that is where

someone might run into trouble.

Sometimes, particularly with single individuals, it might make sense to gift the properties into a separate irrevocable trust or into some type of a family partnership arrangement. This can work to defer or even eliminate state death taxes on the value of that property.

If you remain a resident of a state that has a state death tax, and you also maintain a Florida residence, then it also might make sense to consider declaring Florida residency. If you die a resident of a state that imposes a state death tax, not only is your real estate located within that state subject to the death tax, but the value of all of your other assets, including intangible assets, may also be subject to the state death tax. When you declare Florida residency, most of your assets other than real property or business interests located within that state may avoid the state death tax altogether.

As usual, before taking any action, it's always wise to consult with competent estate planning counsel.

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Superior Interiors

Principles Of Design: Emphasis

by Jeanie Tinch



I love creating emphasis in any design plan. To me, emphasis is truly adding the excitement factor to the creation of a new room. The basic idea behind emphasis in decorating is that every room should have

a focal point, or a center of interest that immediately attracts the attention of anyone entering the room.

Walking into a room with design emphasis is bound to give you a much better impression of the room's overall design, than walking into one that lacks any features impressive enough to attract notice. When there's no focal point in a room, your eye tends to slide around from one part of the room to another, and boredom rapidly sets in. If nothing attracts your visual interest, it's natural for you to become restless, and actually feel the need to move on.

Just think of how much more inviting it would be to have a colorful and comfortable looking grouping of furniture around a fireplace, with a few unusual accessories and personal touches giving a clue to your individual style and personality. Lacking a fireplace, the sofa is usually the

dominant feature in a living room. If so, consider playing it up and giving it more importance by selecting a color or pattern that helps center your grouping. Then by adding tables, lamps, artwork and other accessories to this grouping, you surround it with many visually interesting design objects. Remember that color is a big drawing card when it comes to claiming attention. A striking painting or piece of art will make any grouping or area more interesting.

Almost every room includes some feature or furnishing that makes a natural focal point. A beautiful dining table; a king bed in a bedroom; a desk in a library – all are logical candidates for being emphasized. But something “different” in the way of decorating is one of today's status symbols and the result is an “anything goes” attitude towards emphasis. Huge paintings, super graphics of all sorts and sizeable pieces of sculpture are high on the “most wanted” list at the moment. These objects can be used as focal points themselves, or to add to the excitement of an emphasized area. You can even use unusual fabrics, either vividly colored or strikingly patterned can be used for emphasis, and a dramatic area rug is another way of setting off or highlighting a specific part of your new room.

Just remember that generally one center of interest is usually enough. Only a very large room is improved by more. If too many areas compete for attention, none will succeed in claiming it.

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

Insurance Tip

Citizens Looks At More Changes

by Marge Meek



More meetings have been taking place at the state level regarding how to reduce the number of policies Citizens handles, since they are the largest property windstorm insurance carrier in the state.

Gov. Rick Scott's agenda is to reduce the state's exposure in case of a catastrophic hurricane. One way is to stop insuring high value homes, where currently the cap is \$2M; in the future that ceiling may be lowered.

Another way to keep increasing wind rates until other insurance companies come back to the state to write wind policies. The Citizens' board of governors recently agreed to proposed rules that could mean rate hikes of 20 percent a year.

On top of raising rates again and putting a lower ceiling cap on the value of homes Citizens will insure, other issues don't help the outlook. Once again a report was issued that the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, which has a \$3.2 billion shortfall in meeting its goal of a \$17 billion backup fund for

claims in the event of a hurricane. This is a fund that helps Citizens and other insurers when their reserves are over-come by a catastrophe.

The bright spot is that Citizens doesn't intend to make any rate changes on individually-rated commercial residential wind only policies.

What can you do to prepare yourself for these continuing changes and rate increases? Upgrade your home to get as close to the 2002 building codes, thus improving your mitigation credits. Look at increasing your deductibles and be sure your coverage reflects our current building costs. Ask your agent to look at other insurers that will include wind with your homeowner's policy.

Watch the news and keep writing emails and letters to your state legislature and governor.

Marge Meek is a local Sanibel-Captiva insurance agent, who can be reached at mmeek@rosierinsurance.com.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Readers, Is it possible that there are just a few simple activities that you can do with your child that could increase their academic success?

