



Family New Year's Eve Celebration At The Rec Center

The third annual New Year's Eve party at the Sanibel Recreation Center is a community-wide event attended by an estimated 500 people annually in the 36,000-square-foot rec center facility. Buy your tickets at the recreation center, located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road.



At the Sanibel Recreation Center is Debbie Kwok, Trish Phillips, Matt Fannon, Kayla Schuneman, Jimmy Gennity, Andrea Miller, Angie Pinault, Sara Christopher, Ryan Miller, Jai Earle and Dave DeFonzo

Tickets in advance are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth ages seven to 17; Children age six and under are free.

Tickets include all your food from Bailey's General Store, Cip's Place, George & Wendy's Corner Grill, Island Pizza, Lazy Flamingo II, Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market; beverages and desserts are from Cheeburger Cheeburger, Coffee Bar @ Bailey's, Costco, Dairy Queen, Jerry's Foods, Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory, 7-Eleven Food Stores and Sun Harvest Citrus. Entertainment will be provided by a strolling magician, ventriloquist, juggler and a three-act staged performance. There will also be dancing with a DJ, and plenty of games.

All proceeds go to the Sanibel Financial Assistance program that assists eligible island residents and workers on the island. Awards ranging from 10 to 80 percent are made on a sliding fee schedule for their children to attend the after school program, fun days, holiday and summer day camp in a safe supervised recreational environment at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Applicants must contribute to the program fee.*

Icelandic Theme At Community House New Year's Eve Party

Everyone is invited to party 'til they drop... it's midnight somewhere! The New Year's Eve celebration at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, is for all islanders and guests, no matter what their curfew. The evening begins with dinner and dancing. Providing live music is the Old School Heroes Band. Dinner features carved prime rib and salmon buffet, catered by the Elias Brothers Catering.

The fun continues at 10 p.m. as the VolcanoFetti explodes and the champagne flows in a traditional toast. Midnight brings a balloon drop and noisemakers.

Admission for Community House members is \$50, and guests are \$60 (bar beverages not included). This party is sponsored by Billy's Rentals & Billy's Bike Shop. Buy your tickets soon, an early sellout is expected.

Call 472-2155 for more information or to make your prepaid reservations.*



Annie Freres, Anne Chamberlain, Samantha Rotella and Cassandra Nuss

photo by Nick Adams

Wonderettes Sizzle At The Strauss Theater

by Di Saggau

Talk about a fun holiday musical revue. *Winter Wonderettes* is the perfect example. It's showing now at The Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel, and believe me you don't want to miss it. The cast consists of four dynamic singers with distinct personalities and voices who harmonize like a quartet of angels. They sing and dance and never stop moving for 90 minutes and have the audience laughing out loud as they win our hearts. During intermission, chatting with Artistic Director Justin Cowan, he confirmed that this is a personality driven show.

You're going to love 'em.

Cast members are Cassandra Nuss, Samantha Rotella, Anne Chamberlain and Annie Freres. They play employees of Harper's Hardware putting on a musical holiday happening for the entire staff. Their harmony renditions of *Snowfall* and *Winter Wonderland* are absolutely beautiful. Freres seduces with *What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?* and wins our hearts with *Christmas Will Be Just Another Lonely Day*.

Chamberlain is a scream with *Suzu Snowflake* and *Donde Esta Santa Claus?* Rotella lends her rich voice to *All Those Christmas Cliches* and Nuss has a memorable version of *This Christmas*. The gals are excellent singers and delightful comics.

The cast has fun bringing audience members on stage, including a man they call "Bob" from the store's plumbing department. Freres shamelessly flirts with him throughout the show. Other unsuspecting theater-goers end up ringing bells and one man sits in for Santa. It's a lot of fun.

Winter Wonderettes is a bright, shiny, clever Christmas present that opens to reveal 25 endearing holiday tunes delivered by a sparkling cast. There's even a snowfall that, in spite of its beauty, reminds everyone why they love sunny Florida.

Director Michael Stanek is also the choreographer and he deserves a big hand for a show that is fast paced and fantastic. The colorful sets, costumes and impressive lighting add a great deal of pizzazz. I'm sure you have figured out by now that I truly loved this show. If it doesn't get you in the holiday spirit, nothing will.

Winter Wonderettes is a joyous experience and it plays through December 31 at

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Join The Shellabration!

Shellabration 2012! is an island wide, week-long celebration of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, designed as a tribute to islands' shell bounty. The celebration will run from February 17 through March 4, with The Shell Fair & Show running March 1 to 3 at The Community House.

Shellabrators from around the island are joining in on the excitement with events and promotions. Everybody is invited to participate. A calendar of events will be prepared and promoted in local and national publications, so let us know what you plan to do.

Below is current list of Shellabrators:

- Amy's Something Special, located at 630 Tarpon Bay Road, is going to offer a 15 percent discount on locally-made shell pendants wrapped in sterling silver.

- Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will offer free admission to the museum on Monday, February 27.

- BIG Arts invites visitors to *Show Your Shell Smarts!* During Shell Fair week, between February 27 and March 3, visitors are invited to bring a shell to BIG Arts Center at 900 Dunlop Road, or BIG Arts at 2244 Periwinkle Way, or the Herb Strauss Theater at 2200 Periwinkle Way (directly across from the Shell Fair). Identify the shell, add it to our collection, and receive special discounted ticket pricing on select BIG Arts programs from February 27 through March 3. In addi-

tion, the Sanibel-Captiva Art League will have a special shell-themed exhibit in the Herb Strauss Theater's lobby.

- Billy's Bikes & Rentals will be giving all customers (online and in-store) a raffle ticket for a chance to own a signed Shellabration poster designed by artist Pam Brodersen

- Cheeburger Cheeburger will conduct a kids coloring contest for ages 12 and under. Come in and color our special Cheeburger Shellabration coloring pages for a chance to win Cheeburger prizes.

- J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge will offer ranger-led beach walks at the Refuge's Perry Tract at Gulfside City Park; Shell-related *Reading at the Refuge* session with shell crafts on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3 at 11 a.m.; Free touch tank demonstration at Tarpon Bay Recreation Area; Blair Witherington, author of Florida's Living Beaches, will give the lecture on Friday, March 2.

- The Great White Grill has created its own microbrew, a lager called "Shellabration Beer," available only during Shellabration week.

- JB Designs will offer cards designed by local photographer/artist Boyd Johnson of Sanibel, dubbed "Shells." Also, customers will get a free sand dollar with purchases of \$20 or more during Shellabration week.

- RS Walsh Landscaping will be offering a nice selection of ceramic and terra cotta planters in a variety of shell shapes, suitable for orchids or small tropical arrangements. Staff will be on hand to assist you in design and planting of your arrangements. There are also variety of

larger glazed pottery in shell shapes and pretty ocean colors.

- Sanibel Sea Shells invites visitors to stop by and play a round of *Scavenger Jeopardy*.

- The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village will have several shell collections on display throughout Shellabration week inside the Rutland Home, Burnap Cottage, Morning Glories and the Old Schoolhouse.

- She Sells Sea Shells will be running two promotions during Shellabration week: 25 percent off craft supplies that include wood and paper mache boxes and frames, along with many other paper and wood items, glue, glaze, glitter, glass jars and mirror backs; a Sailor's Valentine Sale, with the regular price of \$275 reduced to \$75. Sale applies to 10-inch traditional antique flower design with a multi-colored shell. Limited quantities.

- Shiny Objects will offer a free shell tote bag with purchases over \$50. Additionally, select jewelry items will include the customer's choice of shell jewelry or trinket box. Restrictions apply, see store for details.

- Eileen Fisher will offer a free gift with the purchase of a shell "tank top."

- Tower Gallery Artist Cooperative will display "Sea Gems - Shell Interpretations," a special exhibit opening February 26 and continuing through March 31. Twenty-two gallery artists will choose a shell to inspire their artwork. Photographs of the selected shells will be displayed beside the art showing how the artist interpreted or included it in their work.

- Watson MacRae Gallery will feature "Sea Shells," a week-long invitational exhibition featuring the work of invited Sanibel artists and focusing on *The Shells of Sanibel and the Sea*. There will be an opening reception celebrating the artwork and artists on Monday, February 27, which is open to the public. The gallery will also feature shell inspired pottery and glass from artists around the country during the *Shellabration*.

- William E. Wilson Fine Jewelry in The Village Shops joins the Shellabration with the finest hand-crafted jewelry. All signature 14-karat gold shell design jewelry - bracelets, pendants, earrings - will be offered at special sale prices. A 25 percent discount will be given during the entire week of the 75th Shell Fair & Show.

- The Sanibel Public Library will have "Shell Book Reading Displays," offering more than 350 shell-related books. In addition, your favorite titles and rare books from the reference collection will be on display on the main level of the library throughout February and March.

Also, a "Fossil Shell Display," offering more than 120 different species, ages thousands to as much as 5 million years old, is located on the ground floor. Some of the shells are extinct while some may be found at the beach today. The fossils are from the Burnt Store area in North Fort Myers.

In addition, a Shellabration necklace will be offered for sale at various venues

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Thursday, January 19th
11:30 am Seating, Performance 1 pm
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Shellabration 2012

February 17 - March 4
Multiple Events

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A small part of the crowd at Lighthouse Beach for the service

photos by David Klatt

Thousands Throng Beach To Sing Carols, Celebrate Christmas Eve

The Christmas Eve beach service, a Sanibel tradition since 1979, attracted thousands of people as the sun went down and the Christmas tree was lit. Attendees held lighted candles as they gathered at Lighthouse Beach. The service, by the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, was led by the Rev. Dr. John Danner and the Rev.

Deborah Kunkel, with Dr. Elwood Smith at the keyboard. Anne Marie Babos was the soloist for *O Holy Night*.

Attendees sang carols and gave offerings to benefit local charities including FISH, the FISH Backpack Program, Friends Who Care and The Salvation Army.✻



Worshippers hold up their candles during the Christmas Eve service

Center 4 Life Programs

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

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. (will resume January 3).

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

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

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

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

Tuesday Kayaking – January 10, 17 and 24. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Bring water, a snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. Carol Strange will lead a discussion on *Battle Hymn of a Tiger Mother* by Amy Chan on January 11. Ann Rodman, volunteer coordinator, welcomes ideas for books to read and discuss and suggestions on facilitators. Contact her at 395-2191 or email annrodman@aol.com.

Second annual Justine Smith Charity Bridge Tournament – Friday, February 10 at 1 p.m. Local merchants will contribute gifts that will be given away during the tournament. All proceeds go to PAWS for care, fostering and placement of stray animals. Cost is \$15 per person.

Games at the Center:

Bridge – 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

Hand & Foot – 1 p.m. Tuesday

Mahjongg – 1 p.m. Thursday

Mexican Train – 1 p.m. Thursday.

Cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes are awarded.

Learn to play Mahjongg with Katie Reid, board president – Monday, January 23 and 30; Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and February 2; Thursday, January 26. Class is limited to four or eight students and you must be able to attend all five classes. All supplies will be provided. Cost is \$12.50 for members, \$25 non-members.

Bridge Lessons with Bruce and

Christl Smith. Stop by the center or call in January for dates and times. Class is limited to eight students and you must be able to attend all four classes. Separate fees for members and non-members.

Mexican Train Lessons with Katie Reid – Wednesday and Thursday, January 18 and 19, 1 to 4 p.m. This is an exciting Domino game for four to 12 players. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 non-members. Class limited to eight students.

Leisure Lunchers and Thrift and Consignment Connoisseurs – Tuesday, January 24 at 11:30 a.m., Vincenzo's Pastaria, 16520 S. Tamiami Trail.

AARP Safe Driving Classes –

Thursdays, January 19 and 26, 1 to 4 p.m. Participants must attend both sessions. The classes are fast-paced and feature a dozen videos which will help make you a better and safer driver. Completion of the program will result in a discount on your auto insurance in most states, including Florida. Ed VanderHey is the instructor. Call him at 472-3623 or 292-4012 for reservations. The cost is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members.

Wheat Free/Gluten Free Products, hosted by Bailey's (no charge) – Tuesday, January 17, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Limit of six participants are at each one-hour

small group session. Sign up at the center. Bailey's offers over 1,000 wheat-free/gluten-free products. Join Rachel Lammers at this seminar for samples and a list of items Bailey's carries. Product representatives will be on hand.

Florida Travels – Ringling Museum Tour in Sarasota, Wednesday, January 25. Cost is \$79 for members, \$89 non-members. Includes: Round trip transportation from Fort Myers, admission to Ringling Complex including the world famous art museum, Ca' d'Zan (Ringling's own home), the circus museum, Mable

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Island Jazz Returning For Seventh Season

Island Jazz will open its seventh season of free Sunday afternoon concerts on January 8 in the Boler Garden at BIG ARTS, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

All performances begin at 3 p.m. on the following dates: January 8 and 22; February 5, 12, 19 and 26; March 4 and 18; April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Attendees should bring beach chairs, as seating is limited. In case of rain, the concert will move onto the covered Gainer Verandah.

Made up mostly of island residents, Island Jazz features Harry Reiner on trumpet, Tom Cooley on drums, Louis Pradt on clarinet and



Louis Pradt on clarinet and John Schiedo on saxophone

flute, Babe VanDeVelde on tenor sax, and Sally-Jane Heit on vocals. Frequent guest players include many of the best jazz musicians in southwest Florida playing all styles of music from jazz standards and Dixieland to bop, pop and more.

“Don’t just mark your calendars,” said Tom Cooley, who calls himself the band’s den-mother. “Actually come to the concerts, support BIG Arts and hear all your favorite tunes executed by the most technically precise and grammatically correct band on the island.”

For more information, call Tom or Barbara Cooley at 472-8568.*



Island Jazz fans relax in their beach chairs on Sunday afternoons, enjoying the music in the Boler Garden at BIG Arts



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Captiva Community Panel Meeting

There will be a quorum for the next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel, set for Tuesday, January 10 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn.

The proposed agenda for the meeting:
9 a.m. – Introductions and roll call; approval of December 13 meeting minutes

9:05 a.m. – CEPD update by Kathy Rooker, CEPD

9:10 a.m. – Panel overview and orientation by Ken Gooderham

9:30 a.m. – Land Development Code update by Max Forgey

9:50 a.m. – Visioning update by Max Forgey

10 a.m. – Agreement with Forgey Planning Service by Ken Gooderham

10:05 a.m. – Hurricane Preparedness & Response Committee by Doris Holzheimer

10:10 a.m. – Committee reports (as necessary):

- Communications by Susan Stuart
- Finance and budget by Ken Gooderham

• Water quality by John Jensen

• Fundraising by Rick Hayduk

10:20 a.m. – Other business and public comment

Confirm dates for next meetings – February 14, March 14 and April 10
Adjourn

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.

The next Captiva Community Panel meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn, located at 15951 Captiva Drive on Captiva.*

Republican Women's Lunch

The Lee County Republican Women's Club (chartered) will hold its monthly luncheon at the Crown Plaza Holiday Inn, located at 13052 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers, on Tuesday, January 10. Social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon to follow at noon.

Featured speakers at the meeting will be Karen Harrington, U.S. House of Representatives candidate for Florida District #20, and Javier Manjarres, editor of the conservative blog *The Shark Tank*.

For more information or to make reservations, call 574-2571.*

Be Ready To Vote Action Campaign

The election laws have changed in Florida recently and with 2012 being an important election year, the League of Women Voters of Sanibel is urging voters to update their voter status. The League has launched a Be Ready To Vote Action Campaign.

Dick Calkins, League Voter Service chair, stated, "The new election law makes both voting and voter registration harder in Florida. What can voters do? We urge all voters to check their registration and make sure it is up to date."

The league is working to make democracy easier by our new website – www.BeReadyToVote.org – where voters can check their registration, change their address and request a vote by mail ballot.

Voters can also update their voter status by contacting the Supervisor of Elections at 239-LEE-VOTE (533-8683).

"Be Ready To Vote" Action Steps

- 1) Update your address
- 2) Update your name
- 3) Plan to vote by mail? Renew your ballot request

4) Update your signature.
Important Dates

Presidential Preference Primary:

January 31

Voter Registration Deadline: January 3

Florida Primary: August 14

Voter Registration Deadline: July 16

General Election: November 6

Voter Registration Deadline: October 9

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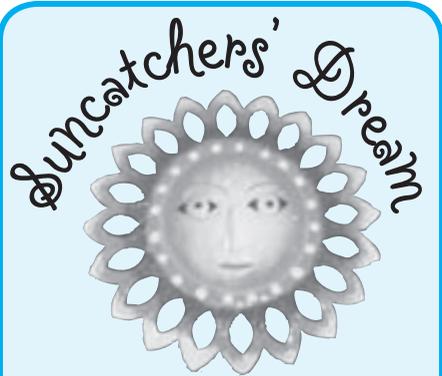
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Holiday Celebrations Held At CECI



Une Jankauskas

Family and friends gathered to watch the little ones of the Children's Education Center of the Islands (CECI) perform their holiday concert at school on Wednesday, December 21. There were songs of different cultures and faiths sung with smiling faces. After the music, there were delicious food brought by the parents for all to eat. Laughter and excitement abounded with the joy of the holiday season. (Perhaps



Olivia Burns and Grandma Joan Burns

some of it was also from the candy canes and sweet treats!)*

AAUW Meeting

The next meeting of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers.

The guest speaker at the monthly luncheon will be Dr. Donna Price Henry, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University. Her topic will be STEM: science, technology engineering and math.

Tickets are \$18 each. To make reservations, call Sondra Marshall at 437-4570.*

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Shellabration

around the island. The specially designed shell necklace will allow for creative additions to make each one as unique as its' owner. Shellabrators will be encouraged to collect several and make an island fashion statement. Necklaces are priced at \$2 each.

Also, the children of the island will be invited to get involved by creating a special Shellabration! work of art.

Calendar Of Events

- The Sanibel Stoop – Friday, February 17. Help us break a Guinness Book of World Records record.
- Opening Gala – Sunday, February 19 at The Sanctuary Golf Club. Gala will include a Shell Couture Fashion Show, Contest & Luncheon on Monday, February 27 at 11 a.m. featuring one-of-a-kind shell adorned garments. Tickets are \$35.

- 75th Annual Shell Fair & Show – Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3 at The Community House
- Rusty Brown presents "In Celebration of Ann Morrow Lindbergh" – Sunday, March 4. Performance will be followed by a traditional ice cream social at The Community House. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$22 for guests.

For more information on how you can Shellabrate, contact Billy Kirkland at 472-5848. You may also contact Teresa at The Community House at 472-2155 or via e-mail at teresa@sanibelcommunityhouse.net. Visit us online at www.sanibelshellfairandshow.com and www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net.*

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Center 4 Life

Ringling's rose garden, lunch at the Banyan Café on the Ringling grounds. Carpool from the center at 8:15 a.m. for bus pickup in Fort Myers at 9 a.m. in front of Publix (across from Tanger Outlets).

Technology – Introduction to Computers and Windows 7

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. January 9, 11, 13, 18 and 20 (no class on January 16). Bruce and Christl Smith are the instructors. This class is designed for the novice user. Turn on the PC and discover how to click, create, save and print a document. You must be able to attend all five sessions. Cost is \$115 for members, \$150 for non-members. Limited to six students. Payment required at sign-up.

Picasa with Patty... and your photos – Wednesday and Thursday, January 4 and 5, 1 to 3 p.m. Organize and share your photos. This is hands-on training in Picasa, a free program from Google. Learn to copy photos from your camera or memory card to your PC, and create and edit albums to share by email. Crop, resize, sharpen and brighten colors. Class size limited to six. Cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members. Bring your camera with freshly charged batteries and its cable, memory card or card reader with 10 to 20 photos.

Coping With Life, 9th Annual Series

• January 13, 1:30 p.m. Marcy Albright presents Learning American Sign Language Basics for Mature Adults.

Session includes learning signs for everyday conversation, greetings, household items, food and drink, care of self, medical signs and other signs of a specific nature.

• January 13, 3:30 p.m. Marcy Albright presents American Sign Language for All Ages. Session is geared to signing for all ages.

• January 20, 1:30 p.m. Damaris Peters Pike as Hildegard of Bingen: A Feather on the Breath of God. Cost is \$5 donation for members and \$10 for non-members.

Flu Shots – January 27 at 12:30 p.m. CVS Pharmacy will send their pharmacist to the center to give flu shots.

Make a lasting tribute to yourself, a friend or family member. A beautiful memorial and honorary brick pathway joins the Center 4 Life patio to the front walkway. Luc Century's etched bricks can be purchased for \$100.

Call the center for further details on all programs, 472-5743.✳

The Polar Bear Plunge On New Year's Day

The Polar Bear Anthem

(Sung to the tune of *Good Bless America*)

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea
Let us swear allegiance to our club that's free
Let us all be hopeful for a day with sun
As we raise our glasses and we have some fun
God bless the Polar Bears
On New Year's Day
Stand beside us and join us
To the shore with a roar as we play
Front the uplands, to the marshes
To the Gulf shore filled with ice
God bless the Polar Bears – it sure feels nice
God bless the Polar Bears – we're bears, not mice!✳



12th Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge

On Sunday, January 1, the Sanibel-Captiva Chapter of the National Polar Bear Club will hold its 12th annual meeting at the crack of noon at Tarpon Bay Beach (the south/Gulf end of Tarpon Bay Road). Parking for 89 cars is available at the city lot. Display your current sticker or pay the parking fee.

The meeting will begin with the singing of the traditional Polar Bear anthem by the cubbies (first-timers), juveniles (one-time previous dippers) and seasoned adult bears (those who took the plunge in previous years).

Following the anthem, the Polar Bears will enter the icy gulf waters backwards, facing the huge crowd of supporters, on-lookers, tourists and mice (those who wished they had the courage to join in).

Following various bear-frolicking activities in the water and the traditional Polar Bear group huddle/hug (a body-warming activity), all participants will receive a free

membership card and a certificate suitable for framing. There will also be an opportunity to sip from the giant Polar Bear champagne glass, have your picture taken in the infamous shell pith helmet and to engage in story-telling about your heroic experience with fellow Polar Bears from around the world.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. Chairs and coolers are optional.

Come join your friends, family, neighbors, tourists, politicians and other island characters for a memorable activity. It's the only event going on at the crack of noon on New Year's Day and – best of all – it's free and fun!

For more information about this "chilling" event, you may contact Papa Bear (aka John Carney) at 395-1767.✳

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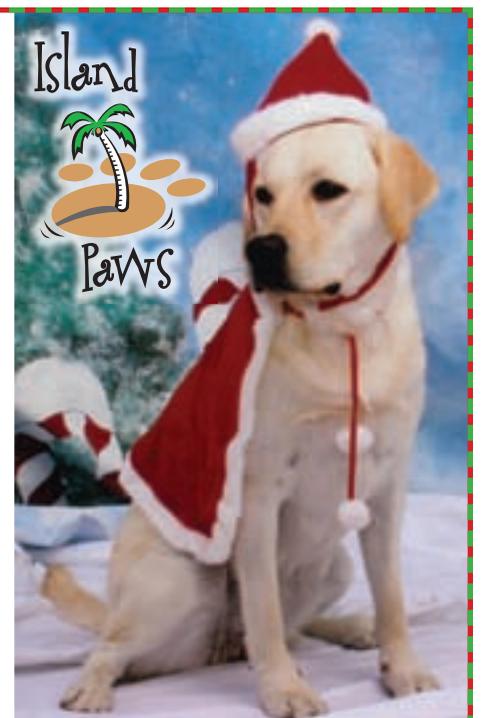
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Douglas Renfro

Cantor Douglas Renfro Concert

On Sunday, January 8, Douglas Renfro, cantor and music director at Temple Bat Yam on Sanibel Island (and lives on Bristol Bend), will be heard in concert. The performance will be held at the Sanibel Congregational Church on Periwinkle

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 happen in today's news!

To learn more, join the Island Bible Study on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m. January 9 through February 27 at Sanibel Community Church.

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.✱

Way and begins at 3 p.m. The afternoon is sponsored and supported by Temple Bat Yam, with a free will offering donation.

Renfro is an internationally acclaimed bass baritone, who has served as cantor at Temple Bat Yam since 2001. His concerts throughout Europe and the United States have earned him recognition at major concert venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Washington Opera, Boston Opera, Sarasota Opera, the Edinburgh Festival, Westminster Abbey, Tel Aviv Lyric Opera and Columbia Artist Management. His theatre credits include touring as Tevye in *Fiddler On The Roof* with performances in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bulgaria and Vienna. He has created two equity theatre companies and has appeared in three motion pictures.

As a conductor, Dr. Renfro has appeared at the Varna International Music Festival, the acclaimed Festival at Sea Music Series as well as locally at Barbara B. Mann and BIG Arts.

In addition to his tenure at Temple Bat Yam, he is the director of music and fine arts at Beach United Methodist Church on Fort Myers Beach. In 2010, he was appointed artistic director of the Voices of Naples, an auditioned choral ensemble.

Sought after as a soloist and guest conductor, he will be touring Prague, Bratislava, Vienna and Budapest in early June 2012, which is open to anyone interested in going. Upon his return, he will be Artist-in-Residence for various musical venues in Quebec City, Canada over the summer months.

The January 8 concert will include a variety of musical styles, including Broadway, sacred and light classics. It will also feature Lesley Frost (soprano) and Joy Bowe (piano). As a special musical addition, Rev. John Danner, pastor of the Sanibel Congregational Church where the members of Temple Bat Yam meet, will join the ensemble in selections from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.✱

New Year's Services To Be Offered At SCC

It's more than a Happy New Year at Sanibel Community Church. It's a hope-filled New Year because of God's great love!

The church will offer three opportunities to see the New Year begin. A blended service of worship – offering both traditional and contemporary songs – will be conducted on Saturday, December 31 at 6 p.m., as well as Sunday, January 1 at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Dr. Daryl Donovan, senior pastor, will speak on the subject of new beginnings at each of the services. The sermon is entitled "In the Beginning... God!"