Well, in fact, the

answer is yes as recently documented by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). This is what their research revealed.

Every three years the OECD tests 15 year old students in the world's leading industrialized nations on their reading comprehension and their ability to apply what they have learned in math and science by asking them to solve real problems. American students have not been performing very well on these exams lately. So in an effort to find out why some students perform better than others, an extensive survey of parent practices were initiated in 2006. Eventually by 2009 the parents of 5,000 students who took these specialized tests, known as PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) were interviewed.

They found that the parents who read frequently (almost daily) to their children in primary (elementary) school as compared to reading infrequently or not at all produced much higher student

test scores. And this advantage was seen across socio-economic levels as well. The researchers reported that they found a 25-point higher score with the students whose parents had read frequently to them. They indicated that this point difference was the equivalent of well over half a school year.

Parental involvement has often been reported as an important way for parents to help their children do well in school. Another study, this one conducted by the National School Board Association for Public Education, looked at different types of parental involvement and it's impact on student performance. They found that some parent activities impacted student performance significantly more than others. According to Patte Barth, the Director of the National School Board's Association's for Public Education, "parent involvement such as monitoring homework, making sure their children get to school, reward efforts and talking up the idea of going to college have been linked to better attendance, grades, test scores and preparation for college." She reported that "children's learning at home is a more powerful driver of achievement than parents attending PTA meetings, participating in fund raising and going to back-to-school nights."

Clearly the message from these studies is that parents must be involved with their children's learning. Reading a book to your children, asking about homework, and rewarding your children's efforts are activities that all parents can do regardless of education, economic or social background. These simple activities could make a very real difference in your child's success at school. So read a book with them, ask to see their homework, discuss it with them, and encourage their efforts to learn. You will be glad you did.

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Prostate Cancer Questions And Answers Meeting

Every Monday night from 5 to 7 p.m., drop in for a free discussion on prostate cancer at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. Jan Manarite, lead educational facilitator for the Prostate Cancer Research Institute (www.PCRI.org), will lead the group with emphasis on patient empowerment, and more than 11 years of experience and education in the field. Jan is a 30-year Sanibel resident, and wife of (formerly Captain) Dominic Manarite, who used to operate Janice Too Charters out of Castaways Marina. Dominic was diagnosed with extremely advanced prostate cancer in 2000. Jan has orchestrated much of his care and treatment options over the last 11-plus years, and has worked for PCRI for 10 years. She has written many articles on prostate cancer, speaks publicly, and has led several advocacy efforts on behalf of prostate cancer issues.

Whether you are currently monitoring your PSA, screening, considering treatment, or dealing with side effects, bring your questions and let Jan offer her insight and clarity into the key issues.



Jan Manarite, lead educational facilitator for the Prostate Cancer Research Institute

Without giving medical advice, she will help you identify accurate information, and find new information you may not be aware of. Wives and other family advocates are welcome.

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Re-Imagining The American Dream

by Andrew Stansell

Florida Gulf Coast University was recently represented at the 2011 National Humanities Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida by Jim Wohlpart, professor and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at FGCU, and Peter Blaze Corcoran, director of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education.

Wohlpart and Corcoran attended the conference on Friday, November 4. The event hosted over 300 participants from all 50 states and several U.S. territories that were brought together to discuss what The American Dream means to the citizens of our nation. Renowned author, poet and center board member Terry Tempest Williams was selected to be this year's Walter Capps Memorial Lecturer. She passionately addressed how the American Dream should be re-imagined as a dream of Earth.

According to the Federation of State Humanities Councils, the conference was intended to inspire participants to challenge how the humanities might help us to sustain ideals, inspire civility, rekindle hope, and re-envision the American Dream.

Wohlpart and Corcoran led an Earth Charter Workshop at the conference. They worked with educators and humanities scholars on the use of the Earth Charter in their work. They challenged participants to embrace its guiding



Jim Wohlpart and Peter Blaze Corcoran with Florida Humanities Council panelists

principles in their re-imagination of the American Dream. Corcoran said, "We were pleased to find so many professional staff of state humanities councils

who were eager to use the Earth Charter to create programs for teachers in their states."