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

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Ross and Marion Hauser through the years

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Oak Park, Illinois couple Ross and Marion Hauser celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows ceremony on Sanibel.

For the skeptics, love at first sight and happily ever after still exist. When Ross Hauser first looked at the picture of Marion Boomer in the Jack Benny Junior High yearbook in 1975, he was captivat-

ed. He danced the last two dances with her at their graduation dance from Jack Benny, but she went to Waukegan West while he attended Waukegan East High School. They reconnected just before each started attending the University of Illinois in 1980 and have been inseparable since.

While dating, they both realized they

had attended AAUW nursery school in Waukegan, Illinois in 1967. When they brought out the old pictures, they were shocked to see each other in the same class! They were married in 1986.

To celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, they had a recommitment of vows ceremony at Sanibel Community Church. The ceremony was attended by

friends and family from around the country. The couple now makes their home and business in Oak Park, where they run Caring Medical & Rehabilitation Services, a chronic pain center that specializes in Prolotherapy.

The Hausers fell in love with Sanibel two decades ago and bought a house on the island back in 2003.✧

2012 Island Bible Study



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Quite A Catch On Tarpon Bay



Captain Joe Mirabile, left, with newlyweds Janet Dargitz and Karl Stoedefalke on Tarpon Bay

It wasn't just the flounder, snapper and redfish making a splash recently at Sanibel's Tarpon Bay. The real catch of the day for newlyweds Janet Dargitz and Karl Stoedefalke wasn't fish at all, but rather each other.

Captain Joe Mirabile of Tarpon Bay Explorers, the concessionaire for the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, hosted a fishing charter for the adventurous couple. Tarpon Bay Explorers is no stranger to newly married couples, but Janet and Karl aren't your typical new bride and groom – they wed in April of this year at age 76 and 82, respectively.

Janet originally hails from Lewistown, Montana and Karl's hometown is Milwaukee, Wisconsin. But they bumped into each other two years ago at a grocery store in State College, Pennsylvania. Both widows at the time, they struck up a conversation and eventually started dating. Janet admits she asked around about Karl, wanting to know what she was getting into. One of her friends couldn't believe Janet didn't know about him, and exclaimed that he was famous. So they "Googled" Karl's name and found more than 30 pages of information.

Before retiring in 1995, Dr. Karl Stoedefalke was the Dean of Penn State's College



Mirabile, left, steers the boat while Janet Dargitz and Karl Stoedefalke take in the ambiance of Tarpon Bay

of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. During his illustrious career, he developed the first national program for cardio therapy, authored numerous publications and lectured on cardiac rehabilitation programs. His research and teachings have improved and even saved the lives of countless individuals.

Perhaps helping others is what attracted the two to each other. Janet's accomplished career encompassed teaching elementary education in the public, private and military sectors, including a stint in Germany for the Army and Air Force.

Karl claims that Janet had a string of beaus when they first met, and she didn't burn her "little pink book of appointments" until six months into their courtship. Now, Karl tells her that he'll give her 20 years – after that, she's on her own.

Sanibel is a special place for Janet – she's been vacationing on the island for 35 years. This is Karl's second of many more Sanibel visits to come. What's their next big adventure? How about Norway in the summer? Sounds like a great fit for the young at heart.

Visit Tarpon Bay Explorers at 900 Tarpon Bay Road on Sanibel or call 472-8900 for more information or to make reservations. You may also visit their website at www.tarponbayexplorers.com.

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Lions Club members Jeremy Kane, George Podlin, Mike Mallon and (Barefoot) Charlie Ball

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club continued its program of donations to local causes with two more gifts of food to FISH of Sanibel (Friends In Service Here) and the Salvation Army Food Kitchen. The Lions worked with Richard Johnson of Baileys General Store to buy \$500 worth of extra supplies to meet the seasonal demand at the FISH food pantry and



San-Cap Lions Tom Hoover, Mike Mackay, Dean Skaugstad and John Mannix

another \$500 worth of foodstuffs to help the Salvation Army with its holiday food program. The Lions have also collected food from island friends and families at its donation point at the Lions Christmas tree lot, located in the Bailey's Center.

"We are delighted to be able to continue to help these charities at this time of year when the demand can so easily outstrip supply," said Tom Hoover, former president of the Lions.

Each year Lions' Club Charities raise money for deserving causes, including FISH, the Salvation Army and other local organizations that provide help and relief for local families.*



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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

The holiday spirit was alive and well at last

Friday's meeting, held on December 23. Rotarian Dick Waterhouse provided mimosas for everyone

to celebrate the season and toast to the friendships made at Rotary. We are a pretty congenial group and last Friday we were just a tad more congenial.

Since Rotary is a global service organization and has worldwide members from all religious faiths and beliefs, our program was focused in on a few of the spiritual traditions celebrated around the globe during this season. The Senior Pastor at the Sanibel Congregational Church and fellow Rotarian, John Danner, spoke about what he called the "Season of Lights." Our "Season of Lights" shines all over the world with the traditions and spiritual meanings of Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

Rev. Danner began with Hanukkah; the "Festival of Lights" is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar. This is not a major Jewish holiday but a time for reflection on religious freedom commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt of the second century BCE against Antiochus IV Epiphanes and his forces. Antiochus IV Epiphanes and his soldiers had plundered the city of Jerusalem, invaded the great temple, stole from the treasury, and key elements of the Jewish faith were forbidden; the observance of Judaism was an offense punishable by death. The Jewish leader, Judas Maccabeus and his followers revolted and took the temple back and per-



Senior Pastor of Sanibel Congregational Church, Rev. John Danner

formed a purification rite including the lighting of eight purified oil-lit candles. They only had enough oil to light one candle, but miraculously the oil lasted for eight days. Today, the right to worship and religious freedom is celebrated by the lighting of the nine-branched Jewish menorah, each branch symbolizing the eight days of Hanukkah.

John also briefly touched on some of the other traditions of Hanukkah. The Dreidel is a toy used by the children at the time Jews were not allowed to practice their religion. The children would go in the woods to study the Torah and if soldiers appeared, they would quickly hide what they were studying and pretend to be playing this gambling game with the top. Today, the dreidel is a Hanukkah symbol to honor the courage of those children. Gelt and goodies are given to children during Hanukkah to remind them of the gift of giving symbolizing, the Jerusalem temple trust fund for orphans, that was stolen during the

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Myra Roberts' painting will be one of many auction items up for bid at the shell museum's Under the Sea benefit

Sunset And Surf To Spotlight Shell Museum Luau

A Sanibel sunset will be one feature of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's annual Under the Sea benefit. The fundraiser will be held under the stars on the beach at Island Inn on January 29, from 4 to 9 p.m. Shuttle service will be available at Bailey's.

The fun-filled evening, with the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company as Grand Sponsor, will include a Polynesian luau with authentic Polynesian dancers, live music, a Polynesian dinner catered by Traditions and Bailey's, and lots of auction and raffle prizes. A new painting from Sanibel artist Myra Roberts titled *Aloha Mermaid* will be auctioned. The painting will be on display at the Sanibel Public Library on January 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. during a preview event presented by Evelyn Stewart of Adventures in Paradise. Roberts will have other paintings available for sale at the library, and a portion of sales will be donated to the shell museum.)

President Terry Igo, president of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company said, "The great thing about Sanibel and Captiva is that there are always treasures to be discovered. Many islanders don't realize that The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is a one-of-a-kind, internationally-known museum with the most extensive collection 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.

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Lunch Hour Lectures At The Shell Museum

The Shell Museum's Friday Lunch Hour series continues at noon on January 13 as world traveler and shell expert Dr. Gary Schmelz shares colorful sea life images during his Wonders of the South Pacific Coral Reefs presentation. Dr. Schmelz has led several shell museum-sponsored shelling and fossil excursions.

Dr. Steve Geiger of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Research Institute in St. Petersburg will be the first presenter in the 2012 Natural Science Lecture series at the museum from 2 to 3 p.m. on January 11.

Dr. Geiger is a research scientist in the Marine Fisheries Research department. He has been employed with the state of Florida since 1988. He has worked in the Molluscan Fisheries group since 2001 and has led the group since 2009. His current work focuses on shellfish monitoring and restoration, primarily scallops, hard clams and oysters.

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



Dr. Gary Schmelz

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

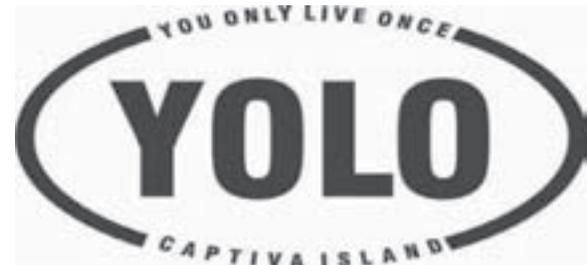
Both lectures are free with museum admission or membership. For more information call 395-2233. The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road.✪

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On Friday, January 6 at 10 a.m., come to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Nature Center and learn about how and why the City of Sanibel incorporated.

Sanibel's land use plan is based on the island's natural systems. This work yielded the preservation of the phenomenal and bountiful natural resources we all enjoy today. The cost of the program is \$5 per adult, with children and SCCF members admitted free.

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



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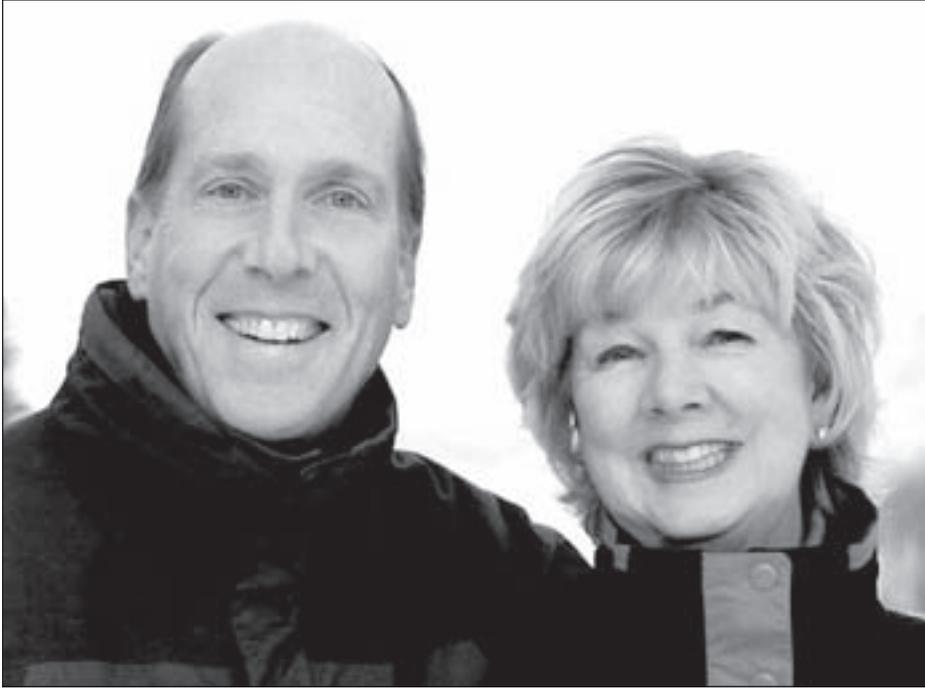
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Celebrity Birders Don & Lillian Stokes To Lead Private Refuge Birding Tours



Don and Lillian Stokes

Longtime Sanibel Island winter residents and nationally acclaimed bird authors and TV personalities Don and Lillian Stokes will contribute their time and expertise to lead two fundraising birders tram tours of J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on the morning of Friday, February 24.

Wildlife Drive is normally closed on Fridays, meaning tour participants will have the birds and the Stokes all to themselves. Lillian Stokes will speak about and demonstrate

bird photography on one of the trams, while her husband – on a second tram – will focus on the principles of bird identification.

Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession, will be donating the use of two trams. Together, they accommodate 80 passengers, so interested persons are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible, because the Stokes' past tram tours have filled up quickly.

The Stokes have authored 32 books in their Stokes Field Guides series, including their new best-seller, *The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America*, and have hosted a birding television show for PBS.

"The Stokes are veteran birding experts recognized throughout the country, and they have quite a following," said Birgie Vertesch, executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, which is organizing the tours. "Thanks to their generosity and our partnership with Tarpon Bay Explorers, 100 percent of the proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit wildlife and education programs at the refuge."

Cost for tour tickets are \$75 each for a half-day tour that includes coffee and pastries in the Refuge Education Center starting at 7:30 a.m. and use of spotting scopes on the drive. To make your reservation, contact Vertesch at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Below is a schedule of special events planned by DDWS and the refuge for the first half of 2012:

- Friday, January 20 through Friday, April 6: 2012 "Ding" Darling Lecture Series, sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club
- Friday, February 24: Private Refuge Birding Tram Tour with Don and Lillian Stokes
- Monday, March 12 (tentative): Dinner with Douglas Brinkley at The Sanctuary Golf Club
- Wednesday, March 21: *The Big Year* movie showing with author Mark Obmascik
- Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5: "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Invitational
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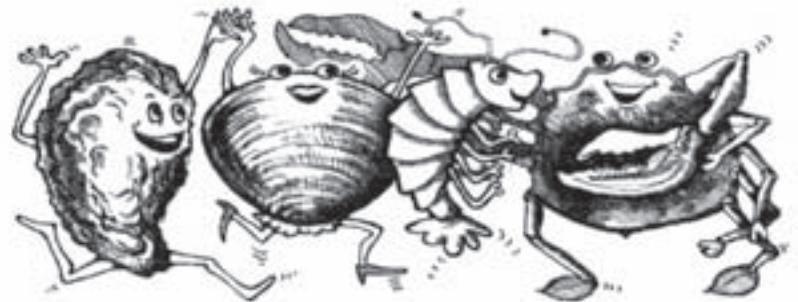
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Fall-Like Weather Brings Plenty Of Action



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

With our winter heatwave still going strong as I write this, conditions on the water could not be better this week. Usually by this time of year surface activity in

the bay has slowed a little and it's all about fishing the bottom in sheltered creeks and deeper channels, finding the fish that are hunkered down for winter.

All over the sound this week it felt more like fall out there with schools of ladyfish and mackerel feeding on glass minnows on the deeper flats, making an easy target and quick action. These schools also had good numbers of soon-to-be keeper-size trout on them. Fishing one school of surface-feeding fish just north of Chino Island this week I even saw a couple of rolling tarpon in the mix.

Trout season finally reopens January 1. Trout are one of the go-to species for us all winter long. For anglers looking for an easy meal, the bag limit of four per angler makes bringing home a fish dinner a no-brainer. Depending on weather conditions, trout can be found all over the sound. On warm sunny days, shal-

low grass flats in the three-foot range are the place to target these fish. When conditions are cool, deeper channels and basins five feet or deeper are the place to be. The bait that never fails for trout this time of year is live shrimp. The colder the temperatures the slower and closer to the bottom the live shrimp needs to be. On sunny warm days a shrimp rigged on a popping cork is hard to beat. On a cold day a shrimp slow-bounced on a jig head is the way to go.

Redfish action remains good with the average size of the fish getting smaller and smaller as it does every winter. Non-stop action on rat reds this week was found in the deeper tidal creeks on the lower stages of the tide, and out around mangrove keys in open water during the higher tides. The south wind we had for a few days pushed the tide up much higher than the tide chart had forecast and really had the redfish fired up.

While working mangrove keys on the higher stages of the tide we also caught a few snook. Though most of them were on the small side, we did lose one by the boat around the 30-inch mark.

If you're chasing a bigger redfish you can go one of two ways: shallow water or deeper water. Docks around the passes held a few slot-size reds for me this week. During strong tides use enough weight around these docks to hold your bait on the bottom. Small pinfish or live shrimp will get the job done. Bigger slot size redfish can also be located out on the shallow flats sunning themselves. Flats within a mile or so of the passes seem to be the best bet. The shallow water redfish are best fished on the lower stages of the tide



Hunter Jolly with a redfish caught in Captiva Pass with Capt. Matt Mitchell

and can often be spotted tailing or pushing water. They are often very spooky and need to be approached either in stealth mode by quietly poling or waiting for them to get close enough to you that you can present a bait.

The inshore catch-and-release gag grouper bite is still going off and makes for great light tackle action. Any place in the sound where you can find structure, there might be a grouper. I have been fishing some concrete culverts in about five feet of water in the northern sound and it's been a blast. Live pinfish either on a jig head or a knocker rig get slammed almost every cast. Pulling these hard-hitting fish away from the structure takes some skill and it is often worth bringing along a larger spinning rod. Gag grouper season is closed until the end of

March.

Sheepshead fishing has been a little slow with the unseasonably warm weather. Most of the larger fish seem to be still schooled up on near-shore wrecks and reefs and have not made the move to the bay yet. Rock jetties and docks around the passes are holding sheepshead up to around four pounds, although our deeper mangrove creeks are holding very few. Shrimp pieces and fiddler crabs fished with just enough weight to get the bait to the bottom are the rigs of choice.

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.*



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Birding at the Preserves January Schedule:

- January 20, Sanibel Gardens Preserve. Enter Island Inn Road from Tarpon Bay Road and park on the side of the road near the trailhead or enter Island Inn Road from West Gulf Drive, park near road barrier and take a short walk to trailhead.

- January 27, Periwinkle Preserve. Meet at the gazebo on Periwinkle Way, across the street from Sanibel Community Church (and slightly west on Periwinkle). Park at Jerry's or Mango Bay. Park neatly and away from handicap and unloading areas.✱



Pileated woodpecker
photo courtesy of Clair Postmus



Island native, dune sunflower

Native Plant Walks To Resume

Love Native Plants? Explore with Weeds and Seeds, a group of amateur botanists who enjoy finding and identifying native plants on Sanibel. The group will resume meetings on Mondays January 9. Gather on the porch of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) at 8:45 a.m. Walks, lasting for

two hours, are guided by a leader with a plant list. Destination habitats include beach, mangroves, wetlands as well as dryer inland areas. The walks are free but donations for SCCF are welcome. You may need parking money. Bring a hat, water, sun-block and comfortable enclosed shoes with socks.

For information on the January 9 and 23 walks, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878; for the January 16 and 30 walks, call Betty Eertmode at 395-9240.✱

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CROW Case Of The Week:
Year In Review



by Patricia Molloy
This year was a very busy one for CROW's staff; they treated more than 4,150 injured wild animals in 2011. That's up from the 4,111 patients in 2010.

With more than 80 percent of patients arriving from off-island locations each year, the wildlife facility has partnered with local domestic veterinarian clinics to offer nine drop-off points in Lee County. CROW volunteers make daily pick-ups excursions.

Just a few of the 2011 success stories: A baby Cooper's hawk arrived in May weighing a mere 200 grams. She had a fracture of the right tibiotarsus, which is between the knee and ankle. After receiving pain medication, the tiny hawk was given some fluids and a splint was put on her leg.

Once her leg healed and she was eating seven or eight mice a day, her feathers were developed enough that she began flying. The little hawk was released in Fort Myers in June.

An adult female Peninsula cooter arrived in July after being hit by a car near the Southwest Florida International Airport. The cooter was given pain medi-

cation right away. The staff cleaned her up with saline solution and applied antibiotic cream and a bandage.

After recovering from her injuries, the Peninsula cooter, CROW patient number 2846, was released in one of the ponds in the Bailey Tract.

An adult male Virginia opossum was delivered in October to one of CROW's drop-off sites after being shot eight times with a BB gun. "A lot of people see opossums as pests - they're going to scavenge and they're going to dig - but people don't understand every animal has a place in the ecosystem and that it has an effect if one is removed," CROW Senior Rehabilitator Robin Bast stressed. He was sedated and most of the BBs were successfully removed.

CROW's patient was soon eating solid food on his own - soaked kitten chow with fruit and mouse bits. Five days later all of his wounds were starting to scab over properly and were healing well on their own, as the infection had cleared up. On the 12th day, he was finished with his round of antibiotics and was a normal adult opossum again. The opossum was released the next day at a site in Alva.

On January 1, 2012, CROW welcomes Dr. Heather Barron as its new clinic director.

Happy New Year!
 CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital



Thirty six percent of patients are mammals, like these orphaned raccoons currently at the clinic



Less than one percent are amphibians, like this baby American alligator. The species is only found in the southeastern U.S.



Reptiles make up more than six percent of patients treated, like this land-dwelling tortoise



Nearly 58 percent are avians, like the double crested cormorant and brown pelican

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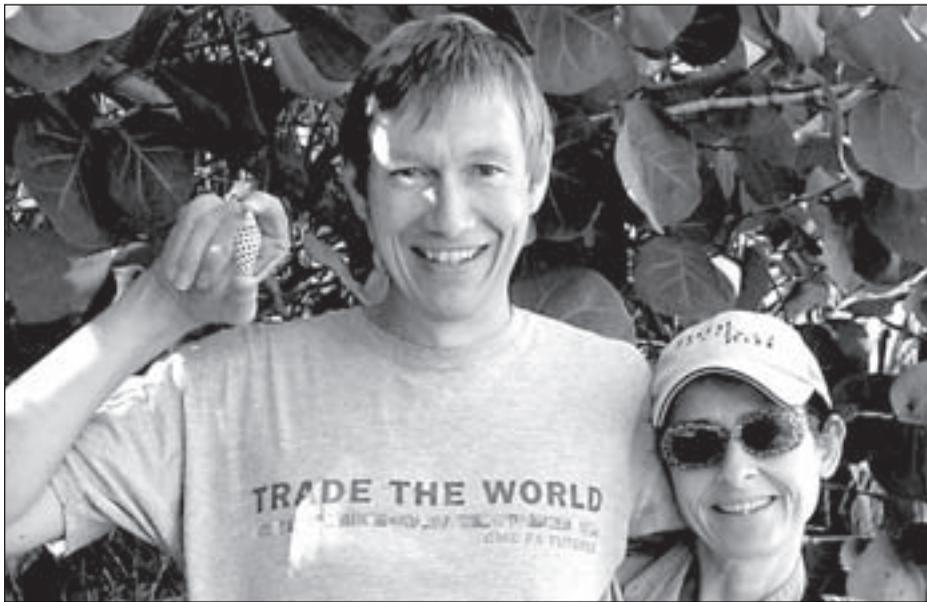
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Shell Found



Matthias Wendt and Claudia Novelli

Matthias Wendt from Zurich, Switzerland found another junonia – the fourth one he’s discovered during his lifelong shelling experiences – while staying on Captiva last week. “They call me Mr. Junonia on the island,” added Wendt. “It’s my third junonia this year and we are together for 23 years.”

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Shell Found



Mike Gillmore

Mike Gillmore got the best Christmas present this year any sheller on Sanibel-Captiva islands could ask for – the sought after junonia. Being a sheller and collector since his teens, Gillmore said, “I have spent 20 years searching for this crown jewel for my collection and I feel so lucky and blessed to have found this treasure from the sea on this holiday.

“I had just settled into digging in a nice pile of shells off Bowman’s Beach near the dead tree with the eagle’s nest in it, when all of a sudden I saw those “brown spots” and started flinging shells madly. And there it was... my perfect junonia. This was a true Christmas present from the sea!”

Shell Found



Mindy Rutherford

My name is Mindy Rutherford. I found this junonia shell in the surf about a half-mile south of the Island Inn on December 5. It was approximately noon and shortly after high tide.

I was vacationing with my husband, Ben, and my mother and her husband, Linda and Paul Simmons. This was my third trip to Sanibel in the past two years, but I also vacationed at Sanibel over 30 years ago as a small child. I always knew the lore of the junonia, but never expected to find one. I was surprised at how strikingly beautiful and unique it appeared when I saw it in the surf. I knew immediately what it was and lunged for it! I will always treasure it.

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Larry Wooten, Debbie Fortney and Diane Wooten

Debbie Fortney of Overland Park, Kansas found a junonia by the Sanibel Lighthouse while staying at the Kona Kai. She was visiting her parents Larry and Diane Wooten. ✨

CROW Offers Public Presentations

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will continue hosting presentations as part of its Wonders of Wildlife lecture series to educate the public on native and migratory wildlife species, what makes them unique and how they wind up at CROW.

Presentations are held at 11 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday, at CROW's Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. Each day will feature a different presentation given by CROW's volunteers, staff or wildlife partners.

Please join in for these upcoming presentations:

- *Raptors: Predator or Prey and Meet an Animal Ambassador* on Friday, December 30

CROW introduces two special guests. Erich Neupert, executive director for Blackland Prairie Raptor Center in Dallas, Texas, will discuss raptors. Learn everything you want to know about these magnificent birds that live in Southwest Florida.

The second presenter will be a representative from the Calusa Nature Center in Fort Myers, who will bring Hootie, a screech owl and education ambassador. Animal ambassadors cannot live in the wild due to physical or psychological injuries and live in captivity as educational ambassadors. Learn more about Hootie, and the personal and natural histories of these special animals.

- *Armadillos & Raccoons: A Timeline From Injury To Release* on Tuesday, January 3

Learn the step-by-step process of rescuing, admitting, treating and ultimately releasing two common patients back into the wild.

For additional information, call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org. ✨

Shell Islands Garden Club's Annual Auction

Come help celebrate the Shell Islands Garden Club's 20th anniversary at our annual auction and help support CROW, SCCF, ECHO and Trails In Motion at the same time.

The party is going to be held at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9.

For a \$5 ticket, available at the door or from a club member, you will be entitled to one beverage and a door prize ticket. Appetizers and desserts concocted by club members will be available, too.

Shell Islands Garden Club members have been busily creating fun and tasty theme baskets that would please you or your best beau... bring him along, too!

Several artists and businesses have donated gift certificates and items to be auctioned off by Tommy Williams. Among them are one-year Planet Fitness membership, gifts from Floral Artistry, Sanibel Home Furnishing, R.S. Walsh Landscaping, MacIntosh Books and Paper, Chico's, Sanibel Olive Oil Company, Norris Interiors and Bromeliads by Judy Hicks. Forever Green will donate a living wall.