For more information about the Florida Humanities Council or the work of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education email cese@fgcu.edu or visit the website at www.fgcu.edu/cese.

Edison College Names Acting District President



Dr Patricia Land

The Edison State College Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Patricia Land to acting district president, effective Thursday, November 30.

Dr. Land has served as the Charlotte campus president since November 2002 and previously as district administrator in charge for extended periods of time. She has worked in various levels of higher education since 1978.

The board's decision followed a 7-1 vote during the November 28 meeting to place former District President Dr. Kenneth Walker on paid administrative leave pending an investigation to termi-

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Walls Of My Heart

by Dr. Dave Hepburn



I could always tell when Bill was in the waiting room. His telltale bullhorn honk and blow preceded a loud guttural reach into the bottom of his lungs in order to expectorate that last piece of inhaled microbial mass.

This would usually garner stares of revulsion and comments of utter disgust, primarily from his wife. Bill had a few ongoing medical problems. In addition to a chronic cough, he battled depression but one would never have known given his upbeat jovial demeanor and backslapping as he entered the exam room. I would slap his back in return, partly hoping to dislodge the alien that appeared to be jammed somewhere deep in the roots of his bronchial tree. His appointment was always punctuated with, "Doc, you're the greatest" a couple of times each visit. Before he left there was a quick yet manly, "How about a hug doc, you're the greatest". Bill was good for the ego and soothing to the soul. Bill was poor. Dirt poor. Can't-buy-new-socks poor. Formerly he was a galley slave, a navy cook who now couldn't get work doing what he loved but rather ended up cleaning kitchens all night long so the working cooks could

come in and prepare food in ways that Bill never approved of. He was a little bitter about that. His three teenage sons were a concern to him as he didn't want them to feel poor. But every second visit Bill would bring me a gift. A ball cap he had found on a bus, a coupon from one of the restaurants he cleaned, a belt or a tie. He had no money. I have always recalled the words of an accountant who commented that he had clients who made small fortunes yet contributed little if anything to charity. Little money or little thought. They hoard their gains and will clutch onto them until they die, if not longer.

That cough turned into lung cancer, years of smoking in the galleys of the navy ships, ashes spilling from his cigarette into the soup of the day, cream of Marlboro. The day I revealed this to him I was met with the expected flood of tears from his wife. Bill, initially stunned, recovered quickly with, "I knew you'd find out what was wrong with me."

"You're the best doc."
Ya, sure Bill, I did a great job.
"Doc how long do I have?"

Not long.

The next week he returned with his Disneyland-bound sisters who decided they would take him to his heaven on earth before he was taken to his heaven off earth.

"I've always wanted to go to Disneyland doc. Can I go?"

Sure, Bill, but don't delay.

"I won't take any really long rides doc. How about a hug."

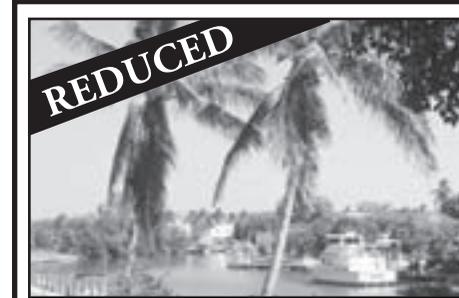
The cancer did the usual lung cancer thing and spread voraciously. It was kill-

ing Bill too quickly. There is no miracle cure for lung cancer. Bill died. People wept. I am a people. I thought of how poor, impoverished Bill now has the same amount of money in his pocket as the kazzillionaire who inevitably dies ... bupkiss.

Back at the office there was a gift waiting for me. It was from Bill, a beautiful expensive mahogany-framed picture. This gorgeous Disneyland memento adorns my wall and the wall of my heart to this day. It is a pencil sketch of one of the seven dwarfs. You guessed it... Doc.

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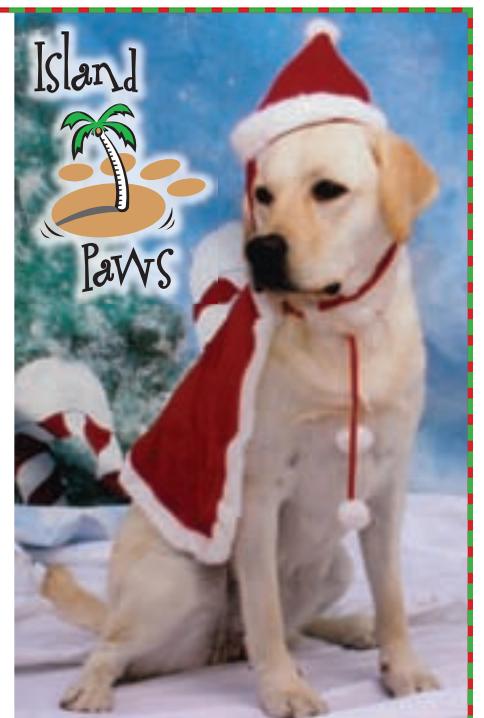
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Lecture On End Of Life Care

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There is no cost for the lecture; however, for clergy or healthcare professionals desiring a Certificate of Attendance the cost is \$10. Contact hours through State of Florida's CE Broker for most healthcare professions are available; cost for contact hours is \$15.

Seating is limited to 75, and reservations are required by January 6 by calling 938-9301.

Participants will learn about the process of ethical decision-making and the four principles of bio-medical ethics. End of life ethical dilemmas such as disclosure and communication, decision-making, artificial nutrition and hydration, palliative sedation and assisted suicide will be discussed in addition to complicating factors such as when patients are children or adolescents. Attendees will also learn

about the ways that cultural values and beliefs may influence ethical decisions at the end of life, and the ways that ethical issues can create moral distress and influence the grief reactions of families, hospice and palliative staff and volunteers.

Kenneth J. Doka, professor of gerontology at The College of New Rochelle and senior consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America, is keynote speaker. Doka has written numerous books on end of life care, and published journal articles dealing with grief and loss issues.

For further information, contact Christina Gallagher at 425-3277.*

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dearPharmacist

Understanding Pancreatitis And Pancreatic Cancer



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I've been very sick with pancreatitis. Do you have any treatment regimens or vitamin recommendations that could stop this problem?

JM, Tulsa, Oklahoma

I believe so, but it stuns me that most people reading today's column aren't interested in pancreatitis. They think it won't ever happen to them but the sad reality is there are a few things on pretty much every one's lunch and dinner table nowadays that dramatically increase the risk for pancreatic problems and digestive disorders. If you don't know anyone with pancreatic problems, think again. Diabetes and even certain digestive problems are huge clues that your pancreas needs help.

I assume you are seeing a specialist, as pancreatitis is not something you should self treat. Most people hardly realize they even have a pancreas until it gets overworked, which isn't hard to do with the standard American diet, and overgrowth of micro-organisms in the gut. The pancreas just quietly goes about its business of secreting essential

hormones to help you digest your food. Once inflamed, termed 'pancreatiti,' the pancreatic enzymes literally start digesting the pancreas itself.

This causes pancreatic insufficiency, hallmarked by pale, bulky or malodorous stools, as well as undigested food/fat that is easily visible in the stool. It can cause incredible pain, usually left-sided or radiating to the back. A diet of processed foods and high-fat or fried foods can increase your risk for pancreatic complications. So can certain popular medications known to harm the pancreas.

I've covered everything you need to know about this in my ebook, *Understanding Pancreatitis and Pancreatic Cancer* which was just released in November, National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

It will shock most people to learn that a very popular, supposed healthy beverage is actually destroying your pancreas! Contrary to what some physicians say, I have researched and found natural dietary supplements (herbals) that eliminate, or at least reduce the intensity of pain. You will learn how eating one certain vegetable every day can support digestive health, and at the same lower blood pressure. I'll teach you about two metabolic pathways that are hyperactive in people with cancer, and exactly which

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My dear friend of many, many years is dying from what I think is a preventable condition. I am going to miss her terribly and feel that she has been betrayed by her national health insurance.

It appears in order to save money the doctors did not order an expensive diagnostic procedure and only ordered the procedure when symptoms developed. And by that time it was too late. The final costs for tests, treatment and terminal care far, far exceeds the cost of the diagnostic procedure, when her condition

could have been diagnosed at a curable stage if only it had been done.

Please tell your readers that national health insurance does have problems, and they economize and prioritize in order to keep cost down. Do you have an opinion on this?