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Sanctuary Shows Off Butterfly Garden



Participants during last month's Kids Camp Nature Experience

The Sanctuary Golf Club Wildlife Committee hosted its first Kids Camp Nature Experience of the 2011-12 season on Wednesday, November 23. Twelve enthusiastic children, assisted by parents, Sanctuary staff and wildlife committee members Denise Carnell and Marcia Korwin, created a haven for butterflies alongside one of the course's many gopher tortoise habitats.

The event began with a short presentation on the lifecycle of the butterfly. In addition, three different species of butterflies were on exhibit as well as several pupae and caterpillars, which were provided by Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife president Charlie Ewell. Following the presentation, everyone went to work planting the several varieties of plants that will either serve as hosts for caterpillars to feed on or as nectar sources for the adult butterflies to visit.

Jenny Evans, manager of the SCCF Native Plant Nursery, created the planting pallet which included wild lime, corky-stemmed passionflower, mist flower, bahama cassia, beautyberry, salvia, penta and dune sunflower. A wide variety of plants were utilized to help support generations of commonly seen butterflies on the course, such as gulf fritillary, monarch, barred sulphur and zebra longwing butterflies.



The golf course grounds are filled with native plants

"The new butterfly garden will grow and flourish and should provide a safe haven for the butterflies, provide continuous educational opportunities, and be a beautiful spot for golfers as they pass by," said Denise Carnell, Sanctuary wildlife committee member.

The Sanctuary will be celebrating its ninth year as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary golf course in 2012 and projects such as this continue to promote the outreach and education facet of the program. The wildlife committee will be hosting many more events during the season to encourage children to learn more about nature and the special wildlife opportunities here on Sanibel.*



Dick and Gloria Waterhouse, hosts of the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron annual Christmas white elephant gift exchange

Waterhouses Host Christmas Gift Exchange

Dick and Gloria Waterhouse hosted the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron's annual Christmas white elephant gift exchange. Pat Knutzen, Judy Niswonger and Marilyn Helfers also attended the luncheon, held at the St Charles Yacht Club.

The event featured lots of holiday decor, lots of holiday attire, lots of holiday good cheer and lots of fun Christmas gifts. Among the exchanged gifts was an original watercolor painting by Annemarie Widerstrom of vibrant spring flowers. There were many stuffed animals and popular was a winsome looking moose peering out of a Christmas stocking.

The Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron wishes a happy, safe and healthy holiday season to all.✱



Pat Knutzen, Judy Niswonger and Marilyn Helfers attend the luncheon held at the St. Charles Yacht Club

America's Boating Course

Offered by the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Cmdr. Mary Smelter, the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering *America's Boating Course* on Saturday, January 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

The State of Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 HP. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

upon completion of the class.

The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, January 28, also from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Successful completion of this course entitles the boater to six months free membership in a United States Power Squadron.

The cost of the course is \$40, with a \$20 cost for a second person sharing the instruction materials.

The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd., at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call the office at 466-4040.✱

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Sanibel Captiva Gardeners

The 55th meeting of the Master Gardener Lecture Series will be held on Thursday January 5 at 10 a.m. at the Sanibel Library. Speaker is Dr. AD Ali, senior scientist at the Davey Tree Institute founded in 1880.

His topic will be Good Gals, Bad Boys aka Good Bugs, Bad Bugs. As we transition into the dry season different species of insects emerge and affect our trees, palms, shrubs and flowering plants. Currently Sanibel is experiencing a new insect, the spiraling whitefly which is severely affecting the gumbo limbo and ficus trees - not to mention several scale species which are present year round. But not all insects are harmful to our plant life - many insects are predators and attack and destroy the harmful insects. In fact the Department of Natural Resources here on Sanibel has, in the past, obtained and released these predators to control/eliminate the harmful insect. Indiscriminate spraying will result in eliminating both the bad and good insects - or worse produce resistant bad bugs.

Dr. Ali has almost 30 years experience as a professional in the green industry and has earned a BS, MS and PhD. He recently published a book on insects which is recognized as one of the most practical and valuable guides to identify the beneficial from the harmful insects.

Dr. Ali provides educational support to offices and field staff in seven southern states, conducts research that has resulted

in 350 published scientific papers and has presented programs at over 300 conferences, seminars and workshops. He is an adjunct professor at Edison College and is widely acknowledged as one of the most dynamic and articulate speakers in the arboriculture field. He has written news columns and appeared on radio and TV both in Florida and California.

The digital Powerpoint images are remarkable and illustrate the subjects in full color. A few copies of his newest book will be available to purchase following the program.

Free admission - open to the public - seating is limited. ☺

Birding Class At 'Ding' Darling

A birding class sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, called How To Bird The Refuge, will be held on Wednesday, January 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Harold Johnstone will conduct a one-hour session in Auditorium B at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center, which will be followed by a tour of the refuge to put your new knowledge to work.

The San-Cap Audubon's goal is to help beginning and intermediate birders learn tips to increase their bird-watching enjoyment.

Participants are asked to bring their own binoculars for this class, which is limited to 30 participants.

Call 395-3804 to sign up. ☺

Forum Topic Is America's Water Crisis

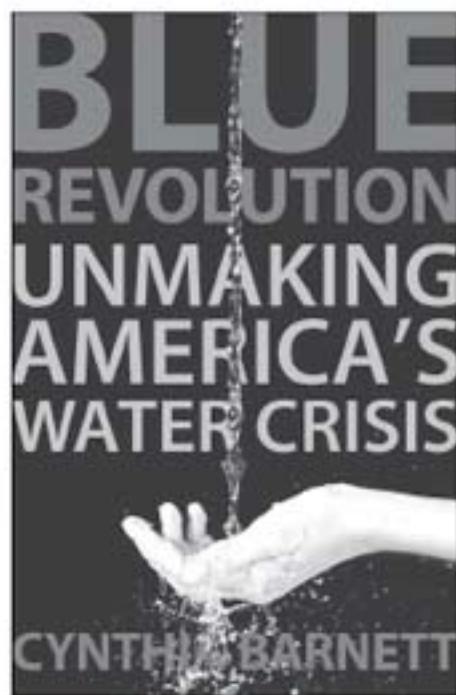
Cynthia Barnett, author of *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis*, will be the featured speaker at the Conservation Forum, presented by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the Everglades Foundation on January 31 at 7 p.m. at The Community House. The event is free.

Barnett, a long-time journalist who has reported on freshwater issues from the Suwannee River to Singapore, is the author of two books on water. This latest calls for a water ethic for America similar to the land ethic promoted by Aldo Leopold in the 1940s.

Her first book, *Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.*, won the gold medal for best non-fiction in the Florida Book Awards and was named by the *St. Petersburg Times* as one of the top 10 books that every Floridian should read. *Mirage* was also a One Region/One Book read in 30 Florida counties.

For more information, visit the author's website at www.cynthiabarnett.net.

Following Barnett's presentation,



there will be a Q&A with the author plus SCCF's Natural Resource Policy Director Rae Ann Wessel and Kirk Fordham, CEO of the Everglades Foundation. The event is free with a wine and cheese reception and book signing following.

For more information, call SCCF at 472-2329. ☺

Plant Smart

Thryallis

by Gerri Reaves

Thryallis (*Galphimia gracilis*) is a dense evergreen shrub loved for its bright yellow flowers. Another common name, slender goldshower, derives from the term *gracilia*, which means slender.

Although not native to the state, it is deemed Florida-friendly.

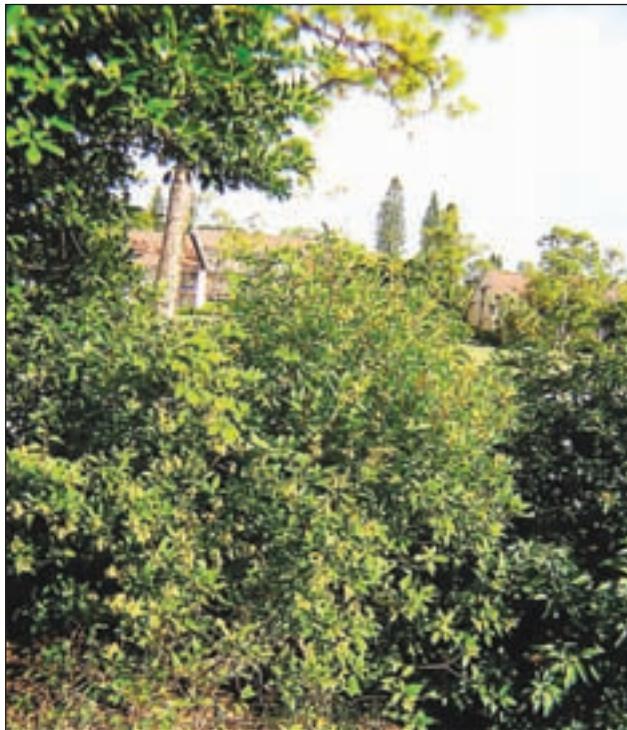
A member of the Barbados cherry family, thryallis is loved for its bright-yellow star-shaped flowers. They appear in clusters of four to six and are about three-fourths of an inch across.

Semi-woody with elliptical leaves, this shrub has compact, twiggy growth. The slender stems are reddish when young.

Thryallis prefers full sun but will tolerate some shade. A moderate to fast grower, it usually reaches five to six feet tall.

For gardeners who typically flat-top hedges, it is likely not suitable because it grows fairly fast and becomes bare at the base. The shearing will take off all the profusion of flowers that make this a desirable plant in the first place.

Plant thryallis where it can assume its natural shape and keep the delicate branches, such as in a mass planting. However, it might require expert pruning to avoid becoming leggy.



Thryallis thrives best when allowed to assume a natural form
photos by Gerri Reaves

Adaptable and moderately drought tolerant, thryallis requires well-drained soil, and attracts bees, butterflies, and birds.

Propagate with the seeds in the capsule or with soft-wood cuttings. It can be used as a container plant and blooms almost all year.

Sources: Florida, My Eden by Frederic B. Stresau, plant-book.org; floridasnature.com.

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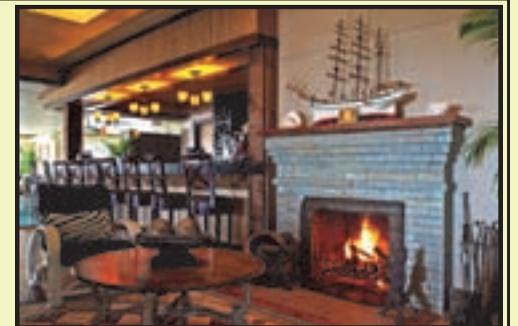
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Coyote Sighting On Sanibel



Paul Wheeler's photograph of a coyote on his property

“We spotted the coyote last night on our security cameras,” said Paul Wheeler. “As long time residents of Sanibel, we often see photos in the newspaper of sightings and thought you might be interested in publishing it. Our property backs up to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation land off of Casa Ybel Road.” ✨



Painted turtle laying her eggs

Painted Turtle Captured On Camera

Jennifer DeForest spotted this painted turtle laying her eggs by the cemetery bike trail on Sanibel. “Other bikers stopped to watch as well keeping our distance so as not to disturb the busy mother. We were all amazed to witness this wonderful act of nature. The timing so close to Christmas and the birth of Jesus makes it all that more special. Truly a memory that will last a lifetime.” – Jennifer DeForest ✨

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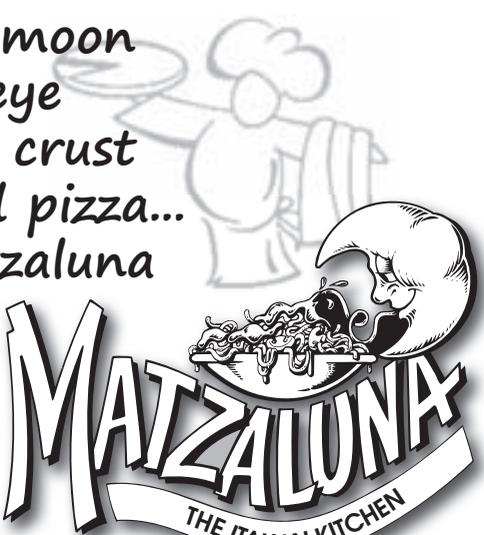
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In November 2010, Darryl Pottorf gave an original artwork to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) for the hospital's fundraising efforts. This stunning depiction of a young osprey measures 48.75 inches by 32.5 inches, is valued at \$22,000, and is currently on display at Bank of the Islands.

Steve Greenstein, executive director of CROW, said, "We were overwhelmed by Darryl's generosity, and determined to build a unique fundraising event around his contribution. After The Story of Ospreys was presented to overflow audiences four times at CROW, we knew we had the perfect vehicle to showcase Darryl's magnificent artwork and turn it into a major donation to CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education."

As a result, CROW will celebrate the official beginning of osprey breeding season with Ospreyfest! on Sunday, January 15 at Traditions on the Beach in Sanibel's historic Island Inn on West Gulf Drive, starting at 4 p.m.

The event features The Story of Ospreys with "Bird" Westall, founder of The International Osprey Foundation (TIOF), Claudia Burns, longtime CROW/TIOF volunteer, and Dave Horton, creator of the Hortoons seen in many locations on the islands.

Ospreyfest! is sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, with Bailey's General Store as wine sponsor. A silent auction of osprey-related items will take place prior to a three-course dinner, created and served by Andrea Mucciga's award-winning staff. During the silent auction, Horton will create impromptu drawings of ospreys which will be auctioned off.

The highlight of the evening will be a live auction of the original artwork Pottorf created for CROW. Following the auction, Burns will present The Story of Ospreys, punctuated with lifelike osprey calls performed by Westall.

All proceeds go toward the care and feeding of patients at CROW. Additional sponsorships are available for \$100 (Hatchling), \$250 (Nestling), \$500 (Fledgling) and \$1000 (Fish Hawk). The Fledgling sponsorship includes tickets for two, and the Fish Hawk designation admits four.

Admission to Ospreyfest! is \$75 per person and is limited to 175. For more information and to reserve your ticket, contact Debbie Friedlund, co-chair of Ospreyfest!, at 472-6667 or email SanibelFL@hotmail.com.*



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

San-Cap Audubon 'Ding' Darling Bird Walk

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will kick off its new bird walk season with an outing on Saturday, December 31 at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel. Participants will meet in the trolley parking lot at 8 a.m.

These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of birding experience. Refuge fees still apply for admission. The Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted.

Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for additional details.*

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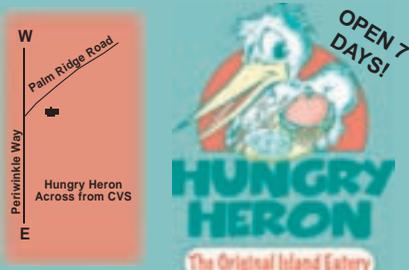
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The two-and-a-half-hour adventure begins at the WP Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, enter the historic bends of the river and revisit the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the settlers 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 natural resource policy director. The vessel is the spacious 47-passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat that runs daily manatee tours. All seats have a great view for photographs and bird watching.

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

Cruises return by 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. Call SCCF at 472-2329. Reservations must be made by Friday, January 20 for the January 22 cruise. Space is limited.*

**Coyote And Bear
Tales At SCCF**



Closeup of a black bear

On Thursday, January 5 at 10 a.m. the public is invited to Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) to learn about two newcomer species to the islands.

A coyote and a Florida black bear were documented on the island for the first time last winter.

Coyotes have now moved into every county in Florida. Both human and bear populations are growing in Florida. Eighty percent of a bear's diet comes from insects and fruits.

The program is about the behaviors of these two new species and how to live



A coyote roadside

with them. Admission is free to children and SCCF members, \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.*

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Dr. Archibald To Visit San-Cap Audubon



Whooping crane

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon welcomes world renowned ornithologist Dr. George Archibald as the first guest speaker of 2012.

Join Dr. Archibald as he provides A Special Dance With Cranes on Thursday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House on Sanibel. The award-winning conservation icon and co-founder of the International Crane Foundation will enlighten the audience on his activities cultivating and revolutionizing the preservation of rare crane species and their wetland habitats.

Born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Archibald received his BS degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS in 1968. He then moved on to graduate work in the U.S., earning his doctorate at Cornell University. In 1973, he co-founded the International Crane Foundation with Ron Sauey – a colleague from Cornell – in a horse barn owned by Sauey's parents. The foundation, now



Dr. George Archibald dances with whooping crane named Gee Whiz

located in Baraboo, Wisconsin, emerged at a perilous time for cranes when many of the remaining 15 species were on the verge of extinction.

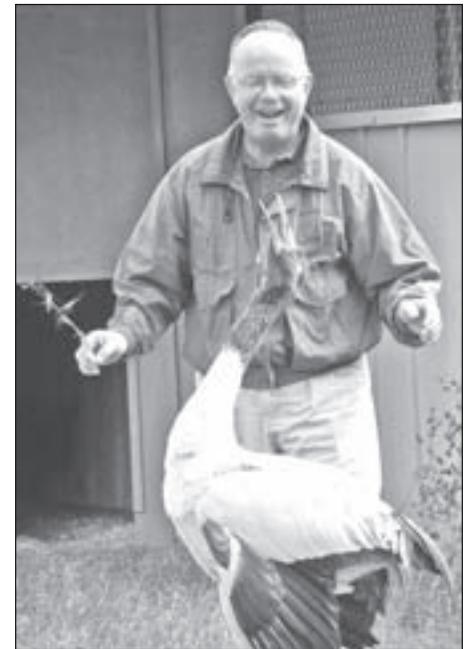
Today, Archibald is known globally as the world's leading scientific authority on cranes. In 1987, The United Nations placed him on the Global 500 Roll of Honor for Environmental Achievement.

Because only 15 whooping cranes would have represented the flock we have today, Archibald recognized how critical it was to take drastic measures and spent three years with a human imprinted, genetically valuable whooping crane named Tex. He dressed like and acted as would a male crane – walking, calling and dancing to shift her into reproductive condition. Utilizing artificial insemination, Tex eventually laid a fertile egg. Her offspring, named Gee Whiz, went on to produce seven offspring of his own.

The story of Archibald and Tex brought fame to the foundation's captive breeding program. People from all walks of life recognize Archibald as the man who danced with cranes.

Today, the International Crane Foundation raises Whooping cranes for reintroduction into the wild using an isolation rearing technique where human handlers wear crane costumes to avoid human imprinting. This technique was pioneered by Archibald's wife, Kyoko.

This is the first of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society lectures to be held in 2012 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. As always, all are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and parking is available at the Community House as well as across Periwinkle Way in the Herb Strauss Theater parking area.



Dr. Archibald and friend

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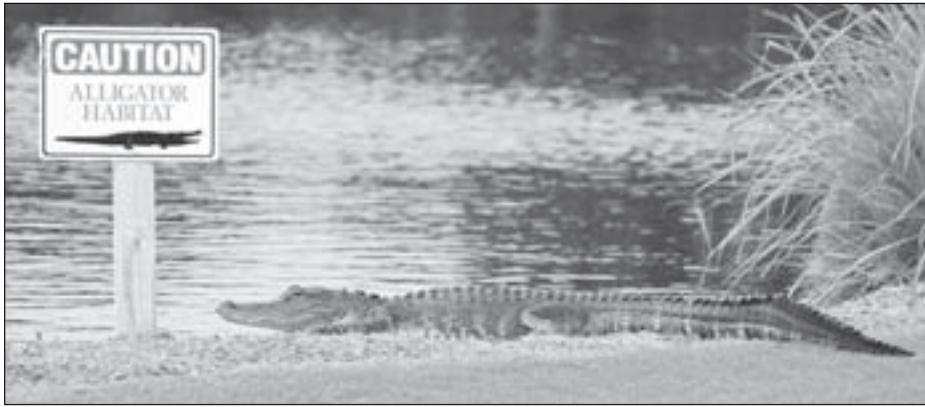
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Following the program take a walk on the trails to see an alligator nest that hatched this summer.

The female crocodile released on Sanibel last summer is still here. Did she nest this summer? Like all reptiles eggs, hers can be laid even if they have not been fertilized.

Call SCCF at 472-2329 for more information. SCCF is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.*

Bird Patrol At Lakes Park

Take a nature walk with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, January 7 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Lakes Regional Park.

This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds.

Please arrive a few minutes after 8 a.m. for a brief introduction and to sign waivers. Tours start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

Participants will meet at Shelter A7 at Lakes Regional Park, located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus and turn right. Drive to the end of the road and continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the Train Station.

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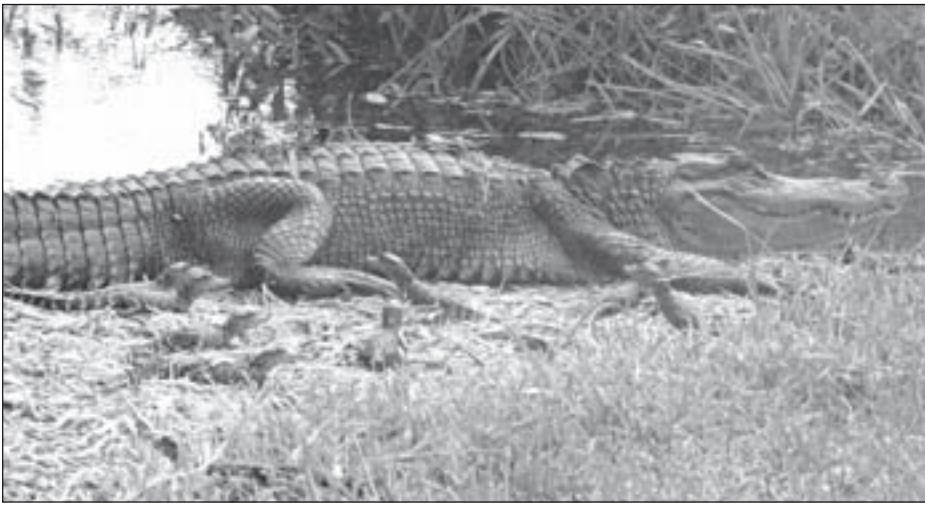
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submitted by Bob Allen

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The eight-hour course is offered on January 14 at the Sanibel library. You can register on line at www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/cfind.cgi. Advanced registration is strongly suggested. If you have questions call Jack Purse at 471-7758.*



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SCCF Wildlife Tour At The Dunes

Take a wildlife tour by golf cart at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club to see alligators and birds.

Last season, eagles and a crocodile were also spotted. The golf course lakes surrounded by Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation preserved lands make for great wildlife viewing.

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

The next monthly tour is Tuesday, January 3. Future tours will be held on the first Tuesday of every month through April.*

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The Southwest Florida Symphony brings the music of Beethoven, Wagner and Mozart to Sanibel's BIG ARTS on Wednesday, January 11 at 8 p.m. In keeping with the relaxed attitude of the island, this classical chamber orchestra series, conducted by music director Michael Hall, offers superb classical music in a relaxed, intimate atmosphere.

Beethoven's *Overture to the ballet Creatures of Prometheus* was composed in 1801 and achieved immediate popular success. The brilliant allegro section is thought to represent Prometheus fleeing from heaven after stealing fire from the gods.

Wagner wrote the symphonic poem *Siegfried Idyll* as a birthday present for his wife after the birth of their son, Siegfried, in 1869. It was first performed on Christmas morning on the stairs of their villa. It is a beautiful, intimate and lovingly crafted work for chamber orchestra.

The *Piano Concerto No. 17* is one of Mozart's finest. It features powerful modulations and the finale, a set of variations, is particularly noteworthy.

Pianist Hyojin Ahn leads a multifaceted musical life that has taken her across Europe, the United States, Haiti and her home country of Korea. She has appeared at the Kennedy Center in a performance aired live on NPR nationwide, and has twice extensively toured the

Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

Ms. Ahn was awarded the Presser Music Award with which she studied and toured in France, Italy and Austria. She has won top prizes at several competitions, including the New World Symphony Concerto Competition, the Jacob Flier International Competition, the Samick Piano Competition, the World Newspaper Piano Competition and the Youth Chamber Music Competition.

A graduate of Seoul National University and the University of Michigan, she earned her doctorate from Rice University. After graduation, she won the keyboard position in the New World Symphony and spent three years playing under music director Michael Tilson Thomas. Currently, she teaches at Barry University in Miami Shores and holds the position of principal keyboard of the Southwest Florida Symphony.

A post-concert discussion will take place after the concert with Michael Hall and musicians. The discussion offers an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and is free to any ticket holder.

Tickets are priced at \$36 for adults and \$5 for students. The Series of Three Symphony on Sanibel concerts (including January 11, February 22 and March 14) is on sale for \$90. For more information, call the Symphony Box Office at 418-0996 or visit www.swflso.org

The Symphony on Sanibel Series is sponsored by Bailey's General Store, Friends of the Symphony on Sanibel-Captiva, the L.A.T. Foundation and Tween Waters Inn.*

Navarro Awarded 2011 BIG ARTS Classical Music Scholarship



Priscila Navarro

On Sunday, December 11, the winner of the 2011 BIG ARTS/Kenneth L. Nees Classical Music Scholarship Award, Priscila Navarro, was announced.

A 17-year-old sophomore studying piano performance at the Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music, Navarro is also the winner of the 2011 International Chopin Competition of South America. Navarro received a full scholarship to study at the Tanglewood Festival in Massachusetts in summer 2011, has performed with the National Orchestra of Perú, and has also been selected to perform at the 2012 Corsi Internazionali di Musica in Perugia, Italy. She is a top academic scholar and was valedictorian of her high school graduating class in Perú.

The major goal of the BIG ARTS/Kenneth L. Nees Classical Music Scholarship is to provide scholarships to highly talented high school and college students who plan to continue their classical music training. Students who study any classical musical instrument, composition, conducting or teaching are eligible. Applications for this classical music scholarship are due in September and more information is available online at www.BIGARTS.org.

Ken Nees is a BIG ARTS volunteer who not only works in the office every day, but is also the chair of the Workshop/Classes Committee. He also has served several terms on the Board of Directors. He is a fan of classical music and is devoted to helping talented young musicians continue to develop their musical talents.