Delia

Dear Delia,

It is not just health insurance; it is health maintenance organizations and health insurance in general. Insurance models are built on a medical model of treating illness versus preventing illness. It is only recently that insurance models have recognized the value of preventive medicine, and still not all preventive tests and procedures are covered.

Pryce

Dear Delia,

Our health care has its faults for sure, but I am very grateful that my insurance paid for a diagnostic procedure that I am sure prevented a long-term problem and death.

I am a strong believer in prevention e.g. diet, exercise and lifestyle changes – with the goal not to be living to be 110 but to enjoy the best quality time for as long as possible.

Lizzie

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

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Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: Can you give me some tips on reducing my cravings for sugar? I think I am addicted, yet I reach out for sugar when I am emotionally needy.

A: Being addicted to sugar is more common than you think. There are steps you can take to learn ways to control your sugar intake. You will then learn to be in control rather than letting sugar control you.

1.) Keep Your Blood Sugar Stable. You can do this by eating protein with every meal. My friend who is a registered dietitian stresses the importance of eating small regular meals and adding protein each time. This will also help stabilize your energy level and mood. Eat enough so you feel satisfied. We tend to reach out for sugar when we are hungry and we get that instant fix, only to crash shortly thereafter.

2.) Practice Extreme Self-Care. When you have a balanced life and practice taking care of yourself, you are honoring your true priorities and staying healthy. Sugar addicts run on adrenaline. We produce adrenaline when our bodies are in fight-or-flight mode. It is designed to

give us the energy necessary to survive life-threatening situations. When we are in a state of anxiety, we tend to reach out for something external to feel comfort, and too often it is a sugar substance. You have to set time aside to take care of yourself first. Block off "sacred space time" and honor putting that into practice.

3.) Create a Supportive Environment. Ask your family members to put their sugar items somewhere you are not looking to find them. Avoid places where you would be prone to purchase sugar items or eat sugar; grocery store, movies, ball park, bakery. Once you begin to be without sugar, you won't crave it and soon you will not even notice any need for sugar.

4.) Listen to Your Body. Your body will tell you what he/she needs. If you pay attention and plan ahead, you will notice how certain foods make you feel good or bad. Ask yourself if nuts, legumes, and lean meats satisfy your hunger as opposed to eating sugar.

5.) Slow down. Stop rushing from one task to another. Slow down in everything you do; walking, talking, eating. Begin mindful awareness of everything you do in your life. You will come to find that you will feel better on all levels and you won't reach out for sugar any longer emotionally.

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

From page 26B

District President

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Mr. and Mrs. Miskell with McKenzie Millis, assisted living healthcare marketing specialist for Shell Point

New Assisted Living Facility Welcomes First Resident

The management of Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes the first resident reservation for The Springs, the community's newest assisted living facility (ALF). The community recently announced its decision to convert the former Country Inn & Suites hotel located at the entrance to the community into The Springs, which will be their newest assisted living facility (AHCA licensure pending).

On November 16, Whitney J. Miskell reserved the first unit in The Springs at Shell Point. This new ALF has an anticipated opening of February, and the building is currently under construction to modify the spaces to create more community and activity areas.

"The more we investigated, the more we became convinced that Shell Point is the "Cadillac" retirement community in the greater Fort Myers area," said Miskell. "I am particularly attracted to its crafts facilities and to its boating opportunities as I grew up on Lake Erie and love to be on the water. You know, when we first visited Fort

Myers back in 2004, we stayed at what was then The Country Inn & Suites hotel, so we have a special affection for its new incarnation as the newest addition to the Shell Point family, The Springs at Shell Point. I was so happy to get my first choice of residence, a suite, which there are only six of these in the entire building! The floor plan is open yet well-defined, its western exposure provides the afternoon sunlight that I prefer, and the expansive view just knocks my socks off. I can't wait for February to get here so I can move in."

"Shell Point has always prided itself on providing the best in healthcare and retirement, and as baby boomers continue to retire in Southwest Florida we want to make sure that we have the accommodations they may look for in the future," said Rita Southern, director of assisted living and resident support services for the community.

"Since opening, the King's Crown and The Arbor have been able to accommodate the residents of our community as well as offer a limited number of residences to the public. The Springs will be a new concept for our community in that it will primarily serve individuals from the public who were not previously residents of Shell Point."