If you have benefited from arts education, and are inspired to make these opportunities available for others, BIG Arts has several scholarship programs that are supported by generous donors.

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Forum Lecture Series At BIG ARTS To Celebrate 10th Anniversary Season

BIG ARTS celebrates the 10th anniversary of its distinguished Forum Lecture Series this spring with eight prominent scholars and experts scheduled to speak on topics such as national security, fiscal issues, next year's election cycle and presidential contest, and many others.

The season's line-up includes Deborah A. Gist, Rhode Island commissioner of elementary and secondary education (January 8); Dr. Michael A. Levi, program director for energy security and climate change at the Council on Foreign Relations (January 22); Senator Alan K. Simpson, esteemed politician from Wyoming and co-chair of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (February 8); Stuart Rothenberg, editor and publisher of *The Rothenberg Political Report* (February 19); Dr. Geoffrey Kemp, director of regional strategic programs at the Center for the National Interest (February 26); Dr. Frederick Kagan, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and co-author of *While America Sleeps: Self-Delusion, Military Weakness, and the Threat to Peace Today* (March 4); and Desmond Lachman, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (March 7). An eighth speaker will be announced later in the season. All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel.

Dick Wright, chair of BIG ARTS Forum Lecture Series, developed the program in 2003 to provide island residents with opportunities for continued education and intellectual engagement. Since its inception, the program has welcomed to the island such notable speakers as Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Senators Russ Feingold and Susan Collins, Ted Koppel, Donna Shalala and Porter Goss.

In his role as chair, Wright recruits all speakers, coordinates travel logistics and organizes volunteers to help run the program. The Forum is the only lecture series of its caliber in the country run entirely by volunteers.

"In the 10 years since the series started, no one has been turned away," Wright said of The Forum. "Even though many lectures sell out, we have always been able to accommodate people who turn out looking for a seat on the night of a lecture."

Wright is pleased to witness the success of the lecture series as it has grown over the course of the last 10 years.

"Forum has provided a great outlet for people in the area to engage in stimulated discussion about the important issues of our time," Wright said. "All speakers we welcome this season are leaders in their respective areas of expertise, and we're thrilled to have them bring their ideas, knowledge and passion to Sanibel."

As commissioner, Deborah A. Gist is responsible for providing information and resources on educational matters to schools and residents of Rhode Island. She formerly served as the first

state superintendent of education in Washington, DC, a role tasked with the implementation of critical accountability systems mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Honored twice as Teacher of the Year at schools in Fort Worth, Texas and Tampa, Gist's esteemed career and experience in education make her an expert on both current policies and future developments in U.S. education.

An expert on climate change, energy security and arms control, Dr. Michael A. Levi is the David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations and director of its program on energy security and climate change. He is the author of *On Nuclear Terrorism* and his monograph, *Untapped Potential: U.S. Science and Technology Cooperation with the Islamic World*, is the first comprehensive study of science and technology in the Muslim world.

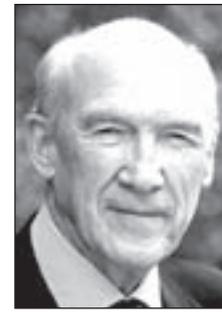
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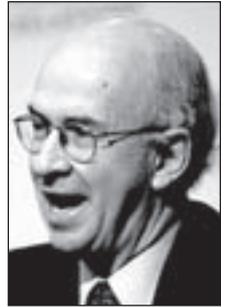
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U.S. senator from the state of Wyoming and served also in the Wyoming House of Representatives as majority whip, majority floor leader and speaker pro-tem. A native of Cody, Simpson served in the army in its 2nd armored division during the final months of the army occupation in Germany

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A Festive Opening Night

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater's December 16 opening night for *Winter Wonderettes* was an evening filled with laughter and song. *Wonderettes* runs through Saturday, December 31. All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for adults, \$20 for children 17 and under. For tickets call 472-6862 or buy online at www.BIGARTS.org.

For New Year's Eve, a special production of *Wonderettes* with a reception and midnight champagne toast will set the mood for a festive farewell of 2011. Tickets are \$75.

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

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater is located at 2200 Periwinkle Way.*

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Wonderettes Sizzle

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. For tickets log on to www.BIGARTS.org or call 472-6862 or 395-0900. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children. If you're wondering what to do New Year's Eve, there is a special performance Saturday, December 31, which starts with refreshments on the patio before the show, appetizers during intermission, and a champagne toast and singing of *Auld Lang Syne* with the cast of the show. Tickets are \$75 for this performance and it begins at 9 p.m.

Here's a "heads up" for you. Next at The Strauss is the Tony Award Winning Musical *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, starting January 13, followed by *Das Barbecu*, a witty Texas fable based on epic Wagnerian Opera, February 17, and the heartwarming comedy *Over The Tavern* March 23. Mark your calendars now.*

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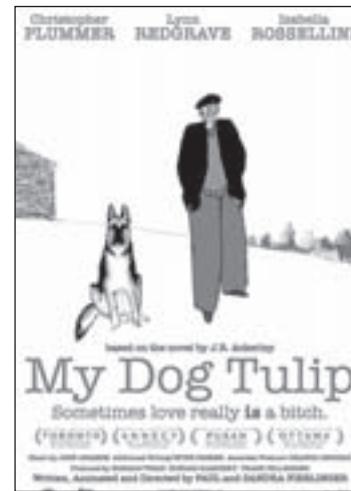
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Award-Winning Dramas To Screen For Monday Night Film Series

BIG ARTS Film Society is screening five exceptional films in January as part of its Monday Night Film Series. All films are \$8 and begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall.

Viewers will enjoy the quality of a new Blu-Ray disc player and new high-definition projection equipment, installed this past summer. Assistive listening devices are available. Following each film, the tradition of refreshments and lively discussion led by a variety of local film aficionados and buffs will continue.

Upcoming Monday Night films:

January 2 – *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives* (2010) Thailand; Not Rated

January 9 – *Of Gods And Men* (2010) France; Rated R

January 16 – *A Room And A Half* (2010) Russia; Not Rated

January 23 – *Queen To Play* (2009) France; Not Rated

January 30 – *My Dog Tulip* (2009) U.S.; Not Rated

The winner of the 2011 Palme d'Or, the highest prize awarded each year at the Cannes Film Festival, *Uncle Boonmee* is a mystical tale about the final days of its title character. Suffering from acute kidney failure, Boonmee is surrounded by his loved

ones in the countryside, including the ghost of his deceased wife and his long lost son, who has returned home in non-human form. Contemplating the reasons for his illness, Boonmee treks through the jungle with his family to a mysterious hilltop cave – the birthplace of his first life.

The winner of the Grand Prix Award at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, *Of Gods And Men* is based on the real life story of nine Trappist monks living in harmony in a largely Muslim community of Algeria during the Algerian Civil War. Under the threat of fundamentalist terrorists, the monks must decide whether to flee the country or remain with the people of the impoverished community in which they have been stationed. The film explores the decay of the Algerian government and the expansion of terrorism, two events which ultimately led up to monks' 1996 kidnapping and assassinations.

Described by Stephen Holden of *The New York Times* as a film that “swirls documentary footage, fictional re-enactments and brilliant, witty animated drawings into a phantasmagoric, playful secondhand memoir,” *A Room And A Half* is based on a semi-fictional account of the life of Russian poet Joseph Brodsky, who was forced into American exile in 1972. When asked once in an interview whether he ever intended to return to his Motherland of Russia, Brodsky replied, “Such a journey could only take place anonymously ...” The creators of *A Room And A Half* imagine that the journey in question was undertaken after all, and, in so doing, create quite the poetic fairytale.

A sophisticated feel-good comedy set in Corsica, *Queen To Play* centers around a middle-aged chambermaid's newfound obsession with the game of chess. When she seeks out the tutelage of a reclusive American expatriate (played by Kevin Kline), both of their ho-hum lives are changed in the process. Stephen Holden of *The New York Times* calls the film, “... a lighthearted, grown-up fairytale ...” and Lou Lumenick of *The New York Post* says it is, “ultimately about people's capacity for emotional and intellectual growth at any age.”

In what Rene Rodriguez of *The Miami Herald* calls, “a beautifully illustrated love letter to dogs and the people who own them,” English writer J.R. Ackerley's famed memoir, *My Dog Tulip*, comes to life in this animated film starring Christopher Plummer, Lynn Redgrave and Isabella Rossellini. The distinguished man of letters hardly thought of himself as a dog lover when, well into middle age, he came to adopt Queenie – a beautiful, yet intolerable 18-month-old German shepherd. To Ackerley's surprise, Queenie turned out to be the love of his life, the “ideal friend” for which he had always searched. *My Dog Tulip* received Honorable Mention for Best Animated Film at the 2009 Ottawa International Animation Festival.

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 films, or to purchase tickets stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road or call 395-0900.*

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Rotary

occupation of Jerusalem and remembering the less fortunate. Latkes and suf-ganiots are fried in oil, in remembrance of the oil for the temple.

Rev. Danner had also brought with him piano accompanist, Marge Nordstrom, and now sang *Light One Candle* by Peter Yarrow. Christmas The birth of Jesus Christ which is celebrated on December 25, the precise day of Jesus' birth... maybe!

There are many theories around the date, and one theory is that the date was selected to coincide with the date of the Winter Solstice... "return of light." Our Christian Christmas, the birth of Christ, "The coming of light into the World." The popular celebratory customs associated in various countries with Christmas have a mix of pre-Christmas, Christian and secular themes and origins. Many of our current Christmas traditions come from 19th century European countries and beyond. Modern customs of the holiday include gift giving, Christmas music and carol-

ing, an exchange of Christmas cards, church celebrations, a special meal and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, mistletoe and holly.

In addition, several closely related and often interchangeable figures, known as Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas and Christkind, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season and have their own body of traditions and lore. John then sang a not so familiar Christmas song, *Bring A Touch*.

Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration held in the United States honoring universal African-American heritage and culture, observed from December 26 to January 1 each year. It features activities such as lighting the kinara with seven

candles and culminates in a feast and gift-giving. It was created by Maulana Karenga and was first celebrated in 1966-1967. The name Kwanzaa derives from Swahili meaning first fruits of the harvest. This family-oriented celebration is mindful of its origins in the ancient African first fruit harvest celebrations and the commitment to seven principles and symbols for celebrating unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Kwanzaa symbols include a decorative mat on which symbols are placed, corn and other crops, a candle holder with seven candles called a kinara, a communal cup for pouring libations, gifts, a poster of the seven principles and a black, red and green flag. The symbols were designed to convey the

seven principles and with the lighting of their seven candle candelabra. John then sang *This Little Light Of Mine*.

Rev. Danner then summed up the "Season of Lights" by saying these celebrations cast light into the world. These traditions teach our cultural and religious traditions, they pass the history onto our children. Don't let the lights go out!

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at the Beachview Bistro, located at 100 Par View Drive on Sanibel. Guests are always welcomed.

If you would like further information regarding the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club or Rotary International, call 337-1099.*

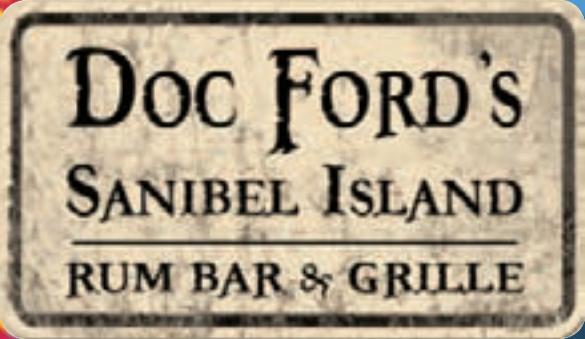
Oscar Film Series To Begin

On Wednesday, January 4 at 1 p.m., the Island Cinema will show the first of nine Oscar nominated movies - *The Help* - in the BIG ARTS Oscar Film Series. After the movie, a discussion will take place at George & Wendy's Corner Grill. Tickets are available at the cinema for \$7.50. Other movies in the series will be announced prior to the weekly showing.

The Help is based on Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel. At the dawn of the Civil Rights Movement, three Mississippi women are about to take one extraordinary step. Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter (Emma Stone) has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss and her mother won't be happy until she finds a husband. Aibileen (Viola Davis), a wise African-American maid, suffers after the loss of her child. Minny (Jessica Chastain), Aibileen's sassy best friend, struggles to find and hold a job. Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk.

Although the Academy Awards nominations have not yet been released, *The Help* has received four Golden Globe nominations for: Best Picture; Best Actress, Viola Davis; Best Supporting Actress, Jessica Chastain; and Best Original Song.*

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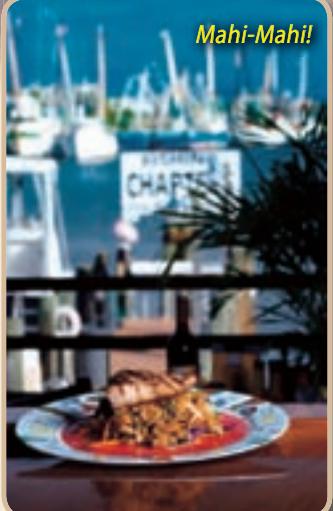
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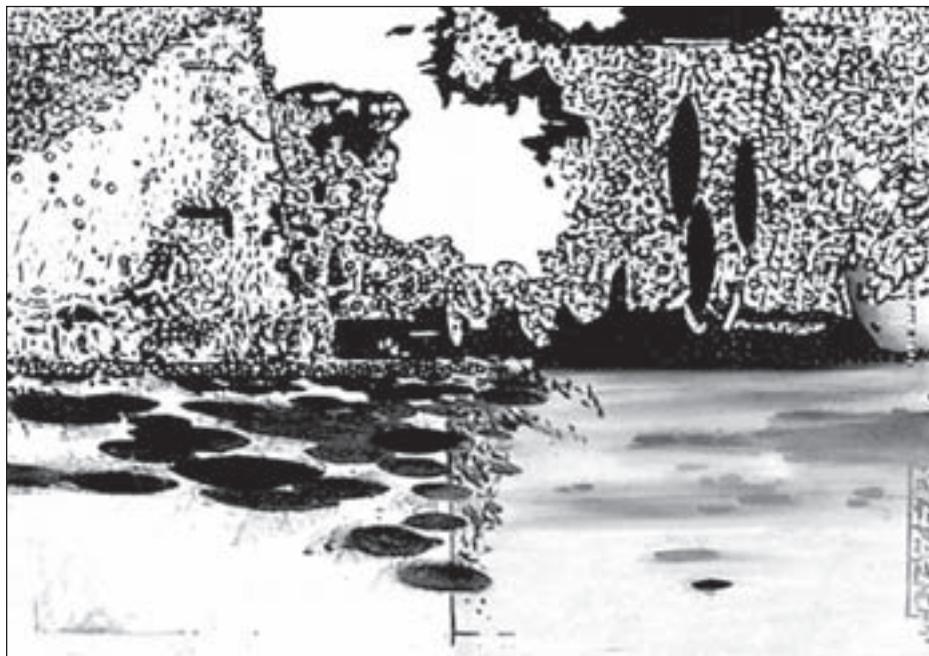
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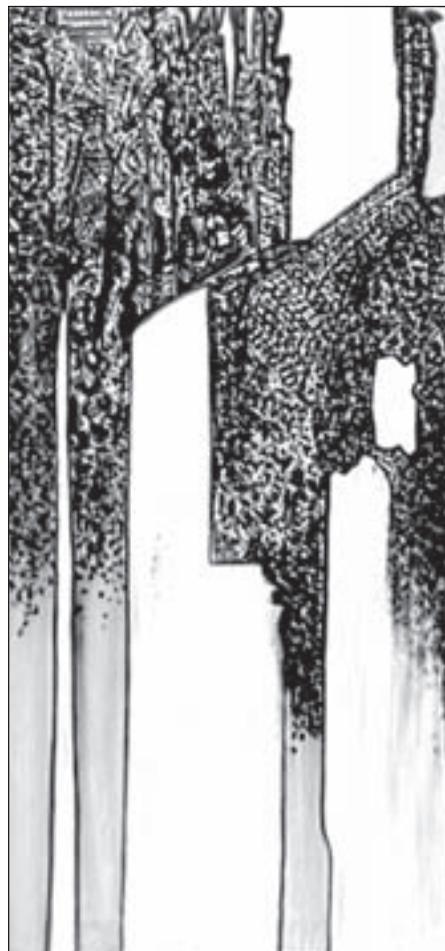


Kevin Costello's *Rain on the Lake*, acrylic on canvas, 2008

Costello, Nelson Featured At Next Alliance Exhibition

The Alliance for the Arts announces its next gallery exhibition, featuring mixed media artist Kevin Costello and sculptor Jud Nelson, which opens Friday, January 6 with a reception at 5 p.m. Both artists have garnered wide acclaim over many decades for their work and devotion to the arts.

Sarasota artist and lecturer Kevin Costello is a graduate of the Chelsea School of Art and Goldsmith's College, University of London. He emigrated to the United States in 1973 and taught visual arts and art history at the San Francisco Academy of Art and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. After moving to Florida in 1981, Costello was the Florida State School Arts Program Manager, administered by the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. He is currently an instructor in landscape painting, figure and conceptual drawing at the Ringling College of Art and Design Continuing Studies

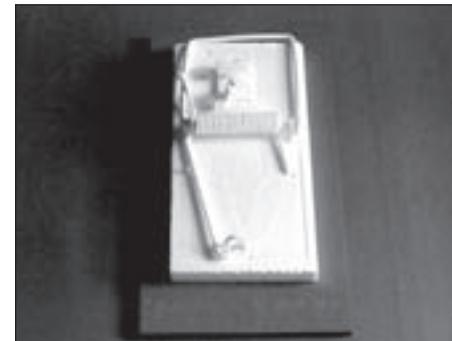


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Jud Nelson *Lightbulb*



Jud Nelson's *Mousetrap*

University. He also spent six years as art correspondent for the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* and is an active member of the City of Sarasota Public Art Committee. Nelson was the juror for the 2011 All Florida Juried Exhibition, held at the Alliance over the summer and he will teach a drawing class there in November 2012.

Fort Myers sculptor Jud Nelson has been creating impeccably crafted pieces since the early 1970s. His work is often described as "dazzling" in its technical accomplishment and precision. His exactly carved sculptures are actual-sized recreations of everyday objects, like rolls of toilet paper, bars of soap, aspirin tablets, sunglasses and even light bulbs. Nelson's carved objects reach across time through his use of traditional artistic methods. He received a BA from Bethel College in 1966 and an MFA from the University of Minnesota in 1968. His work is held in numerous public collections including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan and the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Nelson and Costello's opening reception is Friday, January 6 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Their joint exhibit will remain on display in the Alliance Main Gallery through January 28. Costello will lead a gallery Walk & Talk on Saturday, January 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. Nelson's Walk & Talk is Thursday, January 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. An exhibit called *Artistic Collaborations*, featuring the work of Alliance instructors and their students, will be on display in the Member Gallery. Fort Myers painter Pat Levine will be featured in the Theater Gallery.

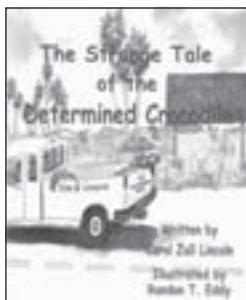
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"The New Year's Eve cruise is always a lot of fun. Talk about the best of both worlds! Enjoying a fireworks show from the water is a wonderful way to combine two favorite activities," said Phil Doller, captain of the Pirate Cruise. "There's just something about seeing the bright reflections off the water that makes you feel like you're getting double the entertainment."

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Pirate ship at night

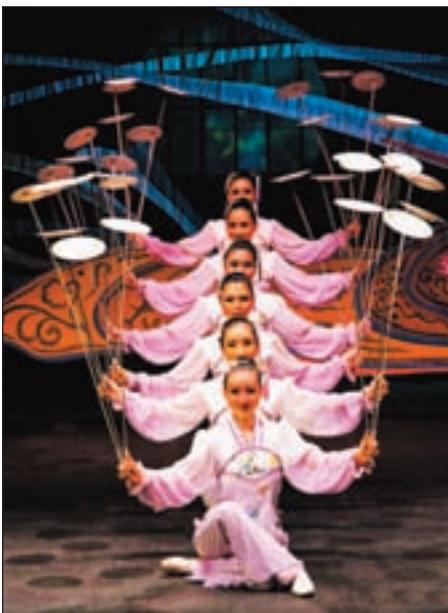
Golden Dragon Acrobats Coming To BIG ARTS Stage



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The Golden Dragon Acrobats take the stage on Sanibel at BIG ARTS on Saturday, January 7 for an evening of family entertainment and impressive acrobatic performance. General admission is \$42, loge seats are \$47 and children are \$15. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlop Road.

Hailed as an "international marvel" by *The Gettysburg Times*, the Golden Dragons have visited more than 65 countries to perform sold-out shows and remain the only Chinese acrobatic company to tour the United States year-round, having done so continuously for the past 30 years.

Members of the current touring com-

pany hail from Hebei, China and are solidly rooted in a commitment to the highest level of production value and attention to artistic detail. World-renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music, and theatrical technique to present a show of breath-taking skill and spell-binding beauty.

In 2005, the Golden Dragons made their Broadway debut to a sold-out audience at the New Victory Theater and their show's six-week run garnered adoration from audiences of all ages and universal critical acclaim from New York City press. *The New York Times* said, "A visit from The Golden Dragon

Acrobats is something special." The run's success culminated in nominations for two New York Drama Desk Awards, one for Unique Theatrical Experience for Danny Chang, and a second for Best Choreography for Angela Chang.

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Forum Lecture Series

and, today, remains active in his family's Cody-based law firm, Simpson, Kepler & Simpson, wherein he spent nearly two decades practicing law before serving in state and national government.

As the editor and publisher of *The Rothenberg Political Report*, a non-partisan political newsletter covering U.S. House, senate and gubernatorial campaigns, Stuart Rothenberg is an in-demand political analyst and frequent contributor on *Meet The Press*, *Face The Nation* and *Nightline*. He has taught at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Dr. Geoffrey Kemp is intensely focused on U.S. relations with Iran and Iraq and the geopolitics of energy in the Caspian Basin and Persian Gulf as director of Regional Strategic Programs at the Center for the National Interest. Kemp served in the White House during the first Reagan Administration and was special assistant to the president for national security affairs. He is the author of 2010's well-researched *The East Moves West: India, China and Asia's Growing Presence in the Middle East*, an exploration of the growing influence of major Asian countries in the Middle East and its

impact on American foreign policy.

Dr. Frederick W. Kagan, hired by U.S. Army General David Petraeus as an expert on fighting corruption, is a former professor of military history at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and is co-author with his father, Donald Kagan, of *While America Sleeps: Self-Delusion, Military Weakness, and the Threat to Peace Today*.

As resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Desmond Lachman formerly served as managing director and chief emerging market economic strategist at Salomon Smith Barney. His writings on topics such as economic policy and reform are regularly published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Economist*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

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

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Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Begins Musical Instrument Drive



Marty Pulner, Cierra White, Jim Griffith and Tom Kracmer

The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC) announced the Fort Myers Music Exchange, a new ongoing musical instrument donation drive in partnership with the Quality Life Center, at SBDAC on Tuesday, December 20 with the presentation of a clarinet to Cierra White.

Music is a passion for White, 16, who does not go a day without playing an instrument or singing. Since the sixth grade, Cierra has been playing the clarinet. But her musical talent can also be seen when her fingers meet the likes of the bass clarinet, the tenor and alto saxophones, the piano, the guitar and the snare drum.

"I want to be a well-rounded musician," Cierra says. "One day I am going to be able to write and sing my own music. I'd like to play my own instruments on my own tracks. I'm just waiting for my big break!"

You can catch Cierra performing at different local events throughout the area. Cierra would like to thank her family, Quality Life Center, the Sidney and Berne Davis Music Center and Cadence Music for her new clarinet.

Marty Pulner, of Fort Myers, started this donation drive with the gift of a clarinet to be placed with a child in need. Pulner is a member of the SBDAC Board of Directors. Cadence Music of Fort Myers restored the clarinet. Pulner and his family, Tom Kracmer of Cadence Music, Fort Myers City Councilman Forrest Banks, Abdul'Haq Muhammed, executive director of the Quality Life Center, Cierra's aunt, and members of the SBDAC Board of Directors looked on as Cierra played the first few notes on her new clarinet.

Quality Life Center has been providing educational tutoring and mentoring services to children since 1992. Through a holistic approach they strive to help the children and the family to manage their day-to-day challenges and to help those in need to gain a better quality life.

If you would like to donate to the Fort Myers Music Exchange, you can bring your gently used musical instruments to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Monetary donations are also appreciated to support the refurbishment of donated instruments.

Volunteers are needed for the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center to assist in the office and with regularly scheduled seasonal events. Contact Sally Joslyn at 333-1933 or sally.sbdac@gmail.com for more information.✱



Cierra White



Cierra tries out her new clarinet



Abdul'Haq Muhammed, Marty Pulner, Cierra White, Jim Griffith, Tom Kracmer and Forrest Banks



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Under The Sea Preview Art Exhibit At Library



Shell Collection

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Board of Trustees member Evelyn Stewart of Adventures in Paradise is sponsoring an Under The Sea preview art exhibit reception. The reception honors artist Myra Roberts and will be held at the Sanibel Public Library on Friday, January 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit showcases Roberts's new painting, *Aloha Mermaid*, and about 25 other recent works. It runs through January 31.

Aloha Mermaid and three additional shell-related works were created for the museum's Under The Sea Polynesian



Aloha Mermaid

luau benefit. The luau will be held January 29 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Island Inn on Sanibel.

Aloha Mermaid will be featured in the luau's live auction. The three shell-related works, along with several other paintings, will be on display and available for sale at the luau.

Roberts is donating a percentage of all sales to the museum.

"Ever since former volunteer coordinator Libby Grimm trained my son as a junior docent in 2001, I have been enthralled with the museum," said Roberts. "It stands alone as an educational and environmental institution."