The anticipated cost of the facility's conversion is estimated at \$2 million, and when complete, the new ALF will offer 105 units.

For more information or to request a brochure, call 454-2077, email thesprings@shellpoint.org, or visit www.shellpoint.org/assistedliving.

Shell Point Retirement Community is in Fort Myers just off McGregor Boulevard and Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.*

From page 28B

Pancreatitis

foods and supplements turn off these pathways.

Why would I spend two years to write a book that affects a small percentage of people? Because pancreatitis sufferers have so few options, the pain is disabling, and incidence is on the rise. My book is one of a kind and prints out to 120 pages. It elaborates on dozens of natural dietary supplements including dandelion, chamomile, resveratrol, peppermint, glutamine, vitamin E and astaxanthin among others. I have world-

wide readership, so there are herbal options from the Chinese and Ayurvedic perspective. I'm so proud of this ebook, it will help ease suffering, and hopefully, prevent some of you from getting it.

Understanding Pancreatitis and Pancreatic Cancer is now available for purchase on Kindles from Amazon.com, and from my website SuzyCohen.com as an ebook.

*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.**

Optimists Offer Island Dining Raffle

Island Temptations, a winner-takes-all raffle of gift certificates to many Island fine dining restaurants, is being offered to the public by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club. Participating restaurants so far this year include: George & Wendy's Corner Grill, Thistle Lodge Water Front Restaurant, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Off Broadway Palm Dinner & Show for two, Matzaluna, the Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market, Sanibel Grill, Pinocchio's Ice Cream Shoppe and Over Easy Café.

Each restaurant is providing a generous gift certificate for their delicious meals, enough for two diners. The prizes will be good for a year and may be used by the winner or by the winner's guests.

The raffle will be held at Sanibel Grill (Timbers) on Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m. The winner does not have to be present. Tickets at \$10 each are on sale at Bailey's General Store, the San-Cap Community Bank, the Sanibel Café and early evenings at the Sanibel Grill directly from an Optimist Club member.

The proceeds from the raffle will help fund the Optimist Club's support of local youth needs including child cancer care, Recreation Center programs, college scholarships, etc.*

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Did You Pay Enough For That Service?

by Bryan Hayes



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When we make a proposal on a project, there have to be certain elements built into the price in order for the service provider to make a profit and run a successful business. I will tell you that our profit margins are higher than the cheap guys in town. In order for us to provide the service that our customers have come to expect, they have to be. Because of that, we have the capacity to provide top

notch service. After all, that is what you are paying for. On that particular job we ended up not making a profit, but sometimes that happens. However, the lessons and knowledge that we as a company obtain from such experiences, give us the confidence of knowing that the benefits of taking that experience to the next project far outweigh the unearned profit.

Now, let's say one of the low bid guys were awarded the contract. How much time do you think they would be able to dedicate to go back and address the customer's concerns? In my opinion, not very much. A borrowed quote if I may, "The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of the low price is forgotten." Did you pay enough?

*Bryan Hayes is a Sanibel air conditioning contractor. He also owns, with his brother Todd, an electrical business on Sanibel. He can be reached at Bryan@Sanibelair.com.**

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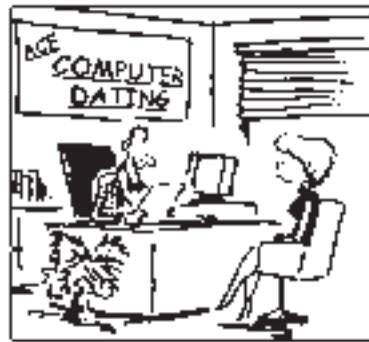
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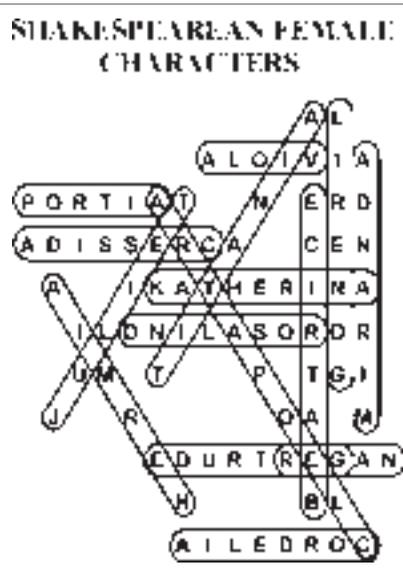
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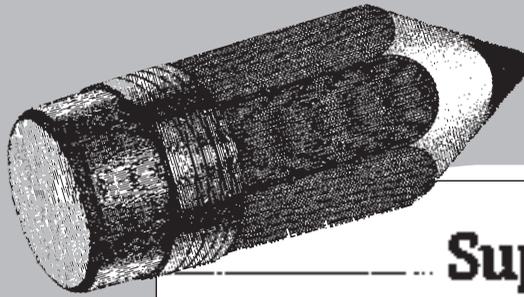
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Answers on page 35B