Her original, vintage-style art portrays things people love about Florida: seashells, palm-fringed beaches, blue-green water, sea turtles, bathing beauties and tropical scenes.

Roberts' work hangs in private and

public art collections across the United States and Europe, including the Robert Rauschenberg estate on Captiva. ☼

Get Ready For Stories For Grownups

First Friday Stories For Grownups, a popular program at the Sanibel Public Library, opens its new season on Friday, January 6.

The first story-teller will be Sid Simon, who - partially because of Stories for Grownups - won the Lee County Alliance for the Arts Literary Artist of the Year Award for 2011.

Like all the First Fridays, the designated story-tellers "wow" the audience for the first half of the afternoon. Then, stories are drawn from the audience by Dr. Simon, who has a wit and kindness that always makes it easy. You don't have to be a story-teller, and you don't have to volunteer to tell one in the second half. Just come to the program and have fun.

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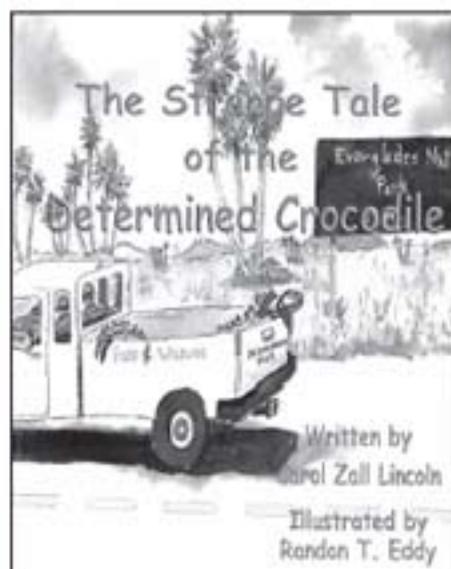
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Author Event At Island Book Nook



The Island Book Nook will host an author presentation on Wednesday, January 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Carol Lincoln, who wrote *The Strange Tale of the Determined Crocodile*. Lincoln published a children's picture book about the crocodile that died on

Sanibel two years ago. "After I went to the memorial service, I decided that I wanted children to know the story," she said.

The Strange Tale of the Determined Crocodile came out in October 2011. Local artist Randon Eddy, a steadfast supporter of Sanibel wildlife, provided the illustrations for the book.

Carol was a school librarian for many years at Moharimet Elementary School in Madbury, New Hampshire. The school is part of the Oyster River School district and next to the University of New Hampshire. She has prepared about a hundred author visits for the students, as well as countless story times for them.

In addition, Carol was a library director of a small public library, Newmarket (N.H.) Public Library and a small college library (McIntosh College Library).

Carol will be signing books at The Island Book Nook, located at 2330 Palm Ridge Road, on January 4. Plan to stop in and pick up a copy of *The Strange Tale of the Determined Crocodile*, the story about Sanibel's beloved crocodile, Wilma. ☼

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Poetic Voices



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

selected by Don Brown

New Year

by Eugene J. Mahoney

A beginning.

No empty corners. Clearing-house time.

Supple and sad-eyed seasons recede. Flickering moods of a past winter. Anything surprising in spring. Lazy, hot eyes of a sun-drenched summer.

The luxuriant, richly ornamented, Style of fall.

Sturdy, square-faced memories. Now it's midnight 2011!

Pandemonium.

Horrors blow.

People take advantage.

A careless time of privilege.

Who wishes to make merry alone?

Then.

Alas.

The tantalizing riddle of

What a new year will offer.

This poem is from Gene's poetry book, *LITE REED*, available from iUniverse.com. Eighteen pages are devoted to Sanibel Island. Gene and his wife, Rosemary visited here 15 times in as many years, the perfect place for them to share their interests in watercolor painting and writing. Gene earned two Master's Degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University. He served in Korea and Japan as secretary to General Garrison Coverdale. He later taught, trained teachers and became administrator in Milwaukee schools and taught at University of Wisconsin summer schools. Gene passed away July 20, 2007. He was given full military honors by the Wisconsin National Guard. ☼

Top Ten Books On The Island

1. *Welcome To Florida* by Dave Horton
2. *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Duffenbough
3. *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simpson
4. *Litigators* by John Grisham
5. *11/22/63* by Stephen King
6. *Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
7. *Night Vision* by Randy Wayne White
8. *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

9. *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell
 10. *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese
- Courtesy of Sanibel Island Bookshop. ☼

Hot Off The Press: Sanibel-Captiva Review, Volume 5

The Board of Directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Review announce the printing of Volume 5. The new volume resumes the series of prose, poetry and art after a hiatus of several years.

This book is a collection of works by a wide array of Sanibel, Captiva and Southwest Florida artists and writers. The review is usually published annually to help promote the arts and to provide a window into the magic and natural beauty that lies at the heart of this region.

This volume is dedicated to local Sanibel native Sam Bailey, recently deceased. The book also is verbally dedicated to the vice president of the Review's Board of Directors, Joseph P. "Little Joe" Micale, who passed away on November 26. One of the stories in the book was contributed by Little Joe.

Sanibel Captiva Review



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The Sanibel-Captiva Review is available in island supermarkets, bookstores and other island stores and make terrific holiday presents for anyone who enjoys Sanibel and Captiva islands. The writers are likely to be your neighbors, friends or acquaintances. ☼

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Human-Size Cancer Killing Machine Ready

by Jim George

It's been a long time coming, seven years to be exact, but a device large enough to accommodate a human patient has been the latest in a series of new developments in the John Kanzius Cancer Research project.

Kanzius' radio frequency device works by emitting radio waves that heat and kill cancer cells targeted with nanoparticles, microscopic pieces of gold and other metals that are injected into the bloodstream. The device has proven to kill pancreatic cancer cells in live mice without harming healthy tissue but a larger device was

needed before Kanzius' invention could be tested on humans. The earlier devices can only accommodate petri dishes and small animals like mice and rabbits.

The announcement of the larger device was made in Erie, Pennsylvania last week by Marianne Kanzius, widow of islander John Kanzius who died two years ago of a rare form of leukemia. Marianne Kanzius is managing partner of Thermed LLC, the company formed by John Kanzius to develop the technology. The new machine is a fifth generation model. Development of the larger machine is necessary before the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) can approve human trials for the device.

"It can support up to 800 pounds," said Charlie Rutkowski, plant manager at Industrial Sales & Manufacturing, the Millcreek, Pennsylvania company that manufactures the Kanzius devices.

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Mike Nelson, co-chief executive of Red Wind Innovations; Marianne Kanzius, managing partner, Thermed, LLC; Charles Rutkowski, president, Industrial Sales and Manufacturing with new RF device

photo courtesy of Erie Times

2011 Year In Review

by Anne Mitchell

January

Just when it appeared that the Sanibel City Council would drop a plan to build a bike path on Dunlop Road for lack of consensus on which option to choose, Sanibel Bicycle Club member Patti Sousa pleaded for at least part of the project to go ahead.

In a unanimous vote, council decided to proceed with the eastern segment of the path along Periwinkle Way from St.



Alex Werner, Kathleen Hoover, Kristie Anders, Toni Westland, Rebecca Wolff, and Steve Greenstein of the Trails and Tales Coalition

Record-Size Shells was installed in the Great Hall of Shells at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. The striking exhibit displays large showy shells against mirrors mounted on a continuously rotating carousel, affording 360-degree views. Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club funded the design and fabrication.

The Sanibel Trails and Tales Coalition announced a new visitor experience produced by a unique partnership based on a shared vision to protect and preserve Sanibel and Captiva through education. Partners include CROW, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, SCCF, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, and The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.

Three sitting planning commission members were re-appointed by the Sanibel City Council. They are Chuck Kettman, Tom Krekel and Paul Reynolds.

A slash pine was planted at The Sanibel School on Arbor Day, January 28, in memory of Sam Bailey, Sanibel pioneer, who died in September.

Luc Century says it was his daily walks along the beach on Sanibel that gave him inspiration for the 30'x10' etched mural that now graces the entryway to the new



Luc Century during installation of his mural

Bower School of Music and Recital Hall at Florida Gulf Coast University. The mural is made from 75 separate two-foot-square porcelain tiles and titled *Water Symphony*. "It is a majestic work, stunningly beautiful," said Judie Cassidy, senior director of enhancement at FGCU. "What we like best about it is transforms the facility into a cultural center of significance."

Doug Congress and incumbent Jim Jennings were the only two candidates who qualified for the city council election so they were elected unopposed. Congress will fill the vacancy left by Peter Pappas, who did not seek re-election.

Verizon Wireless has agreed to make changes to the cell tower it plans to construct on Donax Street, in line with requests made by Sanibel City Council members and nearby residents. Modifications include using two "stealth" design antenna support structures versus the proposed monopole, one of the structures being a pine tree and the other a flag pole (either with or without a flag).

February

Hodges University honored Sanibel natives Francis Bailey and the late Sam Bailey as the 2011 Luminary Award recipients at a luncheon on February 3 at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa at Punta Rassa. The award recognizes local citizens who personify society's most valued human characteristics and thus have moved society in a positive way, serving as distinguished examples of the virtues of perseverance, honesty, moral character and charity.

Mother Nature has once again slapped down efforts by the City of Sanibel, Lee



More than 25 kayakers gathered in Hurricane Hole to applaud the cutting of a ribbon to reopen the Buck Key paddling trail

County and the Captiva Erosion Protection District (CEPD) to keep Blind Pass open. After more than \$3 million was spent in early 2009 to dredge the pass and remove 129,000 cubic yards of sand, a 20-foot-wide sandbar is once again reaching across the opening and will soon close the pass to navigation.

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Fabricators put finishing touches on the new record size shell exhibit

Michael's Church to the Sanibel Library. Staff will develop conceptual plans to present February 1.

The issue is the area around BIG ARTS, whose board had asked last month for time to come up with a configuration that would not block the cultural organization from expansion.

A new permanent exhibit titled World

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Around The Islands With Anne

Beach House Chic At Sanibel Home Furnishings



by Anne Mitchell

Sanibel Home Furnishings' slogan, "Island life the way you imagine it to be..." is an apt summation of this colorful store that combines beach house chic with classic elegance.

If you're planning some redecorating for the new year, do check out this store that epitomizes island style.

The furniture groupings are often surprising in terms of color combinations and mixtures of casual and formal, but they work because many who land on these islands bring furniture from elsewhere creating an eclectic mix.

Also, the store offers many upholstered pieces in Sunbrella, a hard wearing fabric that can be wiped clean. And we're not talking deck chair stripes. You can get sea life and coral prints, even birds and flowers.

Relatively new additions are the river-washed wood pieces which have a beachy look. However, the twist is that some pieces are almost formal in style.

Sanibel Home Furnishings carries many, many framed pictures, including



Blue and white grouping with gray painted table

originals, prints and giclees and some, like a pair of red parrots, are quite stunning and would quickly become conversation pieces in your home. Lamps, too, are plentiful and come in many forms, including sculptural driftwood and some that light from inside to show glowing pebbles.

For its island clientele, the store has all those visiting friends and relatives in mind, with plenty of sleeper sofas, extra seating and coffee tables with seats that slide neatly under when not in use.



Braided sea grass and washed wood headboard with island-style bedding



A cigar-smoking alligator for a butler - at Sanibel Home Furnishings



The river-washed look in a refectory table and console

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If you have any questions or would like your home to be on the tour, call Karen today.



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Pattee Cook Frank in her new salon Tips And Toez

If you're furnishing a bedroom, check out the marvelous beds and bedding and the huge selection of decorated pillows.

Sanibel Home Furnishings recently moved into the large space vacated by Arundel's Hallmark Store, which now provides a spacious setting for even more great furniture.

The store is at 1618 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-5552.

Pattee Cook Frank, owner of the recently opened **Tips And Toez** full service nail salon said she's been waiting a long time "for my little dream" of owning her own nail salon. Her grandparents moved to Sanibel when Frank

was a child and her parents followed a few years later.

She has moved around since then, and used to own Snips And Tips at the Lehigh Resort. She has more than 20 years' experience as a professional nail technician and offers the latest shellac polishes, which last up to three weeks, as well as traditional polishes plus acrylics and gels.

The Ultimate Island Pedicure consisting of clip, file, callous removal, sugar scrub, polish and lotion is \$40. A mani-pedi is \$55. Shellac is \$35 and a full set of acrylic or gel nails including tips for \$50.

Her charming salon at 2418 Palm Ridge Road had room to spare, so Frank has added a boutique in which she sells hand-crafted items such as purses and jewelry alongside bric-a-brac and collectibles of her own and from her friends. It's an interesting collection. There's a story to almost every item in the boutique.

She also sells a line of glitzy icantervive T-shirts, trademarked by her daughter's friend.

Call 239-217-2345 to make an appointment or for more information.

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

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

Traditions on the Beach has live music Thursday through Saturday, featuring Joe McCormick, Marvilla Marzan and Barbara Smith. There are periodic

jazz nights on Wednesdays. The restaurant is at the Island Inn, 3111 West Gulf Drive, phone 472-4559.

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

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

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

The Crow's Nest at 'Tween Waters Inn on Captiva has entertainment Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crab races are Mondays and Thursdays, with the family show at 5:30 p.m. and grown-up races at 9 p.m. The Crow's Nest is at 15951 Captiva Drive, phone 472-5161.

George & Wendy's Corner Grill features Chris Workman, keyboard and vocals, on Friday from 7 to 11 p.m. The Corner Grill is at Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road, phone 395-



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

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

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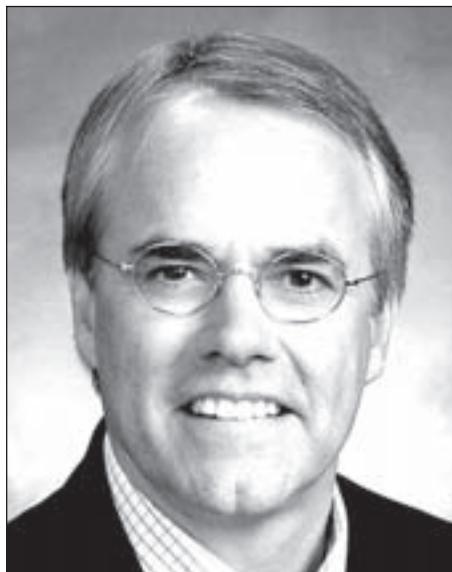
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SCCF Board Of Trustees New Members, Officers

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) welcomed four new members to the Board of Trustees at the December 7 annual meeting.

SCCF members voted in three new members: Don Rice, Linda Uhler and Dr. Edward C. Wheeler; Donald (Chip) Lesch joined the board mid-term, earlier this year.

At the December 14 board meeting,

the new board elected as officers: Paul Roth for a second term as president; Patti Sousa as vice president, Linda Uhler as secretary and Don Rice as treasurer.

Retiring from the board this year were John La Gorce, Barbara Von Harten and Dr. Greg Tolley; and continuing their terms as trustees are Bill Burch, Claude Crawford, Ph.D., Doris Holzheimer, Janie Howland, Philip Puschel, Robbie Roepstorff, Martha Siders and Carol Zell.

Donald (Chip) Lesch, as co-chairman of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, serves as the company's chairman of the Investment Committee. Prior to joining the Trust Company, he served as chairman of Indiana Federal Bank and vice chairman of Pinnacle Banks of

Michigan from 1990 to 1997, serving as a member of the investment committee and chairman of the asset and liability committee. Prior to his banking career, he was founder and managing partner of Gough and Lesch Inc., a leading real estate management, investment, and development company in Indiana.

Lesch has served on more than 25 corporate, civic and charitable boards. He is a recipient of the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest civic honor. He is on the boards of Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, BIG Arts and the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and served as Chairman of Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation. Lesch holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University and an MBA degree from the Harvard Business School.

Don Rice and his wife, Joyce, have owned property on Sanibel since 2001, and since 2004 have spent the majority of their time on the island. They also own a summer home on Lake George in upstate New York. Don served as a senior vice president of the Ingersoll-Rand Company before his retirement from the firm in 2004. His career included assignments in human resources, leadership of the company's Asia Pacific and Latin America operations, global business services and corporate communication and public affairs. Don began his business career at General Electric following service in the U.S. Army. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon, where he received a BA in Economics and an MS in Industrial and Labor Relations.

Rice has served on the finance committee of the foundation since 2009. He is a member of the Captiva Island Yacht Club, where he serves as environmental committee chair. He serves on the human resources committee of BIG Arts. He held leadership positions with the Power Squadron and is a member of Kiwanis. He just completed a five-year term as chair of the FUND for Lake George, an environmental organization dedicated to the preservation of Lake George, and continues as a board member. He chairs the West Brook Conservation Initiative, a \$15 million public/private partnership restoring the wetlands in the South Basin of Lake George. He also serves on the advisory board of the Lake George Land

Conservancy.

Returning for a second term on the SCCF board, Linda Uhler has been a full-time resident of Sanibel since 1977. She has been an elementary school teacher, managed and owned retail businesses and served as district deputy for Congressman Porter Goss. Her community involvement includes chairing major fundraisers, such as the United Way of Lee County campaign, American Heart Association Heart Ball and BRAVO!Ballet for Gulfshore Ballet. She is currently serving on the Sanibel Public Library Commission and the board of Hope Hospice. She has also been the president of the Junior League of Fort Myers and the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva.

In addition, Uhler and her husband, Tom, are permittees for the sea turtle program, life members and members of the Legacy Society. They created and coordinate the popular Wines In The Wild fundraiser.

Dr. Wheeler, a native Hoosier, earned his AB and MD degrees from Indiana University and interned at Marion County General Hospital in Indianapolis. He served his residency and fellowship in radiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Ed returned to Indianapolis to begin an active radiology practice and remained there for the remainder of his 33-year career, except for two years spent at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, practicing the sub-specialty areas of vascular and interventional radiology.

Wheeler held leadership roles as a member of several professional organizations, serving on the boards of the Indiana State Medical Association, the Indianapolis Medical Society, the Wellness Community of Indianapolis, the Indiana Roentgen Society, and Northwest Radiology, PC, and Network. He was elected to Indiana University's President's Circle and the School of Medicine Dean's Council Board. He became a Fellow in the American College of Radiology in 1992. Ed received a Distinguished Board Service Award from the Little Red Door (Indianapolis Division of the American Cancer Society) in 2000. He established a mobile mammography program

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Il Cielo Brings International Presence To Island

World-class chefs Loretta Paganini and Marco Corricelli cook across the globe and soon for island diners

From Tuscany and Milan to London and Paris, the culinary team heading up Sanibel's newest dining establishment has traveled and cooked around the world.

Meaning "The Sky" in Italian, Il Cielo is a definitive Italian dining experience that will open to the public for dinner in January. Paganini, host of *Simply Gourmet* on the Discovery Channel and proprietor of the International Culinary Arts & Sciences Institute, and Corricelli are the gourmet masterminds behind Il Cielo's Italian offerings.

Born in Bologna, Italy, Paganini is director of ICASI, a state-of-the-art teaching center with five professional kitchens, a library, lecture hall and gardens. She is also founder of the Loretta Paganini School of Cooking in Cleveland and the author of *Bologna Mia*. Paganini is a frequent guest on Cleveland's NBC affiliate WKYC's *Good Company*, the CBS Early Show and other national programs. In addition to regular visits, she resides on Sanibel for one month per year.

"I was born in Bologna, Italy, which is often called 'The Kitchen of Italy,' and my childhood was spent in the professional kitchen of my mother, whose Pasticceria (pastry shop) was renowned," Paganini said. "It was from my grandmother that I learned how to make beautiful meals that bring people together."

Paganini trained at Cordon Bleu in Paris, where she became involved in teaching and had the opportunity to assist famous chefs including Jack Pepin, Paul Prudhomme and Martin Yan. She believes in sharing her knowledge and recipes, which led her to establish her cooking school in 1989.

She also conducts personal tours of her homeland each year for her students, aspiring chefs and passionate foodies. The "Gastronomic Tour of Italy," as she calls it, runs from March to September

and includes a week of stunning landscapes, architecture, art and – of course – food.

With the opening of Il Cielo, she plans to share some of her delicious recipes for island diners as well as a series of cooking classes throughout the year.

"Sanibel and Captiva are such special islands, with residents and visitors from all over the world, they will really enjoy our wonderful, Mediterranean cuisine," Paganini added.

Corricelli began his career at the Amerigo Vespucci Institute of Culinary Arts in Milan and made his early reputation in renowned kitchens across Amsterdam, London and Paris. He is fluent in Italian, English and Spanish and has served as chef at Las Dunas Palace in Spain, Lenotre Marbella, a crown jewel in the culinary empire of French legend Gaston Lenotre and La Zagaleta Country Club in Andalucia, Spain. He has also served as a private chef for European government leaders and Hollywood's elite.

While living in the U.S. from 1999 to 2004, Corricelli worked as chef for a number of upscale restaurants in the west including Ristorante Allegeria in Malibu and Canaletto Ristorante Veneto at the Venetian Resort Hotel and Casino and Panevio Ristorante in Las Vegas. In 2004, he opened his own restaurant in Las Vegas and served as private chef for Las Vegas' VIPs and executives.

According to Paganini and Corricelli, Il Cielo will use fresh, local products for uniquely flavorful dishes. Menu selections will range from lighter fare, soups, salads and antipasti to main selections including pasta, seafood, meat and poultry specialties. Bar and dessert menus with a selection of cheeses will also be available. In order to keep the menu as fresh as possible, Paganini and Corricelli plan to change entrees and desserts in accordance with the seasons.

The Il Cielo experience will include an extensive wine list of perennial favorites and surprising alternatives personally selected by Master Sommelier Ron Edwards.

The proprietors also plan to have live music and a full range of cocktails. The restaurant will be open for dinner seven

days a week from 5 to 10 p.m., and happy hour will be served daily from 4 to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to closing.

Il Cielo is located at 1244 Periwinkle Way.

According to general manager Chris Carrasco, staffing for the restaurant is

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Kanzius Machine Ready

Besides being large enough to treat large animals and humans, the newest Kanzius device is also easier to operate. Earlier versions must be fine-tuned constantly. The fifth-generation device is more automated. Rutkowski said work is already underway on a sixth generation device.

Tests must be performed on larger animals before the FDA approves clinical trials for humans. Thermed has not formally approached the FDA to request clinical trials.

Lee Memorial Health System is one of five designated locations for human trials.

Stephen Curley of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston said last week, "This (larger machine) will mean we can

underway. Approximately 25 service professionals – including kitchen staff, cooks, wait staff and hostesses – will be hired to run Il Cielo.

For more information, call 472-5555 or visit www.ilcielosanibel.com.

begin large animal modeling studies that will be necessary to understand the RF (radio frequency) dosing and treatment times in human patients." He could not comment on the time to human clinical trials indicating they are bound by FDA guidelines but human trials are estimated to be at least two to three years away.

In an interview last week with the *Erie Times*, Marianne Kanzius said Thermed has reached a research contract with one major research center and is negotiating with two others.

"This is the business end of John's dream," she said. "I know John would be pleased with how things are going."

Kanzius began working on the technology after he was diagnosed with cancer. His death two years ago threatened to derail the project but the positive results of research have kept it alive and thriving.

Creativity Can Pay Off At The Shellabration Couture Fashion Show

Calling all shell enthusiasts. As part of Shellabration! 2012, The Community House will be hosting a shell fashion show featuring your shell-lagant garments that are heavily embellished with shells. Imagine a shell wedding dress, how about a shell bathing suit or maybe even a shell sport coat? Yes, men are definitely invited to participate, too. The winner will take home a grand prize of \$500.

The competition is open to organizations, groups of friends, church groups or individuals who want to have fun designing an outfit. Design entries must be received by Sunday, January 15. Enter up to three designs to have an even greater chance of being selected. Drop

off the sketch, the CD or a sample at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way or call Isabella Rasi, Shell Couture Fashion Show chair, at 246-4716.

On February 27 at 11 a.m., a special Shellabration luncheon will be served at The Sanctuary Golf Club, followed by a runway presentation of the designs that have been selected.

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

Proceeds from the Shell Couture Fashion Show benefit the operations of The Community House.

For more information, call The Community House at 472-2155. Order your tickets early at \$35 per person for a three-course shellicious luncheon and the Shell Couture Fashion Show.

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Steve Greenstein, executive director of the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, thanks Daniel Moore Thompson of Suncatchers' Dream for insuring the care and feeding of patients at CROW.

Brown Named 2011 Culinarian Of The Year



Culinarian of the Year Mark Brown

The Sanctuary Golf Club executive chef Mark Brown has been named by the American Culinary Federation - Southwest Florida Association as Culinarian of the Year.

The award is presented to the chef who exemplifies the highest standard of professionalism through certification, continuing education and training, culinary competitions and community involvement. It honors culinarians who help elevate the state of chefs and cooks in the United States.

"I have spent many years asking questions of the chefs I have worked for and now is the time to give back and pass

along what I have learned," said Brown, CEC, CCA and ACE. "It is an important responsibility of chefs to share years of experience and mastery of cooking with the new crop of culinarians that enter the kitchen each year."

Ken Kouril, general manager of The Sanctuary Golf Club, added, "Executive chef Mark Brown is incredible leader in his industry. On behalf of the entire staff and membership, we are extremely proud of his awards and accomplishments."

The Culinarian of the Year Award is nominated by the American Culinary Federation Southwest Florida chapter president and voted by the members of the chapter. For more information about the American Culinary Federation, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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SCCF Board

through St. Vincent's Hospital to reach women in underserved areas of the community, served on various committees at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and was a Deacon and Elder.

Ed and his wife, Jane, were active in many non-profit organizations throughout their marriage. In 1978, they purchased a home on Captiva, where they and their two children enjoyed several years of boating, bicycling and shelling before purchasing a home on Sanibel in 1984. After Ed's wife, Jane, passed in 1992, he retired from the active practice of medicine in 1997 and became a Florida resident in 2001. He and his partner, Anne Haslem, have been active in environmental causes for several years and are members of the Colorado Land Trust. He enjoys bicycling, gardening and volunteering at BIG Arts and the Sanibel Recreation Center.*

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Why Should We Help Children Through Ethiopia Hope Village?

by Scott Martell

On Tuesday, January 3 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, come hear about "Ethiopia, The Land of Contrasts," a fun historical and cultural presentation about a country that is not a simply a cliché for war, drought, famine and poverty!

This is a country people should know about. For instance, did you know:

- Ethiopia is the oldest independent country in Africa, and one of the oldest in the world.
- The oldest remains of a human ancestor, dated as being five million years old, were discovered in the Awash Valley in Ethiopia. The famous "Lucy," found in the same area, was 3.2 million years old.
- The Queen of Sheba is allegedly from Ethiopia (or southern Yemen). Ethiopians believe that the founder of the Ethiopian Empire, King Menelik, was the son of King Solomon of Israel (son of David), and the Queen of Sheba.
- Ethiopia became a Christian nation in the fourth century.
- Today, it is on the frontlines of the war against terrorism. It is surrounded by Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Kenya.

During this presentation, we'll share a slide show and a few very short (2-3 minute) films, including one of local wildlife.

Over the past few weeks, readers have seen that in Butajira, Ethiopia there is a desperate need, as well as an amazing opportunity to significantly help the most needy.

But, how is this going to work? There are many other places in need. And will we just be throwing money at a problem instead of really making a difference? These are hugely important and valuable questions.

Here are just a few answers about Ethiopia Hope Village's development position:

First, this is not traditional majority world project. We're not going in with a lot of money, and all the answers. Instead, the answer to "what is needed?" came from a direct community assessment – the answer was some residential care (orphanage), but only for the most desperate; and a youth center to get kids off the street and into fun, educational, and character-building activities (clinic, library, sports facilities, etc.).

Second, the total need for our first phase, which is simply to build a small residence and some self-sustainability projects, is only \$60,000. This is about 25 percent of the proposed capital plan, but let's see how the first phase goes before we seek more funds. Let's do it step-by-step and carefully monitor the progress, instead of getting large funds and potentially wasting money.

Third, we are small (basically Gigi and I), hence little overhead; but we are hugely accountable. New Mission Systems International is our American agency,

which has the highest Charity Navigator rating and is a member of the ECFA. The partner in Ethiopia is a major national church, Emmanuel United. This church will be the "owner" and responsible for the work – and future – of this project.

Fourth, we have to be empowering, bringing the local people into the project to help in however they can – so that this is, from the beginning, their project. The Town is donating the land (20,000 square meters); and we are seeking 10 percent of the cost to be funded by the locals – mostly by sweat equity.

Fifth, this is not a long-term funding project. Every step of the way, which means at least one project per year, is a sustainability project. The first year, we'll begin a small "movie house," as well as start our vegetable gardens and a small chicken ranch. Each year, those last two will grow so that a surplus can be used to raise funds for caring for the children and for hiring the staff necessary. There are all kinds of other potential projects that will depend on community need and a positive business outlook. We've said it before and we'll say it again – this is not a long-term welfare project. Far from it!

Finally, there is a personal connect. I've been a Sanibel resident since 1983 and highly active in community activities. Most of the people already helping this project are from Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers. We are not based in an ivory tower in New York, Chicago or San Francisco, like many development projects. We are based right here, in this small village. That's why the sister-city idea is so sensible. It's real.

Please help us help these precious children.

Donations can be made online at www.nmsi.org to Scott and Gigi Martell at New Missions System International. If you prefer to use a check, please write them to "NMSI" and mail them to NMSI, 2701 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 200, Fort Myers, FL 33901 and put "Ethiopia Hope Village" in the memo line.

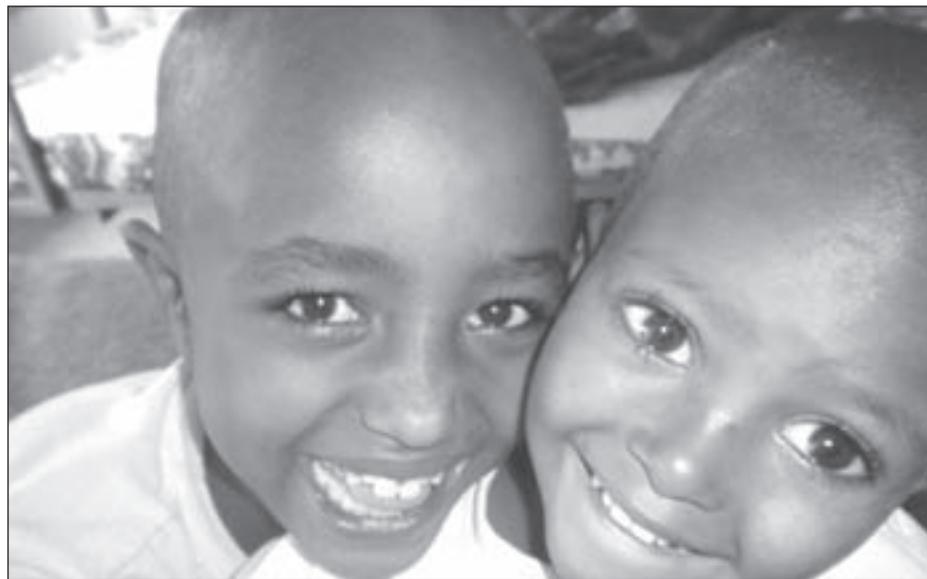
(Scott Martell moved to Sanibel in 1983 to work as a newspaper reporter. He's been a writer/editor since that time with various organizations, including the island newspapers, the News-Press and WGCU Public Media. He has served on a variety of local boards,



Gigi and Scott Martell with some of the kids being helped through Ethiopia Hope Village

including CROW, The Sanibel 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

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Malhalet and Abi



Bethlehem



John, Ai, Hosni and Zuriya

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Year In Review

A group of avid kayakers from Captiva, Choppy and Sally Rheinfrank, Chic and Kathleen Bruning, and Dave and Hobby Jeffrey, formed a committee to raise funds for the clearing of the Buck Key trail and established a fund to maintain the trail and keep it open for years to come.

Last year, the group presented "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) with funds enough to hire a contractor to clear out the felled trees and make the trail paddle-able once again. Paddlers reported seeing a bobcat, a small alligator, green herons, egrets, ospreys, and a variety of other birds.

The old Lindgren Boulevard box culvert, which restricts access for boaters in the canal below, is to be replaced with a wider, deeper one at a cost of \$821,305. The culvert was constructed in the early 60s. The 12-foot high and 10-foot wide opening allows excess fresh water from East Gulf Drive and the Beach Road weir to flow to the bay. It's also used for boat access to the bay and gulf.

Sanibel student Amanda Podlasek won first place at the Thomas Alva Edison Regional Science Fair for her study involving public knowledge of red tide. Amanda's research started as a 7th grader at Sanibel Sea School, working closely with creator and director Dr. Bruce Neill.

Even as the crowds are milling around at this year's Sanibel Shell Fair, behind the scenes plans are already in high gear for the landmark 75th annual fair in 2012. Shell Show Chair Ann Joffe and Shell Fair Chair Ann Arnoff are planning an island-wide celebration of seashells that will expand the current fair into one befitting its diamond anniversary status. Instead of the traditional three-day event, it will be a week-long celebration running from February 26 to March 12.

Permits were pulled to begin construction of 16 new homes on Sanibel in 2010. This represents a five-year peak in new home construction on the island. Building permits for all construction, including remodeling and new homes on Sanibel for calendar year 2010 was recorded at \$34.528 million. Upon releasing 2010 statistics this month, Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra stated, "Our trends support the fact that Sanibel remains a desirable community to reside and invest in, even during these most difficult economic times."

March

The Sanibel City Council fitted the "missing link" – a portion of bike path near BIG ARTS – into the Dunlop Road path project. In January, the council decided to build a partial path, eliminating the section from city hall to Wooster Lane, because members couldn't reach a consensus on which option to choose. However, council was unanimous in backing option #1, a route that was at first passed up for environmental reasons, but resurrected Tuesday by Vice Mayor Mick Denham. It will run along the south side of Dunlop, separated from the road, crossing a wetland area and gopher tortoise habitat, but boardwalks and culverts

will lessen the impact.

Sanibel Community Church outlined before the planning commission a plan for a new 630-seat sanctuary to replace the 420-seat space currently used. The plan also includes offices, media room, bookstore, cafe, garage and some remodeling of existing structures. The old chapel will remain. The church sits on an 8.1-acre parcel at 1740 Periwinkle Way.

Four island women, Grace Whitehead, Mariel Goss, Sherri Vartdal and Starr Thomas, were honored by the Sanibel Bicycle Club for pioneering the island's bike paths.

Harlan Wittkopf, renowned for his 35-year passion for collecting alphabet cones – and for deciphering their hidden letters and numbers – found the mother



Harlan Wittkopf with some alphabet cones

lode of cone shells by wading out on a super low tide. He found 51 of the shells (*Conus spurius*) in four days offshore near Sandalfoot Condominiums, where he has stayed for many years.

There's a newcomer at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge: a coyote. According to refuge biologist Tara Wertz, coyotes are extremely adaptable and have been expanding their range across North America for the last century. Wertz said the animals are good swimmers and may have swum here. Young



Sherri Vartdal, Mariel Goss and Starr Thomas, bike path pioneers



SCCF staff, board members and volunteers announce a successful campaign

coyotes in particular travel long distances to disperse from where they were born. This animal most likely will leave if unable find a mate here.

The Sanibel Bicycle Club has been named the state Bicycle Club of the Year and two club members have been named Volunteers of the Year. The Florida Bicycle Association announced its annual award winners for 2011, with three of the 12 awards going to groups and individuals in Lee County.

April

Ralph and Jean Woodring's plans to sell their historic bayfront property for inclusion in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge received the unanimous blessing of the Sanibel City Council. The 6.5-acre tract at Woodring Point, about a third of which is mangrove swamp, contains two homes. One is the early 1900s small cracker house – and various other structures – that was home to Sam and Esperanza Woodring. Ralph Woodring wants to memorialize Sanibel's pioneer fisherfolk through preservation of the old homestead and establishment of the southernmost portion of the property as an historic site.

Avid sheller Pam Rambo of Sanibel recently had what she calls "an unforgettable brush with nature." She was on the beach when she met young Lauren

Russell, from Waukegan, Illinois. Lauren had just picked up a pen shell that had washed in – but it was no ordinary pen shell. Inside was a pygmy octopus in the process hatching hundreds of little octopuses.

The board of Community Housing & Resources, Inc. welcomed its new executive director, Nancy Fash-McHenry, at the annual meeting on April 9.

A Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, a species rarely found on Florida's beaches, nested on Sanibel on Friday, April 22. The turtle laid its eggs a full eight days before the official start of sea turtle nesting season, which is May 1, and she did it during the day. Sea turtles usually nest at night. This species had not nested on Sanibel since 1996.

May



Santiva, right, with jockey Shaun Bridgeman

On May 7, Santiva, a horse owned by the Tom Walters family of Sanibel, enters the starting gate for the 137th running of the Kentucky Derby. The horse was not among the winners.

After 30 years' service without ever missing a day or being late for duty, Officer John Slater retired from the Sanibel Police Department.

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Journey To India - Part IV



A performer of Kathakali, a combination of drama, dance and subtle gestures that originated in Kerala

by Patty Molnar

We're down south now in Kochi (formerly Cochin) in the state of Kerala, called "God's own country" in India, and it feels like a whole different country. Stepping off the plane to temperatures of 85 degrees and high humidity felt like Florida in early summer. We have left behind the arid and semi-arid landscape up north and are now surrounded by verdant fields, groves of coconut trees, great expanses of rice paddies and wide waterways. I haven't been to Southeast Asia, but I can imagine that it the landscape is similar.

Kerala, formerly known as Malabar (this rang a bell with me, I think, from geography class), is one of India's most prosperous states, with a literacy rate of 95 percent. The high literacy figure and the wealth of the area can be attributed to several factors, we were told. Number one, the first missionaries – led by the apostle St. Thomas – arrived in the first century, bringing Christianity and the establishment of the first schools. Secondly, early on the region had a lucrative spice trade with the Romans and later the Arabs. At that time, there were 100 ships visiting Malabar every year.

The third reason was a second wave of Christian missionaries from Portugal, Holland and England in the 1600s who further strengthened the educational system. (Up to 30 percent of the state is Christian.)

The final factor, everyone said, is the land reform law enacted by the Communist Party in the late 1950s, which took small plots of land from the wealthy and gave them to landless tenants. As a result, 98 percent of Kerala's population owns land.

Another interesting fact regarding Kerala is that women enjoy more status than in other parts of India. Also, population control in the state functions well. And for the spa-goers among us, the Kerala method of Ayurvedic medicine is famous for its use of medicated oils, herbs, milk, massage and diet to treat all



Another Kathakali performer

manner of ailments.

And we learned that Sanibel is not alone in having had a non-native invasive species of flora introduced into it. During the time of the Raj (British rule), an Englishwoman so missed the water hyacinth that adorned her pond back home that she had the plant imported to Kerala. The local authorities are trying to figure out a way to get rid of a menace that chokes local waterways... and doubles in size weekly.

Another tidbit of information about Kerala is that the men wear a sarong-like garment called a dhoti instead of trousers. This is a practical choice for the intense heat of the region.

During our time in Kochi, we attended a history lecture by a university professor and briefly visited sites in the town that reflected the city's colonial past – St. Francis Church, the Dutch Palace and Jew Town (that is its name), a stretch of nice textile, antique and jewelry stores.

That evening we had a special treat – a visit to the home of Kerala's Julia Child, Nimmy Paul, who gave us a cooking demonstration of the region's cuisine, followed by a light dinner. On the way out of her home, we noticed on the living room wall a framed article from *The New York Times*, which had done an extensive article on her and the food of Kerala.

Most of the lodging on this tour was of superior quality, but our next stay, a bit south of Kochi, was unique. It was at the charming Kumarakom Lake Resort and featured rustic yet lovely rooms with enclosed outdoor bathrooms with showers. When you stepped outside your room, you could swim in a lagoon-like pool that meandered through the property. The resort also had an Ayurvedic spa which got a lot of use by the tour members.

Since we stayed at the resort for two evenings and had a relatively low-key program while there, we figured the tour operator had the (right) idea that we might need some "R&R" towards the end of our travels.

Most everyone in our group enjoyed this stay immensely except for two women from the east coast of Florida, who complained that it was too hot and



Local fishermen in their sailboats



Chinese fishing nets



A rice boat docked at our lake resort

humid!!

Our final stop of Mumbai, India's financial capital, is coming up. So for the

final installment of this series, I'll describe it as well as sum up my impressions of the fascinating country that is India.✧

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Sanibel Beautification volunteers, back: Bill McBeath, Lou Scariot and Bill Boswell, treasurer; front, Debbie Staley, Ada Shissler, president, and Diane Stocks

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Year In Review

The city council recognized Slater's exemplary service with a proclamation read by Mayor Kevin Ruane and an engraved vase.

It wasn't so much what happened as what didn't happen that helped many island businesses feel more upbeat about the just-ended peak season compared with recent years. There was no algae piling up on the beaches; no talk of oil spills in the gulf; no inclement weather; and no winter wildfires. Also, a late Easter added about a month to the season, stretching it to about 12 weeks instead of eight. And while the northern states shivered under a seemingly endless winter, Southwest Florida had one of its warmest, sunniest winters in recent memory.

Friends and former City of Sanibel colleagues joined Michael "Moon" Murray for a retirement golf tournament on Sunday, May 15 at Beachview Golf Club on Sanibel. Murray retired with the rank of major from Sanibel Police Department.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has reached the \$5.3 million goal for the acquisition and initial restoration of the historic Bailey homestead.

"Gift amounts ranged from \$5 to \$1 million, and it took every single donation to help us reach our goal," said SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad.

As part of the city's capital improvement projects, the original metal roof at city hall is being replaced. The work is being done by Advanced Roofing of Fort Myers. The contract price is \$233,670. Installation began in March and was anticipated to be complete by the end of May. However, due to an owl nesting on city hall grounds, work on the roof of the building and planning departments' wing has been suspended until nesting activity has ended.

June

Sanibel City Council members have gone high-tech in a bid to save on thousands of sheets of paper and copying costs each time they meet. Instead of bulging folders, the five members now have sleek and compact iPads so they can scroll through the agenda and ready the many reports that accompany it. Copies of emails and other documents they routinely see are now sent to them electronically.

July

The Sanibel City Council established a special assessment district to fund future dredging of the entrance to Shell Harbor and Sanibel Estates canal systems. Dredging of the entrance, near Sanibel Marina, has been dredged seven times since 1995. The next project is scheduled for 2013 at an estimated cost of \$33,000. Under the special assessment formula, the city pays one third, the marina pays 40 percent and the homeowners pay the remainder. For each homeowner, that will amount to \$20 a year, generating \$11,600.

August

Mariner Pointe Condominiums owners are so attached to their bayside boardwalk, they were prepared to let it and the seawall that supports it to fall into the water in disrepair rather than lose it. The issue was that to rebuild the seawall, contractors would have to remove the five-foot wide boardwalk – but the code doesn't allow for a nonconforming structure in the bay beach zone to be replaced or substantially improved. The treasured boardwalk is a relic of Sanibel's pre-incorporation days and does not meet current codes. So when seawall repairs became necessary, owners faced the prospect of losing their baywatching, fishing and



The Eskew family, from left: daughter-in-law Pia, son John, Milena, grandchildren Victoria and Roddy. Son Bruce is not pictured.

hanging out place.

The sound of European accents has been music to the ears of many island businesses this summer, perhaps signaling a return to better days in this tourism-based economy. For the last three to four years, Europeans have stayed away due to factors such as the economy and unfounded fears of oil-marred beaches.

What makes Europeans especially welcome is that being long-haul travelers they tend to stay longer than domestic tourists.

September

Residents of Nerita Street may soon be able to get the dusty street paved. The city council agreed to lower the consent rate needed to petition the city to pave the road as a special assessment project. Instead of requiring agreement from 80 percent of the 11 property owners, they will now need just 67 percent, or two-thirds. That ratio will also take effect island-wide for similar projects.

To offset a three percent sewer rate increase passed earlier that day, Sanibel City Council cut the millage rate for the 2011-12 budget to save property owners from digging a bit deeper into their pockets.

Sanibel City Council is to resurrect the idea of a town center plan that would provide a gathering place for the community. Councilman Marty Harity told council that he has heard "a lot of dialog about a town square, a piazza..." and he wants council to discuss the idea "to see if it is something we want to resurrect and what direction we think the city should take."

After 11 years dedicated to the "beautification" of Sanibel, the hardworking Sanibel Beautification volunteers are hanging up their orange vests and putting away their gardening tools. "We feel that we have accomplished our original goal of improving the appearance of the entrance to the island, and that the work we have done has created a legacy of lasting natural beauty which will only grow and improve in the coming years," said Sanibel Beautification President Ada Shissler.

October

Sanibel property owners who were denied the ability to build bayside docks last year are suing the City of Sanibel for damages. The city council upheld its ban

on any new docks on San Carlos Bay, despite pleas from seven property owners that they were being denied their riparian rights. The lawsuit, filed October 14 in the Lee County Circuit Court, seeks damages and compensation and cites the city's approval of its own concrete boat dock – for the Sanibel Police Department – in the same bay beach zone where the plaintiffs reside and where the city maintains that docks are harmful to seagrasses.

Friends, family, and islanders gathered Sunday, October 30 to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of the people responsible for much of what is good about Sanibel, Milena Eskew. She was a strong advocate for incorporation, an energetic volunteer and a respected community leader.

A new stretch of bike path along Periwinkle Way from St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church to Dunlop Road, past the library and city hall, was completed.

November

Pamela Johnson, sales director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, who is responsible for selling Sanibel and other area destinations to tourists around the world, applauded the city's efforts to encourage modernization of the island's aging resorts by amending the land use plan. After attending a meeting on Tuesday where city officials outlined the ordinance changes before a crowd of about 50 hotel owners, managers and others in the industry, Johnson said the bureau supports any moves to enhance the visitor experience.

December

The resignation of three members last month leaves the Community Housing & Resources board six members down, according to Sanibel. City Councilman Doug Congress, the council's liaison to CHR, said, "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.

In a later meeting, the CHR board voted not to renew its agreement with Fash-McHenry. During executive session, the board decided to secure an interim executive director to oversee day-to-day operations pending an immediate search for a new executive director.✧

PGA Tips

Preparing For The First Round Of The Year



by Matt Oakley,
PGA Golf
Professional

Many of our island visitors come from northern climates where they cannot play golf in the winter like the lucky residents of Sanibel.

So, when they get down here on vacation they love to get in a round or two. Unfortunately, they haven't played golf since last fall and that first round each spring can be a tough one for the body and the ego. Here are a few tips to get you ready to play golf while you are visiting:

1. The Day Before

Try to get to the practice tee the day before that first round. Hit about 30 to 50 balls at most just to get the body loosened up and get those golf muscles awake again. Focus mostly on short wedge shots and then a few with the driver. Chip and putt a few before you go. This can be a very brief session.

2. The Day of the First Round
Arrive early and stretch. Gently loosen your back, shoulders and legs.

Go to the practice tee and hit about 30 balls at most. Use the clubs you hit the most during the round.

Chip and putt for the last few minutes before tee time.

During the round drink at least one bottle of water per nine holes. It is much warmer and humid in Florida than up north and you will get dehydrated quickly in the heat. Avoid caffeine and alcohol while you play, they will both dehydrate you.

Eat a small sandwich and fruit at the turn at most. A heavy meal will sap your strength for the back nine.

Lower your score expectations. Enjoy each shot for what it is, do your best and don't get too involved in the score. It's 80 degrees and sunny and you are playing golf. Your buddies back to home wish they were here.

3. The Next Day

When you get up you may be sore. Stretch a little to loosen up. A nice walk on the beach would help, too.✱

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Dunes Women's Golf Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announces the Dunes Women's Golf Association event results from Friday, December 23.

Format: Individual Point Quota.

1st Margaret Dwyer +18
2nd Lee Bogan +12
3rd Karen Hendricks +11
4th Betsy Cox +7

Chip-Ins

Karen Hendricks #2 and #9
Anne Kuhnle #4
Margaret Dwyer #11.✱

Nifty Niners Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, December 22. format: 3 person scramble string game

1st Valerie Hotchkiss 29.9
Mary Coddens
Phyllis Koury
2nd Jodi Cort 31.59
Sue Altum
Nancy Hopkins
3rd Roberta Rohl 33.1
Lesley Simmons
Sue Tray

Congratulations to all the winners.✱

Hole-In-One At The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club

On Sunday, December 25, Roberta Rohl scored a hole-in-one on the 116-yard sixth hole at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club.

Bob Rohl witnessed the hole-in-one as Roberta used her seven iron, and a Neutron ball. This is the first hole-in-one of her career.

Congratulations, Roberta.✱

Dunes Men's Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Men's Golf Association event results from Wednesday, December 22, format: super skins.

Skins Pool

Flight #1 (HCP Range 5.3- 15.1)
Noel Davis #3, 8, 12, 14
Terry Finzen #1
Chuck Hogg #9
Flight #2 (HCP Range 19.2 - 24.6)
Jack Roberts #7
Howard Dwyer #1
Don Sikkema #5
Mike Hnatow #3, 17, 18,
Robert Orr #4
Flight #3 (HCP Range 25.0 - 32.5)
Herb Hoover # 1, 15
Andy McKelvey #5, 12, 18
Ray Galligan #8
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Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell



Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.

- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.

- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back are forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

- Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League
Monday, December 19

Busters, Magic Tied For First Place

Bunt's Ball Busters and Bathroom Magic were tied for first place in the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League's standings heading into the holiday week. The two teams have played once this season, with Bunt's coming away with a close 9-7 victory. The Ball Busters have won top honors in the League for the past three years.

Odd Ball Captain Kip Buntrock has been helping his friend Matt Hall build his low pool shooting self-esteem by scheduling Hall's matches only against lady shooters. With this assistance, Hall won seven out of eight games in his first two matches. Then along came Pattee Frank, who smoked him 3-1 on Monday night. Give Matt a hug the next time you see him. He needs the boost.

A record 11 shooters went undefeated in their matches this week: Jack Dalton, Joe Steamer and John Gonzalez from Bathroom Magic; Terry Ricotta, Dave Doane and Bob Buntrock from Bunt's Ball Busters; Roland Anderson and Mike Smith from George & Wendy's; Tom Yorgey and Larry Hancock from Fresh Legion Crew; and Jeff Brown from Sandycappers.*

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League
Monday, December 26

Finegan, Mindel And Lubinski Are Perfect Shooters

Led by three clutch wins posted by Dave Doane, Bunt's Ball Busters again flushed Bathroom Magic down the drain with their second 9-7 head-to-head win of the season. Terry Ricotta, Rich Ennis, and Bob Buntrock contributed two wins each for the three times defending League champions.

Bathroom Magic is the dream team put together by Captain Dennis Bender and his partner in crime, Jack Dalton. They recruited throughout Florida in an attempt to halt Bunt's Ball Busters drive to a fourth title... so far to no avail.

The two teams meet once more on February 17, with the season ending on March 12.

Captain Carol Johnson recruited a Sanibel time-share owner from Chicago to play for her Chalk & Awe team. The result was four straight victories by James Finegan, a sharp-shooting school teacher from "The Windy City." Finegan plays in three Chicago leagues and easily dispatched Fresh Legion Crew Captain Gator Gates. He'll be back next year.