Super Crossword

WAIST OF MONEY

ACROSS

- 1 Meat cut
- 5 "You Rahn" (65 song)
- 9 Summer material
- 14 Chalvrist
- 19 Olympic rings on
- 20 — controllable
- 21 What the nose knows
- 22 Greene of M charts
- 23 Bir it bakes soon
- 24 Blast of a trumpet by James Darr
- 27 Approaches
- 29 Dutch artist J.M.W. Turner
- 30 Let us
- 31 Rep
- 32 Spoken language
- 33 Hoover for one
- 35 Part 2 of remark
- 40 Beginning on
- 42 '22 Michael Jackson smash
- 44 Impact sound
- 47 Gateway of "Touched by an Angel"
- 48 Woodworking tool

- 50 New York university
- 52 "Butterfly" author
- 54 Refuse
- 56 Singer Payne
- 58 Part of season
- 59 Part of partner
- 60 Becomes a puna
- 61 Islands instrument
- 62 Baby
- 64 Like Hercules
- 65 "Malcolm X" director
- 66 Mahatma
- 68 Monogram
- 69 Shee
- 70 Part of remark
- 75 Amish man
- 80 Ripped
- 81 "Kodomo" (65) org
- 83 Bad
- 86 Tweedy Pie, a g
- 87 Highlights tongue
- 88 Nobelist
- 90 Man from Malmo
- 92 He's say selling
- 93 They may be persons
- 94 Ornamental mat

- 96 "Salome" character
- 97 Like some paper
- 98 Covenant
- 100 Opie's aunt
- 101 Unit of area
- 102 Archaic preparation
- 103 Conductor
- 104 Qualifier
- 105 Snake sound
- 107 Part of remark
- 111 Slalom curve
- 113 Ruby of "A Day in the Sun"
- 114 Unit
- 115 Sink
- 119 Dual
- 121 — square
- 126 End of remark
- 128 Peace G' (65) (65) (65)
- 130 Sweet cooperative
- 131 "His making ..."
- 132 Billie Holiday
- 133 Jocular Johnson
- 134 Director Sergio
- 135 "Babe" (65) (65) (65)
- 136 Equipment
- 137 Actor Walcott

- DOWN**
- 1 Speech problem
 - 2 Neighbor of McQuinn
 - 3 Violent
 - 4 Playwright Coward
 - 5 Spectrum shade
 - 6 Drucks
 - 7 Full pencil
 - 8 Paine poem
 - 9 Prepares on one
 - 10 "Baby on the ..."
 - 11 Finuala
 - 12 Improve
 - 13 Meant card game?
 - 14 Funk of quirk
 - 15 Pindare character
 - 16 Pluck
 - 17 Fairy-tale start
 - 18 Guller's gadget
 - 25 Daring user
 - 26 Tom, Dick, or Harry
 - 28 No Einstein
 - 34 Encourage a color!
 - 35 Go fishing
 - 36 Long of local
 - 37 Sign
 - 38 Daily recs (65)
 - 39 TV & "Shadows"

- 41 Female
- 43 Nick of "I Love Trouble"
- 44 Strauss aristocrat
- 45 Common contraction
- 46 Chubby ingredient
- 49 Muscular
- 51 Rehearsal
- 53 Israeli dance
- 55 Tolkien creation
- 56 Undersea volcano
- 57 Rubber the wrong way
- 63 Garage supply
- 64 Runners carry it
- 67 Crooked
- 71 Part of the streets
- 72 Judd of "George & Leo"
- 73 "— a Rebel (62 hit)
- 74 Unclad
- 75 Will give you a weigh
- 76 Lowest point
- 77 Asara
- 78 Street of stamps
- 79 Carve a canyon
- 82 Fun with wool