Joining Finegan in posting perfect 4-0 scores were Doc Lubinski from the Odd Balls and Peter Mindel from Sanibel Café.*

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2011-2012 Standings through December 26, 2011

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	117	43
Second	Bathroom Magic	115	45
Third	Odd Balls	100	60
Fourth	Sanibel Café	79	81
Fifth	Sandycappers	71	89
Sixth	Chalk & Awe	63	97
Seventh	Fresh Legion Crew	59	101
Eighth	George & Wendy's	36	124

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

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2009, Philadelphia's Chase Utley became the second player to hit five home runs in a World Series. Who was the first?
2. Who was the oldest player to steal a base in the major leagues?
3. Name the first college football Division I player to have 1,500 yards rushing and 1,500 yards passing in the same season.
4. In the 2009-10 season, Sacramento guard Tyreke Evans became the fourth rookie in NBA history to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists per game. Name two of the first three to do it.
5. Entering the 2011-12 season, how many times had Jaromir Jagr tallied 40-plus goals in an NHL season?
6. Northwestern has won the women's lacrosse national championship six times in the past seven seasons (2005-11). Name the only other school to win a title during that time.
7. Who was the first mixed martial-arts fighter to win major titles in two weight classes?

ANSWERS

1. Reggie Jackson of the New York Yankees, in 1977. 2. Arlie Latham was 49 years old when he stole a base for the 1909 New York Giants. 3. Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson, in 2010. 4. Oscar Robertson, Michael Jordan and LeBron James. 5. Six times. 6. Maryland beat Northwestern in 2010. 7. Randy Couture.

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The Future Of Women's Professional Golf Could Ride On The Shoulders Of This Sensational Florida Teenager



by Ed Frank

An amazing young Florida teenager could do for the women's professional golf tour what Tiger Woods once did for the PGA Tour.

Lexi Thompson of Coral Springs, who won't turn 17 until next February, became the youngest winner ever on the LPGA Tour when she captured the Navistar Classic last September. And then, just two weeks later, she won the Dubai Ladies Masters to become the youngest to win on the Ladies European Tour.

She recorded scores of 70-66-70-67, 15 under par, winning by four strokes over a field that included several Solheim Cup

members from both Europe and the United States.

Although LPGA rules stipulate that tour members must be 18 years old, Commissioner Michael Whan wisely made an exception to allow her membership. The talented youngster could be just what the LPGA needs to restore its prominence.

The homeschooled Thompson comes from a family rich in golf talent. Half-brother Nicholas Thompson plays on the PGA Tour and Curtis Thompson competes on the Louisiana State University golf team. Her father Scott serves as her caddie.

In 2007, as a 12-year-old, she became the youngest player to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open although she failed to make the cut. Also in 2007, she won the Aldila Junior Classic and the Westfield Junior PGA Championship, again the youngest in history.

When she turned pro last year, she quickly signed lucrative sponsorships with Cobra-Puma Golf and Red Bull.

The six-foot Thompson played qualifiers last year in Florida to gain entry into the U.S. Women's Open where she finished nine shots behind winner Paula Creamer to collect her first professional check for \$72,131.

Two weeks later at the Evian Masters playing on a sponsors' exemption, Thompson pocketed \$242,711 in second place just one shot off the winning score. After three professional events in 2010, her earnings were \$314,842 which would have ranked her 18th on the LPGA money list if she had been an official member.

In just 18 months since turning professional, Thompson has won \$661,992 – not bad for a 15- and 16-year-old.

The future is limitless for this golfing prodigy who says she plans to complete her high school education while playing on tour.

But there probably won't be many Friday night football games and high school proms as she rides the LPGA on her shoulders.

Everblades Win Two at Home last Weekend over Trenton

Sweeping Trenton last weekend on home ice by scores of 3-2 and 6-3, the Florida Everblades improved their season record to 14-13-2, five points out of first place in the ECHL South Division.

Florida closes out 2011 this weekend with three games in three nights against three different opponents – Thursday at Greenville, Friday at Gwinnett and Saturday at South Carolina – all division opponents.

The local hockey team does not return home to Germain Arena until January 11, 13, and 14 when they host the expansion Chicago Express.

New Florida Tarpons Sign Veteran Quarterback Chris Wallace

The upstart Florida Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League will not begin their first season until March 9, but they recently announced the signing of veteran quarterback Chris Wallace who is no stranger to Southwest Florida.

In eight seasons with the now-defunct Florida Firecats, Wallace passed for more than 22,000 yards. He will be entering his 11th season of indoor football.

The Tarpons also signed 6-foot, 7-inch Carlos Singleton as wide receiver, a graduate of the University of Memphis. Singleton had once played for the Cincinnati Bengals of the NFL.✪

Volunteers Of The Month

The City of Sanibel Recreation Department recognizes Volunteers of the Month Dan and Judy Davis.

They have volunteered at the recreation center since the first year of operation, providing tours for patrons and assisting in the weight room with orientations. They have also volunteered with other various projects such as mulching, painting the dugouts and fitting bike helmets at Bike Safety Day.

The Davises feel a great sense of accomplishment by helping others. They said, "Both of us grew up in active volunteer families in our communities and we are pleased that our four children and five grandchildren follow the pattern." They like that Sanibel's organizations really welcome volunteers and set a priority with training and diverse opportunities.

They are both retired educators. Dan was a management and accounting professor and also taught military personnel overseas. She taught primary school grades in New York State. The final five years they were the resident professors and instructors in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Sanibel Island is their home for seven months of the year because they love the quality of life enhanced by



Judy and Dan Davis

nature, the foresight of the Sanibel Plan and the local organizations.

Volunteer opportunities are now available. For information on joining your friends and neighbors who serve as Recreation Center volunteers call 472-0345.

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Very VIP Auction Items Offered At 2012 Hope Gala

The auction items available at the 10th annual Hope Gala bring a whole new meaning to the term “red carpet treatment.”

With backstage passes, personal introductions, behind-the-scenes access and private parties, many of the Hope Gala experiences simply aren't available for purchase in any other venue.

Individual tickets to the February 11 Hope Gala – which benefits Joanne's

House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs – are available to the public, so dream vacations and once-in-a-lifetime experiences are just a high-bid away.

“We know Southwest Florida hosts many events with great auctions,” said Hope Gala co-chair and Bonita Bay resident Karen Hartley. “We wanted our 10th anniversary event to be truly unique, so our committee members reached out to contacts and friends around the world to help secure experiences that simply can't be bought anywhere else.”

One of the pivotal contacts for the 2012 Hope Gala is Emmy Award-winning producer and Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame member



Geoffrey Mason

Geoffrey Mason, also a Bonita Bay resident. Mason has produced sports events across the globe for major broadcast networks and sports juggernaut ESPN, providing unparalleled access to exclusive experiences.

Sports: Sidelines, Courtside and Inside the Ropes

Go “inside the ropes” at the 2012 Tavistock Cup at Lake Nona Golf & Country Club in Orlando, where four winners will spend a day with Golf Channel host Rich Lerner as he covers this unique club championship that features many of the top golfers in the world. Tickets are not available to this club tournament; attendance is limited to club members,

their guests and corporate sponsors, making it one of the most private and prestigious events in the world of golf.

ESPN Unplugged: A Day in the Life of SportsCenter allows four guests to spend a day behind the scenes at the worldwide leader in sports. Winners will tour the studios in Bristol, Connecticut, meet broadcast and sports personalities, and observe how shows are conceived, planned, directed and produced.

Courtside at the U.S. Open on Opening Day includes VIP access and tour of the Arthur Ashe Tennis Center, Players Lounge and ESPN broadcast center, including a chat with ESPN analyst

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Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic Returns

Last week, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced that its 19th annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic will take place on Monday, February 27 at The Forest Country Club in South Fort Myers. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m.

The Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic is strengthened by a dollar-for-dollar match to all funds raised and will support construction of a new 136-bed children's hospital to pro-

vide state-of-the-art lifesaving care for the children of Southwest Florida.

The golf event is preceded the evening before (on Sunday, February 26) by the Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital “Tee Party.” This year's “Tee Party” features a *Winter Wonderland* theme and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and spirited silent and live auctions. Bidding opportunities include one-of-a-kind hand-signed memorabilia from the world of sports and entertainment, luxurious spa and jewelry items, a seven-day cruise, a fun-filled trip to Fenway Park in Boston and a luxury trip to New York City.

Now in its 19th year, the event gives fans the opportunity to hit the links alongside some of the biggest stars and legends in Major League Baseball. Past participants include Josh Beckett, Jason Varitek, Jacoby Ellsbury, Clay Buchholz, Louis Tiant, Hall of Famer Jim Rice and many more.

“We are honored to partner with the outstanding Boston Red Sox organization. The Red Sox bring awareness to the health and wellness issues of our young patients,” said tournament director Ken Shoriak. “We are also grateful for the support of The Forest Country Club in helping us to achieve success. It is our mission to ensure our community's children receive the highest quality medical care.”

Volunteer committee members invite you to visit www.facebook.com/RedSoxCelebrityClassic for updated information, event photos and more.

To join the Boston Red Sox on the course, or to purchase tickets to the evening-prior “Tee Party,” call 343-6950 or e-mail BostonGolf@LeeMemorial.org. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are currently available. To inquire, call 343-6950.✪

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Very VIP at the 2013 Super Bowl takes two winners to the invitation-only NFL Commissioner's Party, NFL Experience, NFL Tailgate Party and behind-the-scenes tours of the CBS and ESPN television broadcast centers – plus great seats for kickoff at the Louisiana Superdome.

Prime Time at the 2012 NCAA Final Four includes pre-parties and the Final Four concert as well as tickets to the Saturday semi-finals and the prime-time championship game on Monday in New Orleans.

Other sports packages to be offered: Red Sox Opening Day at JetBlue Park; PGA Tour Experience at The Players Championship; and 360-Degree View at the Daytona 500 as ESPN's special guest.

If Sports Isn't Your Game...

Connie Lummis, who serves as co-chair for the 2012 Hope Gala with Hartley, said that while event organizers from the Women's Committee for Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs know the sports events will be hot sellers, the auction list is full of world-class experiences in travel, pampering, Hollywood, cooking and more.

Given that this year's event theme is Out of Africa, one might guess at the featured travel item – an all-expenses-paid African safari.

Join in the experience at two of the most popular TV shows in America where the winning bid includes seats at *Dancing With The Stars* and *The X Factor*.

Pamper yourself and a guest with a luxurious spa getaway at The Lodge at Woodloch in the Pocono Mountains, one of the top 10 destination spas in the world.

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private thrill ride.

Learn from the masters with culinary lessons at the internationally-acclaimed Le Cordon Bleu, with five nights at the four-star Hotel Ampère in the heart of Paris.

Golf enthusiasts, take note: Also available to the highest bidder are two exceptional golf experiences. Enjoy three nights at The Inn Bandon Dunes on the southern Oregon Coast, with three rounds at *Golf Digest's* No. 2 Best Golf Course Resort in North America. Play three rounds on a course that has hosted the PGA Championship and U.S. Senior Open at the Kohler Golf Resort in Kohler, Wisconsin, ranked among the best in the country. The package includes three nights at the Forbes five-star resort hotel, The American Club.

Auction committee co-chairs Chris Mason and Tiffany Coletta emphasize that a wide range of additional live and silent auction items will be available to cater to interests and tastes for bidders of all ages.

"There is already a buzz about these auction items, and we hope people will come to have a great time in support of our mission," said Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services. "This event is really a celebration of all the work that has been done, and we're very grateful for the hard work and dedication of so many people."

The Hope Gala includes a gourmet dinner, entertainment by professional comedienne and auctioneer Cindy Banks and co-host Geoffrey Mason, and dancing with musical guest Shelina.

For more information about the Hope Gala, visit www.HopeHospice.org/Gala or call Lummis at 289-3543 or Hartley at 724-822-7519.✧



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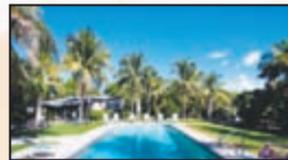


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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for the New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continued misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they

surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Jan. 5, 1643, in the first record of a legal divorce in the American colonies, Anne Clarke of the Massachusetts Bay Colony is granted a divorce from her absent and adulterous husband, Denis Clarke, by the Quarter Court of Boston.

- On Jan. 7, 1785, Frenchman Jean-Pierre Blanchard and American John Jeffries travel from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in a gas balloon, making the first crossing of the English Channel by air. After almost crashing, the two men were forced to throw nearly everything out of the balloon to lighten the ship.

- On Jan. 4, 1847, Samuel Colt rescues the future of his faltering gun company by win-

ning a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers. Though never cheap, by the early 1850s, Colt revolvers were inexpensive enough to be a favorite with Americans headed westward during the California Gold Rush.

- On Jan 8, 1877, Crazy Horse and his warriors -- outnumbered, low on ammunition and forced to use outdated weapons -- fight their final losing battle against the U.S. Cavalry in Montana. On May 6, Crazy Horse led approximately 1,100 Indians to the Red Cloud reservation near Nebraska's Fort Robinson and surrendered.

- On Jan. 6, 1925, in Madison Square Garden, Finnish long-distance runner Paavo Nurmi sets a new indoor world record, running a mile in 4:13.5. In the 5,000-meter race, the "Flying Finn" broke another indoor world record in 14:44.6. Nurmi often ran holding a stopwatch to pace himself, an innovation he developed.

- On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight Eisenhower closes the American embassy in Havana and severs diplomatic relations between the United States and Fidel Castro's government in Cuba. The action signaled that the United States was prepared to take extreme measures to oppose Castro's regime.

- On Jan. 2, 1971, 66 football (soccer) fans are killed in a stampede at a stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, as they attempt to leave a game. The tragedy was caused by the crush of spectators all leaving at the same time on the same stairway

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American journalist and satirist Ambrose Bierce who made the following sage observation: "There is nothing new under the sun but there are lots of old things we don't know."

- Those who study such things say that when a ladybug is frightened, it squirts a foul-smelling goo from its knees.

- You might be surprised to learn that approximately 40 percent of the oxygen in the world's atmosphere is provided by the verdant plant growth of South America's Amazon River basin.

- Mayan artwork dating back as far as 700 A.D. shows people preparing chocolate beverages. Chocolate was so valued by the natives of the Americas, the Maya even used cacao beans as currency.

- For reasons that aren't quite clear, in 1960 Macy's department store introduced a vending machine that dispensed men's underwear. After an initial flurry of shoppers coming to see the new contraption, the machine was doomed to obscurity due to lack of interest.

- Here's a question for the ladies: Are you a philematophobe? If you're a woman who hates to be kissed, you are.

- In 1958, then-Vice President Richard Nixon made a state visit to Venezuela. It seems he wasn't terribly popular there, and one of the protesters spit on him. The Secret Service detained the man, and an irate Nixon kicked him in the shins.

- Only about 37 percent of the newspapers published in the United States are recycled.

- The next time you're thinking about getting a new pet, consider this: Animal behaviorists say that a puppy can't hold a memory for more than 45 seconds.

- Researchers at Yale University have determined that people think more efficiently in the winter than in the summer.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A bore is a man who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company."
-- Gian Vincenzo Gravina

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 1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Arrange oysters in shells on rock salt in a baking dish. Process spinach, onion, bay leaves, celery, parsley and seasonings in a food processor until smooth. In a saucepan, cook spinach mixture in butter for 5 minutes. Add breadcrumbs and lemon juice, mixing well. Spoon the spinach mixture on top of oysters and bake at 400 degrees F until oyster edges curl.

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Portraits In Print



by Jane Vos Hogg

Just Jazz

For Tom Cooley it all began in a used Plymouth. No. He wasn't born there but that's where his love of jazz was born. The car entered his life when he was five. It

had a radio and back home in Gaffney, South Carolina they played a lot of music over the air... either country western or jazz, the choice was yours. Since his dad hated country, it was jazz all the time. The first tune Cooley remembers went something like "You don't get around much anymore"... maybe it was an Ellington piece... and though the word wasn't in his vocabulary yet he thought it "sophisticated."

He began playing drums in 8th grade. He even had his own rock group and when their piano player sewed sequins on her jacket he thought it "way cool!"

"How did your parents view your musical activities," I asked. "My dad loved Wayne King and he'd sing a lot of his tunes, so it was fine with him. My mom, a high school math and science teacher, was very much a live-and-let-live kind of person. She pretty much let me do anything I wanted to."

For his 12th Christmas he got a record player; it played 78s. He recalls a small shop in town where you could go to listen to records in a tiny booth, just you and the music. That's where he heard *Ragmop* in the early 1950s. The first record he ever bought was *Hearts Made of Stone* and the first song he ever danced to was *Rock Around the Clock*. By now he was in high school and the dance of the day was the Shag. (Actually, it became the official state dance.)

Dancing... drumming... he loved them both. "Why?" I asked. "They both use the entire body."

Cooley was in his high school band but remember, this was back in the 1950s when Carolina's schools were still segregated. His own school played straight music but he recalls hearing the black high school band practicing and they played swing. "I felt disadvantaged not being able to be in a jazz band," he said. The black band director had a combo of his own. "I heard them playing *Cherry Pink* and *Apple Blossom White* and their leader was a trumpeter. It's not an instrument I can play but one I respect tremendously."

Next came Duke University where he trained to be a journalist. He was the managing editor of the *Duke Chronicle* but when he looked at one of their textbooks he came away thinking "I could do better than that." It was a thought that eventually put him on another path.

After graduation in 1964 he went into the navy. Those were the Vietnam

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Pool Filter Maintenance & Replacement



by David Liebetrau

Your pool's filtration system is similar to the air filter in your car. Its job is to trap particles, but the more it traps the less efficient it becomes. Like a dirty air filter will lower your

mpg, a clogged pool filter will lower the circulation rate of the water in your pool. This can lead to cloudy water and algae breakouts. Incorporating proper filter maintenance into your routine will not only help to keep your pool cleaner, but will also extend the life of your filter cartridge.

We recommend cleaning your filter at least once a month, or when the pressure rises 8 to 10 PSI. If you have multiple people using your pool on a regular basis, you may need to clean your filter more often. The actual act of cleaning your filter cartridge is relatively simple. First, remove the cartridge from the filter housing following the manufacturer's instructions. Inspect the rubber ends for cracks or rim damage. A small rim crack will become the path of least resistance negating the effectiveness of your fil-

ter. Use your garden hose to spray the cartridge top to bottom, inside and out. Repeat this step until your filter is clean of contaminants. If you find that your filter is extremely dirty, we recommend using a filter cartridge degreaser to help loosen trapped particles, remnants of sunscreen, and other oils. Finally, replace the filter cartridge, again following the manufacturer's instructions. At this point, we recommend inspecting and lubing your filter head o-ring. If you find any kinks or cracks it may be time to replace the o-ring.

For those with DE filters, it is recommended that your DE cylinder be opened, inspected, and cleaned on a regular basis. Be sure to check grids for wear and rips. During this routine maintenance, clean out any buildup that is unable to be removed by simple backwashing.

We have found that properly cared for residential cartridges can last for years. However, if your property is used as a rental you can expect your filter cartridge to need replacement at least once a year. With the excessive bather load and heavy use of sunscreen and oils your cartridge will become clogged and ineffective at a much faster rate. Proper filter maintenance will help extend the life of your filter, but eventually there will come a time when a new filter cartridge is needed.

There are some common signs that a filter cartridge will need to be replaced. Rips, tears, and cracks in a filter are sure indicators that a new cartridge is needed. These breaks in the filter allow dirt and debris to be circulated back into the pool negating the function of the

filter. Another indication that your filter cartridge needs to be replaced is a premature rise in filter pressure. When a filter is working properly, it should take on average three to four weeks for the pressure to rise 8 to 10 PSI. If you notice that this time period has shortened substantially

your filter has aged to the point that it is no longer operating efficiently, and will need to be replaced.

David Liebetrau is a licensed pool contractor on Sanibel. If you have a question for David, email him at info@bannerpoolservice.com.

Superior Interiors

Everything Old Is New Again

by Jeanie Tinch



How do you redecorate when you're overcrowded with "stuff" you just can't part with? It's certainly not an easy task, but once you get started, you'll be surprised how pleasant the

experience can be.

I suggest you sort through your possessions, note whether an item is something of quality – or perhaps – filled with sentimental value. This "sorting" process will help you decide what items to keep and what to discard. And if you're the least bit squeamish about handling this task on your own, why not ask an impartial friend or relative to help you? Once you've made the difficult decisions about what to keep and what to discard, it's now time to figure out what to do with what's left.

Here are a few suggestions:

- If you're a collector, and your various collections are scattered all over the house, consider displaying similar collections in a wall unit or open shelving.

- Take those drawings the children made years ago and create a keepsake album of your favorites. Or consider framing a few of these special, precious creations, and incorporate them into a new wall décor arrangement.

- Furniture accumulated over the years sometimes includes a mixture of styles, which tend to create a cluttered look. Try creating groupings with similar styles. Reupholster or cover upholstered chairs in the same or complementary fabrics. This will coordinate various style and sizes, and help you create some design uniformity.

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years but most of his service was done statewide teaching sailing and English at the Naval Academy Prep School. Once discharged he used the GI bill to go to graduate school at Indiana University which ended with him being hired to teach American literature at Ohio State in Columbus. "It seemed as if there were great drummers on every corner there. I heard a lot of good jazz." During the 33 years he taught there, in addition to books and articles, Cooley also wrote textbooks for writers which were published by WW Norton.

"How did you discover Sanibel?" I asked. "My wife Barbara's parents and grands had been coming here for years. I came down here in 1988 and loved it and two years later we bought our first house."

And that's when he let me in on his big secret. Jazz hungry? "It's huge in many of the RV parks in Fort Myers... Palmetto Palms and Sesta Bay... there

are hundreds of listeners and retired musicians living in those parks... they jam weekly. I was playing with them in Indian Creek when the light went on for me. There were 400 people in their hall and I realized that's what Sanibel needs... it's own jazz band. There had been Satin Jazz, they had five or six players and they'd lost their drummer so I joined them. But they finally collapsed as their players moved on. Island Jazz grew out of this. We've just finished our sixth year."

Jazz is Cooley's passion but not his profession. "Nowadays," he says, "a jazz musician would need an income-producing day job to make a living. Island Jazz is dear to his heart; he describes himself as the group's "den mother." In season Sanibelians can find them on Sundays, beginning January 8, at the Boler Garden of BIG ARTS where you can enjoy them for a few hours of pure listening pleasure. Gazing at the crowd, most keeping beat with fingers, toes, heads, whatever... they seem to capture the sense of remembered yesterdays.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, Is it true that special needs children have weight issues? My daughter is in a special needs class and almost all of her classmates are overweight. Is

there something about special needs kids that makes them overweight?

Kayla B., Fort Myers, Florida

Kayla,

Obesity rates for all children have risen dramatically in the past few years. The rate of obesity among adolescents ages 12 to 19 years has more than tripled over the past three decades, and the rate among children ages 6 to 11 years has more than doubled.

A report released last week from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration found that 30 percent of children aged 10-17 could be considered overweight or obese. They also found that more than 36 percent of children with disabilities and special health care needs in that same age range are overweight or obese and the long term prognosis is not good in that the struggle with weight appears to increase with the severity of the child's condition. Children and adolescents with special needs may often be constrained by their disabilities and the consequences of being overweight are often more serious than for healthy children.

The National Center on Physical Activity and Disabilities reported that children with disabilities are at an even greater risk for obesity today because of our current sedentary lifestyle with most kids now spending a minimum of at least four hours a day with some type of electronic media. Also many parents of disabled children believe that their children cannot be physically active, due to their disability,

which is not always the case. This lack of physical activity may not only lead to obesity, but to many other numerous health problems as well.

In general, there are some social, psychological, and physical difficulties associated with disabilities that include social isolation, restricted mobility, and depression. These problems are often made worse by being overweight, and by further reducing the child's independence.

Current research based interventions and approaches for the prevention and reduction of non-disabled obese children and adolescents are of little or no use for overweight and obese disabled children because the disabled population has been excluded, as participants in most of these studies thus the findings cannot really be applied to them. What research has found, however, is that children with disabilities can be assisted in losing weight if they are instructed individually about the importance of nutrition and exercise and are helped in reducing barriers that restrict their mobility.

I direct you to The National Center on Physical Activity and Disabilities' website - www.ncpad.org - for outstanding information, videos, research and guides on how to increase the physical activity of children (and adults) with disabilities. Special features of this site include guides to discovering leisure activities, camp resources, disability products, finding an accessible park, accessible gardening, and many other outstanding resources. This site and this organization is to an excellent place to get great ideas on how to increase appropriate physical activities for our children with disabilities and put them on a path to a healthier life.

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GRADUATION



Kasey Harrell

Kasey Harrell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management from the University of Central Florida during their December 2011 commencement.

At UCF, Harrell was very active in her sorority - Alpha Delta Pi - and received Dean's List and President's List honors numerous semesters. A native of Sanibel, Harrell graduated from The Sanibel School in 2003 and Fort Myers High School in 2007.

Harrell will be selling real estate on Sanibel and Captiva with her parents, Steve Harrell and Toby Tolp at VIP Realty.*

GRADUATION



Whitney Wolanin

Sanibel resident Whitney Wolanin recently graduated magna cum laude (with high honors) from Vanderbilt University. She majored in Human and Organizational Development and received a Bachelors in Science degree in three years.

Wolanin also studied voice at the Blair music school while at Vanderbilt. She is now pursuing her music career full time, as a recording artist/singer songwriter on TopNotch Records, with her self-written original single *Honesty* coming out in January. She won multiple 2010 and 2011 ASCAP PLUS songwriting awards and will begin touring with her band in the spring.*

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Secret Santa Visits Southwest Florida Store

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Around 11:30 a.m., an anonymous man approached cashier Bonnie Parchini and handed her a credit card, indicating that he wanted to pay for the purchases of a mother in line with her child.

"When I told her that her items were already paid for, she was stunned," said Parchini. "She asked the man, 'why would you do this for me?' All he said was, 'Merry Christmas.'"

A few minutes later, the man approached Parchini again, this time not only giving her his credit card, but \$40 in cash.

"There was a woman in line with her three little girls," she said. "He wanted

me to give her the cash to take her daughters out to lunch."

Once again, "Merry Christmas" was all the anonymous man said to the shopper, who responded by giving him a teary-eyed hug.

Parchini, a three-year employee, said that she'd never seen the man in the store before, and neither of the customers were regulars either. "It was amazing to be a part of a random act of kindness like that," she said. "It really restores your faith in humanity."

Kirsten O'Donnell, director of public relations and marketing for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, said, "Goodwill is known nationwide as a place where good things happen. To see someone pay it forward like this is just remarkable."*

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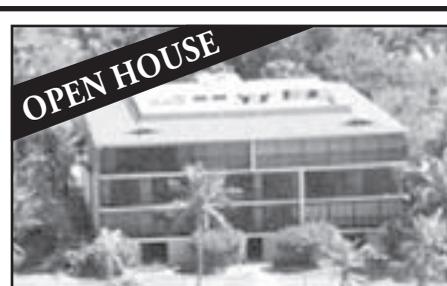
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Will Power

What's A Pour Over Will?



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

Recently, someone asked me what a "pour over will" was. It's a good question, so I thought I'd share my answer with you today.

First, let's review what how a will normally acts to distribute an estate when we die. Remember that all wills are subject to the probate process. When you die with assets in your name individually, the will usually controls who is supposed to get what. So the probate process is designed to admit your last will into probate (giving others the opportunity to admit any codicils or subsequently signed wills), your personal representative is appointed, the estate inventory is catalogued and filed, creditors cleared, taxes paid, accountings filed and eventually the beneficiaries receive their inheritance from your estate.

The probate process is therefore a public process. You can go down to the courthouse and read the will of anyone whose will has been filed with the probate court, which is a legal requirement.

But when someone has a revocable living trust the process is different. The revocable living trust typically names

who is supposed to get what from the decedent's estate. The trust is not filed with the court. But people who have revocable living trusts still need a will – and that will is usually referred to as a pour over will.

In order for the assets of the decedent to avoid the probate process on his or her death – he or she needs to transfer their assets to their revocable living trust before they die. Sometimes they forget an asset or two (or three!). It's not uncommon for someone to forget to title the new certificate of deposit they opened with the bank into their trust name instead of their name individually. Or perhaps they never transferred the vacant lot that they owned into their trust.

When this happens, the pour over will acts as a "safety net" – catching the asset that wasn't transferred to the revocable trust before death, and doing so after death. The pour over will typically has a dispositive provision that reads something like this: "upon my death, my personal representative shall distribute my estate to the then acting trustee of my revocable living trust."

This way, the trust provisions (which are private) control the distribution of all of the assets. Unfortunately, the assets subject to the will still need to go through the probate process in order

to be transferred to the trust for final distribution. That is why it is so very important to be vigilant about titling all of your assets that would otherwise be subject to probate into your revocable living trust.

You might wonder why you don't just name beneficiaries in your pour over will rather than having the assets pour into the trust before being distributed. That's because the trust not only controls who the beneficiaries will be, but also controls how taxes are paid, how expenses are apportioned among the assets and a variety of other important administrative tasks are conducted. You would have to mirror all of those provisions in your pour over will in order to avoid problems. It really doesn't make sense to do that. Instead, the will simply "pours into" the trust.

Typically the individual named in the will to serve as your personal representative also serves as the trustee of your revocable trust. When this happens, all of the beneficiaries of the trust become "interested parties" of your probate estate and are entitled to receive all of the notices required under probate law.

What happens if you have a revocable living trust but not a pour over will? This could create real problems if you have any assets in your name individually that do not name beneficiaries. Here, you are said to have died "intestate" (without a will). When this happens, state law dictates who is entitled to the probate estate. It is likely in his scenario that state law is not consistent with your trust – leading to different beneficiaries

for those assets that you forgot to transfer to your revocable living trust.

I've had clients who have transferred assets into joint name with another to avoid the probate process – even when they have a revocable trust. This can also result in unintended consequences. I don't have room in today's column to review all of that – but if you want more information, call my office and we'll send you a free DVD entitled "Perils of Joint Accounts" that reviews those issues.

If you have a pour over will and trust that hasn't been reviewed in the last few years, or if you haven't been vigilant about titling your assets into your trust, you may want to visit with your estate planning attorney to get everything caught up to date.

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Kiss Your Problems Goodbye With Mistletoe



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: I wish you all a happy, restful holiday. At this time of year, I'd like to write about the most romantic plant on Earth – mistletoe. It has allowed more men to steal a kiss

are exhausted, anxious, irritable or suffering with high blood pressure and headaches. Those conditions may be relieved from what you think of as the kissing flower. Even more exciting, are mistletoe's immune-enhancing benefits. Many of you have heard of celebrity and author Suzanne Somers, who used European mistletoe when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000. A study in October 2007 *Archives of Pharmacal Research*, and another in November 2011 *Phytotherapy Research* confirmed some anti-cancer benefits.

Chinese medicine herbalists have used mistletoe for centuries to support the female reproductive system; it seems to improve libido, fertility, uterine bleeding and erratic (or absent) menstruation. A research brief was published in *Fertility and Sterility* (2002) indicating that mistletoe extracts resulted in pain reduction of post-hysterectomy patients with endometriosis. Apparently, mistletoe inspires more than the urge to kiss in men, as studies suggest it can improve libido and erectile dysfunction.

Don't eat your Christmas decoration; that is harmful. You can buy purified commercial dietary supplements of European mistletoe in the United States. It's sold as a liquid extract at health food stores nationwide and you just mix the drops in water. There are oral supplements sold at health food stores. It may be slightly relaxing or sedating. If you are reading my translated column over-

seas, I should tell you mistletoe goes by the brand name Helixor and Iscador, and is usually given via injection by oncologists.

The German Commission E (German equivalent of our FDA) has approved European mistletoe as a treatment for degenerative and inflamed joints (think arthritis) and also for malignant growths like cancer. German physicians have read various animal and human studies that show how mistletoe increases our NK (natural killer) cells which go after viruses and tumor cells. Mistletoe

extracts stimulate activity of T cells (which are your bodies policemen) and increase cytokines, a good thing because these build up red and white blood cells, especially in the bone marrow. If you have cancer, I would not self-treat; seek a physician who uses mistletoe routinely and knows how to treat you.

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.✱

than anything else!

Mistletoe, a traditional symbol of love, is literally a parasite, receiving no nourishment from the soil. It offers some of the most impressive health benefits of any plant for a variety of conditions.

Like all botanicals, there are different varieties. American mistletoe, used as a Christmas decoration, is not the same as the European or Korean sort which have all the medicinal properties. For ease, I'm just going to say mistletoe from now on, but I am referring to European (*Viscum album*) or Korean (*Viscum coloratum* or "KML") varieties.

You may not want to smooch if you

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: Our 14-year-old son is not doing well in school. We are wondering if we should take away some of his privileges until his next report card and his grades improve?

A: That age can be a difficult transition time for your son. You may want to talk with the school guidance counselor and make sure that his placement is appropriate. Is he being challenged enough and simply bored and not studying? Or is

it something emotional going on that could be affecting his poor grades. You want to discuss with him any other issues he might be experiencing outside the normal day to day things. Rule out anything negative going on first and be supportive. Let him know that you believe in his progress and you will help him in any way that you can.

If he continues to struggle with poor grades, set up a conference at school and look into possible tutoring programs or perhaps a private tutor could help him raise his grades. Use positive reinforcement by adding privileges when his grades improve.

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



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Race For The Cure Gains Momentum

Team rallies in early January kick off the 2012 Southwest Florida Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure efforts bringing together team captains and those interested in learning about leading a team in the fight against breast cancer.

Team rallies will take place at Sam Galloway Ford on Thursday, January 5 at 6 p.m. and Coconut Ford on Friday, January 6 at 8:30 a.m. in preparation for Race for the Cure, the largest fundraising event in Southwest Florida supporting the fight against breast cancer.

During the rallies, team leaders representing corporate, community and survivor support groups learn how to build a Race for the Cure team, ways to motivate team members, how to use the organization's website tools and ideas for successful fundraising. The event will feature local Race for the Cure supporters who will motivate and inspire current and potential team leaders.

NBC-2 anchor Heather Turco and Carol Conway, president of CRS Consultants and Race for the Cure co-chair, will lead the effort at the Sam Galloway Ford location in Fort Myers. Southwest Florida Susan G. Komen Board President Mariann McDonald and Race for the Cure co-chair Bob McDonald will rally team members at the Coconut Point event in Estero.

With motivation and information from the rallies, teams will hold fundraising events and work to increase participation in the 2012 Race for the Cure on March 10 at 8 a.m. at Coconut Point Mall in Estero. Prizes and incentives are provided for teams in various categories. To find out more about forming a team for Race for the Cure and attend either rally, RSVP via e-mail to raceinfo@komenswfl.org.

"We encourage friendly competition between teams," noted Miriam Ross, executive director for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Southwest Florida. "They play a major role in our fundraising success. It's exciting to see these teams on Race day as each one takes on its own personality."

Race for the Cure is a sanctioned 5K event that also includes a non-competitive 5K run/walk and a one-mile fun run/walk. More than 12,000 supporters attended the 2011 Southwest Florida Race for the Cure. Proceeds from Race for the Cure allowed the Southwest Florida affiliate to make grants totaling \$1,015,235 to 13 local non-profit agencies that provide breast cancer education, screening, treatment and support in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Seventy-five percent of all net proceeds stays in Southwest Florida and 25 percent funds groundbreaking national research.

For more information on team participation or Race for the Cure, call 239-498-0016 or visit www.KomenSWFL.org.



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A few of the committee members responsible for planning the event at Pelican Landing. Front row from left is Patricia Smart, Charleen McPherson, Gail Hansen and David Gillespie. Back row from left is Roger Morgan, Larry McPherson and Roger Liddicoat

Children's Hospital Receives \$87,850 From Pelican Landing Golf Outing

Pelican Landing recently presented a check in the amount of \$87,850 to the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation to support the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign.

The check represents proceeds from the second annual Children's Hospital Golf Classic, held at Pelican's Nest Golf Club on November 14. Pelican Landing has made a pledge of \$500,000 to name four rooms in the new Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida which will be built on the grounds of HealthPark Medical Center in South Fort Myers. The new hospital will contain 136 beds and additional pediatric specialty services not presently available.

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation is successfully leading a \$125 million campaign to offset the cost of the new hospital and is working with various communities and individuals to help raise the necessary funds.*

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I read your column quite regularly. I am a retired gerontologist living in an over 55 community and I must say I disagree strongly with your advice to Freda.

I do not see Freda as intimidated but annoyed at young people who belittle her and are "mean." It is not easy to ignore such behavior. It often translates into a situation where the old person with a legitimate concern is bullied into believing they are stupid. Pryce's comment regard-

ing computers and new technologies are not solutions either. I consider myself well able to use them but the rapidly increasing technologies boggle my mind. I feel at my age, I should be able to use a telephone book and/or get information by telephone or in person rather than spending an inordinate amount of the few years I have left on earth to figure out why my password is invalid or why Comcast has "lost" my signal again.

I sense it is okay not to criticize younger folks starting in preschool for fear that we will hurt their self esteem and shatter their egos. Don't people of age deserve the same consideration?

Bottom line, instead of accepting verbal abuse and other ageisms, wouldn't it be better to resurrect and teach youngsters the old fashioned "virtues" as respect for one's elders and/or the notion that the customer is always right?

Thanks for listening.

Loretta C. Buffer, PhD,
Fort Myers

Dear Loretta,

I have recently read in some published literature that the more a country is technologically advanced the less that society values their aged population. Computer and technologies are here to stay. You and I grew up in a more gentle society but to survive we have to keep up to date with change.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.*

Homeless Continuum Of Care Awarded \$2.1 Million For 11 Projects

The Lee County Homeless Continuum of Care, comprised of local government agencies and non-profit and faith-based organizations, has been awarded \$2,141,034 in federal funding to continue 11 projects that serve Lee County residents who are homeless.

Under the Shelter Plus Care program, which provides rent subsidies for people who are homeless, three programs totaling \$243,444 were funded for two agencies, Lee Mental Health, Inc. and Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc.

Additionally, Supportive Housing Program renewals for a variety of capital improvements and services for the homeless were funded. These included \$300,232 to the Lee County Department of Human Services for database management and services for the homeless, \$1,286,206 to The Salvation Army, Inc. for services for the homeless, \$66,103 to Renaissance Manor, Inc. for permanent supportive housing programs, and \$245,049 to Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. for transitional and permanent housing programs.

Funding for local Continuums of Care is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is awarded following a national competitive application process. The 2011 awards totaling over \$1.5 billion were released by HUD in an expedited manner, aimed at providing uninterrupted services for the homeless that are already served by these programs.*

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Dr. Dave

A Seedy Story



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

“Some cause happiness wherever they go; others... whenever they go.” – Oscar Wilde

When a doctor walks into an exam room, the opening

greeting is important in establishing the length, quality and potential pain of that visit.

“How are you?” I ask.

“I’m in a doctors office, what do you think?”

“Right. Well, what brings you here today?”

“The bus.” And so on.

And if your opening gambit is “I’m not a hypochondriac, doctor, but I think a seed or a cedar is stuck in my...” we reflexively think “Yes you are. It appears as though you’re familiar with that diagnosis.”

“Hello, Melissa. I’m Dr. Hepburn.

How are you?”

“Pretty good. How are you, doctor?”

“Well...” I conceded in my usual schtick in order to inject a little disarming disarmament into the visit and basically entertain myself “... my stocks are down, my hemorrhoids are up, my knee is sore, my wife is sore, my dog threw up, my hairline is receding rather than reseeding, my son is driving again...” By this time, most patients get that I’m not really serious and some get that I’m not really a doctor.

“Sorry to hear that...” replied Melissa. “You’re obviously having a bad day.”

Melissa, 28, had suffered a stroke earlier in the year. Usually, 28-year-olds don’t suffer strokes, they suffer from diseases like acne emergencies on a Friday night (two fresh pimples constitute a full on calamity), cold sores in hot spots and the occasional outbreak of pregnancy. But unbeknownst to Melissa, a congenital malformation had formed in her brain when she was a congenital. It burst at age 28. Fortunately, she did well and seemed to suffer no real ill consequences. She said her memory was affected a little and she couldn’t move an arm quite as well and that her memory was affected and, if I recall, she wasn’t moving her arm, I think, quite as well, but otherwise she was OK. And apparently her memory was affected, poor thing.

She sat in the office with a plastic grocery bag, The Market on Yates, bulging with bananas and Arabian coffee and crackers and stuff. She was also holding a gorgeous, gigantic sunflower with a mass

of impressive seeds and a four foot stem.

“Heck of a flower you got there miss, don’t turn your back on it or your groceries will be gone.”

“You know, doctor, I get a sunflower whenever I need a little boost because for some reason they just seem to brighten my day.”

I don’t recall what her visit was about, specifically, and I continued on with my day of stamping out Victoria’s diseases, one bad seed at a time. A couple of hours later, Whitley, one of my ultra attractive (my birthday is coming up) staff, came traipsing around the corner, arm extended. “Dr Dave, this is for you.” In her hand she had – you guessed it – a giant sunflower, bigger than a Whitley.

Melissa, wherever you are, I hope you’re having a good day because really, my dog didn’t throw up over my stocks, wife, knee or any other body part. I wasn’t having a bad day at all. But now I was having a very good day, thanks to you.

I must admit that later on that day I gave away that sunflower to someone who really wasn’t having a good time of things. A Re-gifted sunflower. But you planted the seeds.

I can’t help but wonder if this is how you always were or if this is the actions of someone who sustained a stroke to the unpleasant dandelion lobe of the brain (the cerebellas lindsaylohanus). If the latter is the case, Melissa, then it was a stroke of good luck for those whose lives you enter. If enriching the moment and bringing a smile to the faces of those you encounter is now what you enjoy... you’ve suc-seeded.

Like the column? You’ll love the book, The Doctor Is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.

Old Cell Phones End Domestic Violence

Did you know that donating your old, used or even broken cell phone could potentially save a life?

Having access to a phone is something most of us take for granted, but wireless phones can serve as a vital link to emergency or support services in a time of crisis, or as a reliable, safe connection to employers, family and friends, as survivors rebuild their lives.

The importance of a victim of domestic violence having access to a phone becomes clear once you understand that nearly one-third of women murdered in the United States are killed by a current or former intimate partner.

Old, used and even broken cell phones, donated to A.C.T. are also recycled through the shelter alliance program to raise much-needed funds to support the life-saving programs and services A.C.T. provides to more than 9,000 women, children and men annually.

Throughout the month of January, Iberia Bank and Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc. will be holding a post-holiday cell phone collection drive and are asking that you please consider donating any old, used or broken cell phones to help in our efforts to end domestic violence.

Cell phone donations can be dropped off at any Iberia Bank branch in Lee County during business hours or at the Second ACT Thrift Store, at 12519 S. Cleveland Avenue, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on donating used cell phones or inquiring on how your company, civic group or organization can hold a cell phone collection drive to benefit victims of domestic violence, call 939-2553.

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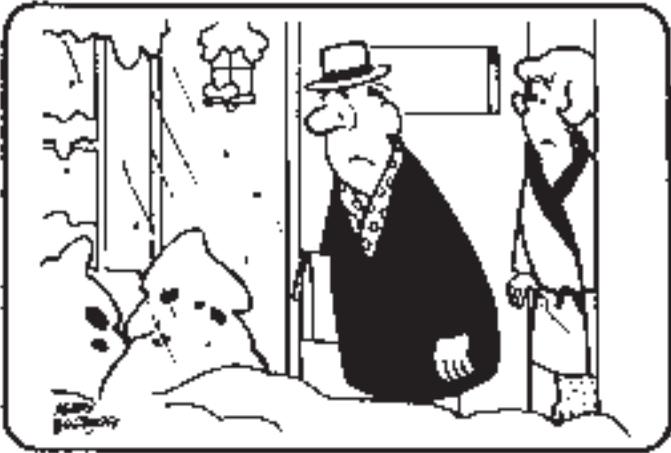
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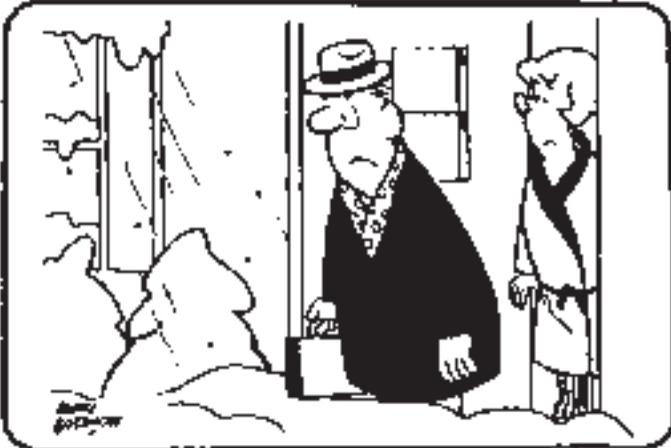
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I guess I got my name because I'm soft and squishy like a marshmallow. There's plenty of me to love and I promise to love you back. I won't be a lot of trouble, either. My favorite pastime is power-napping!

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For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour, so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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"We are thrilled to offer this type of event to our community," said Carol Musselman, event chair. "We are seeking pet vendors of all types to ensure we provide great value to our guests."

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Carol Musselman by phone at 574-7161 or e-mail her at musselman@egracechurch.com.

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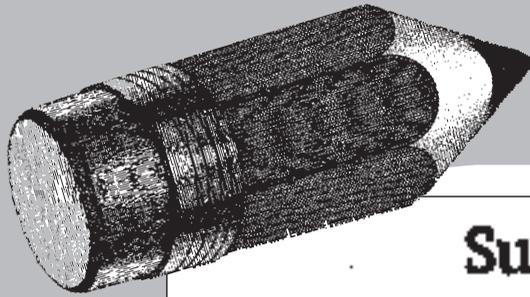
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Answers on page 35B

Super Crossword GIFT RAP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Feet wear
 - 3 Wo' gang?
 - 9 Drive the getaway car
 - 13 Positive thinker
 - 18 I pink-map
 - 19 Do, do, do
 - 20 Intertive computer game
 - 21 Hickman or Strawberry
 - 22 Canadian coin
 - 23 Ordinary
 - 24 "Tully" author
 - 25 Kind of paint
 - 26 Start of a remark by Dan Marquis
 - 30 Nares'ing
 - 31 "Agrus" — drama
 - 32 Cinema
 - 36 Lenin's last
 - 40 Seville shout
 - 42 Renown
 - 45 Despair recording
 - 46 Atmosphere
 - 47 Discontinue
 - 48 Sharpens a tool
 - 51 Chinos, with "arf"
 - 52 Part 2 of remark
 - 57 Gargon cartoon
 - 58 Part 3 of remark
 - 59 Delany and Wyler
 - 60 Time of your life
 - 63 Head "ac"
 - 65 Sustains or shakes
 - 69 Entirely
 - 70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
 - 73 From date
 - 75 Gullivers
 - 78 Poetry
 - 79 Women's partner
 - 81 Speculation
 - 83 Conductor
 - 84 God trick?
 - 86 Pageant
 - 89 Part 4 of remark
 - 90 Sixth sense
 - 93 Part 5 of remark
 - 99 Mellow
 - 101 Studio sign
 - 102 "Grouch" You take?"
 - 103 Can't suffer image
 - 104 Mar the bar
 - 106 Deafman city
 - 108 Chin chin
 - 109 Battered
 - 111 November 11th
 - 113 Startup site
 - 115 Create a crime
 - 116 Era of remark
 - 125 Monastery
 - 128 Fred's Vito
 - 129 Neighbor of Can.
 - 130 Concept
 - 131 He had things done by Friday
 - 132 prove
 - 133 Unusual
 - 134 Ex nothing
 - 135 Off line
 - 136 Basketball's
 - 137 Bash
 - 138 Saint's son
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Baja title
 - 2 The yoke's on them
 - 3 Passed-on item
 - 4 Crew member
 - 5 Whites
 - 6 Hair preening
 - 7 Phonetic cartoon
 - 8 Handle
 - 8 Tickle
 - 10 Woods-houses
 - 11 Seed oil
 - 12 Peter of ragga
 - 13 Dieter's comment
 - 14 Cleared the globe
 - 15 Care-gan part
 - 16 Pe-cleare?
 - 17 Banging wing
 - 21 Signifies
 - 27 HST's predecessor
 - 28 Crusader knight
 - 29 Polit an, presently
 - 33 Early op
 - 34 Re!
 - 35 Speck
 - 36 Talk-show pioneer
 - 37 Mechanics offering
 - 38 Pressing need
 - 39 — de Ccagne
 - 40 Above, to Arnold
 - 41 Installed for
 - 43 Unsubed
 - 44 — Galos, CA
 - 47 Basil ca
 - 48 Italian number
 - 50 Diffident
 - 53 Kind
 - 54 Use a hoboggan
 - 55 Handle harshly
 - 56 "Aley —"
 - 61 Indian export
 - 62 To get on top
 - 64 Piggy
 - 65 Medical
 - 67 Uproar
 - 68 Price twice
 - 70 Infamous Amin
 - 71 Singer
 - 72 Enhance
 - 74 Generator parts
 - 75 Stumble
 - 77 Isolated
 - 80 Tropical snake
 - 82 Connecticut campus
 - 85 Sprint's stat
 - 87 Go back
 - 88 — Good Man?
 - 90 Decorative glass
 - 91 Oxford, e.g.
 - 92 Await judgment
 - 94 As a group
 - 95 Canvas cover?
 - 96 Nuremberg numbers
 - 97 Omnibus, for instance
 - 98 — the season
 - 99 Wildness
 - 100 "Holy smoke!"
 - 105 Unseen
 - 107 Poi
 - 109 Dairy cow
 - 110 Be obligated
 - 112 Boca, FL
 - 114 Warning
 - 115 Burning in
 - 117 Have on
 - 118 Prisque —
 - 119 Mula —
 - 120 Dash
 - 121 — up (evaluator)
 - 122 Address
 - 123 Sleuth
 - 124 New Mexico resort
 - 125 Parker of football
 - 126 It may be peddled
 - 127 Excerpt

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Neck
- 3 One of the Seven Swarts
- 8 Mr. Asure
- 12 Ladyfinger
- 14 Oil pores and soil
- 15 Rice
- 16 Blow it away
- 17 The man X
- 18 Ace
- 20 Fanned birds
- 22 Fiction medium
- 25 American
- 26 Sherry
- 27 What's called Bud?
- 28 Stock and
- 32 Study of
- 34 Canton
- 35 What's in the snail?
- 36 Culinary
- 37 Fugitive's
- 40 Gentlemen's
- 41 Ja —
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DOWN

- 2 Old fish
- 3 Consumed
- 4 Exert
- 5 Tank
- 6 Single
- 7 Consumed
- 8 Cured
- 9 meeting
- 10 Sun Y
- 11 Hairy
- 12 Single
- 13 Great
- 14 Helical
- 15
- 16
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MAGIC MAZE — BASKET

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Elevated beach cottage
just steps from gulf path,
on Southwinds Dr \$549K



Gulfside Place penthouse
2 bedrm with den & wide
beach views \$999K



Cozy Oceans Reach pool to
beach walk-out, on-site
rental income \$699K



Beachfront ground-level
Sandalfoot 2 bedrm, also
has on-site income \$699K



Kings Crown 2-bedrm end-
unit with enclosed balcony,
pool to gulf view \$599K



Ground-floor Mariner
Pointe 3 bedrm with
boating amenities \$499K



Top-floor bayside 2 bedrm
with den, screened porch
& 2 open porches \$474K



Sanibel Arms West 2 bedrm
with 2 balconies & easy on-
site rental income \$399.9K



Renovated ground-level
Sundial Resort club suite
in corner location \$399K



Updated Seashells 2 bedrm
with 2 porches & charming
decorator décor \$369K



Seashells of Sanibel 2nd-
floor corner 2 bedrm with
view of osprey nest \$274K



Colony Resort east-end 2nd
floor condo with tropical
view & nitely rentals \$149K



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- One of the last undeveloped lots in The Dunes golf & tennis community, has beach access too \$299K
- Almost a 1/2 acre on convenient east-end, in private area yet close to gulf beaches \$299K
- Nearly 1/3 acre high elevation in small community with pool, tennis & 9-acre natural preserved area \$249K
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