- 83 Thanks Robyn-pieret
- 84 Kasha
- 85 Surrenders
- 88 In-your-face item
- 89 Guinness or Baldwin
- 91 Sport
- 93 Does little work
- 95 Propaganda
- 99 Most mathematical
- 104 Jacket fabric
- 106 Hardly hyper
- 108 Small shirt
- 109 Foam
- 110 Choose with "for"
- 112 Face in?
- 115 What Market?
- 116 Carving
- 117 WWI gun
- 118 Tropical soil
- 120 Handel's "and Calan"
- 121 Spotless
- 122 — of the Cat (77 hit)
- 123 Reduce with "down"
- 124 — Spumante
- 125 Fevory
- 126 Caspa's Roper
- 127 Willy one
- 128 Factor or Tilly

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 When on the
- 4 Manners
- 7 Dull cheese
- 11 Nelson
- 12 Medal
- 14 (65)
- 15 With part open
- 16 Zoo
- 17 Heart in
- 19 Southern speech
- 23 Neap for
- 27 Changed particle
- 29 Connected
- 32 Judd of
- 33 Rivalry
- 34 Began in
- 35 Spoken language
- 37 (65)
- 39 Transport to
- 41 Tangle
- 42 Trouble
- 44 M. (65)
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Real estate shopping now is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity



Southwinds Dr beach home in central island location near this gulf access path \$549K



Beachview top-floor 2 bedroom with den at Gulfside Place (decorated as 3 bedroom) \$999K



Sandalfoot 2 bedroom walk-out with this view of gulf & terrific on-site rental income \$699K



One of the top-rated units in Oceans Reach rental program, easy 1st floor location \$699K



2nd floor end-unit Kings Crown 2 bedroom with open kitchen & glassed balcony \$599K



Mariner Pointe bay-facing 3 bedroom, easy access to this pool, docks & fishing pier \$499K



Lighthouse Point ~2000-sq. ft. condo with bay-view terraces & screened balcony \$474K



Steps-to-beach Sanibel Arms West 2 bedroom with 2 screened porches & income \$399.9K



Like-new Sundial Club Suite with resort amenities, earns top income in on-site program \$399K



Remodeled cozy corner Sea Shells 2 bedroom 2 bath with washer-dryer & 2 porches \$369K



Top-floor Sea Shells end-unit with balcony view of osprey nest & in on-site rental program \$274K



Lowest-priced Sanibel condo, Colony Resort close to beach & with nightly rental income \$149K



1/2+acre overlooking intersecting canals \$930K



Cul-de-sac parcel near Blind Pass beach \$449K



Dunes golf community single-family home lot \$299K



Near-beach lot on small private east-end sandy lane \$299K



Lot in Island Woods with community pool & tennis \$249K



Parcel close to Sanibel River Estates deeded gulf path \$199K



West-facing near-beach lot in Sanibel Highlands \$149K



Thinking of selling in 2012? Now is the time to get your property listed. The SanibelSusan Team is looking for new listings, particularly homes. Our 2011 sales to-date are shown below & we like to add to our "sold" list.

1311 Sand Castle Rd—\$630,000
749 Martha's Ln—\$360,000
14610 Fair Havens Rd—\$1,075,000
Loggerhead Cay #373—\$399,000
White Sands #12—\$580,000
Sundial Resort #N204—\$950,000
3745 West Gulf Dr—\$5,000,000

Mariner Pointe #733—\$280,000
Janthina #1B—\$900,000
Mariner Pointe #1032—\$340,000
Villas of Sanibel #A102—\$950,000
Sedgemoor #201—\$2,247,500
544 Lighthouse Way—\$2,150,000
Spanish Cay C1—\$332,000

Spanish Cay A1—\$315,000
536 Lighthouse Way—\$2,150,000
Loggerhead Cay #544—\$525,000
Mariner Pointe #1012—\$230,000
Captains Walk #D4—closing soon
1214 Par View Dr—closing soon



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