



Painted rock by Lisa Brown

FISH Reveals Six More Local Artists For 30 Rocks!

FISH (Friends In Service Here) will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Monday, January 30. Thirty talented Sanibel and Captiva artists have been invited to help mark this major milestone, titled 30 Rocks! FISH has announced the next six artists who have created a variety of artistic rocks. They are:

- Jerry Churchill
- Josh Stewart
- Kim Nealon
- Lisa Brown
- Geri Much
- Susie Cronin

These rocks will form part of the 30 Rocks! silent auction, helping to raise much needed funds for FISH. Attendees can bid on the rocks, which will be accompanied by other auction items such as private flight rides, a renew your wedding vows package, lunch with an artist and studio tour, a round of golf plus lunch at The Sanctuary, Key West Express return tickets, and a Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce membership.

The auction is open to residents and visitors and will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the FISH Walk-In Center, 1630 Periwinkle Way.

For more information call FISH at 472-4775 or visit www.fishofsanibel.com.✪

CEPD Elects New Chairman During Reorganization

At the December 14 Captiva Erosion Prevention District board meeting, Jim Boyle was elected chairman, succeeding Mike Mullins. Doris Holzheimer was re-elected vice chairman, Harry Kaiser was re-elected secretary and Dave Jensen was re-elected treasurer. Each will serve a one-year term.

Boyle holds a BS in food technology from Rutgers University and a ME in operations engineering from Penn State. He has had a long and successful career worldwide as a manufacturing executive and board member with TJ Lipton, Ragu

Foods, Inc. and Unilever, NA. In 1996, Boyle founded and operated an Australian-based wildflower export company and a U.S.-based flower import company, overseeing the sourcing, logistics, marketing, sales and distribution of fresh cut wild and exotic flowers.

The new chairman has been involved with the CEPD since he came to the island in 1997.

"I have always felt that it is critically important to protect our beautiful beaches as well as the waters surrounding our very special island," said Boyle. "I see it as a 'duty of care' to preserve and maintain them for future generations of all species to enjoy as we all do today."

Boyle was named to the CEPD Board of Commissioners in May 2011. He and his wife, Fran, are lifetime members

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Ospreyfest To Benefit CROW



An osprey feeds its chick

Ospreys on the islands start incubating eggs in mid-January, so the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will celebrate the beginning of breeding season with Ospreyfest on Sunday, January 15.

Ospreyfest is sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, with Bailey's General Store as wine sponsor. The event will take place at Traditions on the Beach inside Sanibel's historic Island Inn at 3111 West Gulf Drive, beginning at 4 p.m. Prior to a three-course dinner, a silent auction will offer a number of osprey-related items, including a Luc Century vase with osprey and chicks deeply etched in half-inch thick crystal glass.

The event features CROW's The Story of Ospreys, presented by "Bird" Westall, founder of The International Osprey Foundation (TIOF), Claudia Burns, long-time CROW/TIOF volunteer, and Dave Horton, illustrator of *Look Who's Flying*, a coloring book about ospreys.

The highlight of the evening is a live auction of an original Darryl Pottorf oil painting of a young osprey, created especially for CROW. The artwork is valued at \$22,000 and is currently on display at Bank of the Islands. 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 wildlife patients at CROW. Sponsorships are still available for \$500 (Fledgling), \$1,000 (Fish Hawk) and \$3,000 (Food Sponsor). The Fledgling sponsorship includes tickets for two, the Fish Hawk admits four and the Food Sponsorship admits eight.

Admission to Ospreyfest is \$75 per person and limited to 175 attendees. For more information and to reserve your place, contact Debbie Friedlund, co-chair of the event, at 472-6667 or SanibelFL@hotmail.com.✪



Jim Sprankle's original carving of an osprey feather has been donated by Congress Jewelers as a silent auction item



Congress Jewelers has donated Jim Sprankle's original carving of an osprey head to Ospreyfest as a live auction item. It is on display at Bank of the Islands.

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CEPD New Chairman

of SCCF and members of both the Captiva Civic Association and the Captiva Property Owners Association. Jim currently serves as secretary of the Captiva Community Panel.

For more information about the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, contact administrator Kathy Rooker at 472-2472 or mycepd8@gmail.com.*

Mullins' Legacy of Achievement

Commissioner Michael Mullins announced at the December Captiva Erosion Prevention District board meeting that he wished to take on a different role with CEPD and so ended his tenure as CEPD chairman, a position he assumed in January 2009. During the three years that Mullins chaired the agency, his vision, inspiration and hard work have brought a more systematic, formal, and organized approach to running the district, encouraging standard operating procedures, strategic planning, greater use of technology, a more professional work environment and outsourcing of services.

Mullins' financial management skills have enabled CEPD to build up its Capital Project Fund (for beach nourishment) by almost \$500,000. During his watch, parking revenue from the Hagerup Beach Park parking lot increased by 70 percent, financial audits have been exemplary, and past projects have been successfully closed out without penalties or major paybacks. He championed the cause of transforming CEPD into a more transparent organization, encouraging community outreach and education, working cooperatively with the City of Sanibel, and raising the level of awareness about beach nourishment on Captiva with Lee County officials. He also spearheaded local opposition to offshore drilling.

Kathy Rooker, administrator of the CEPD, said, "Mike has worked effectively and tirelessly as the chairman during the last three years."

Doris Holzheimer, vice chair of the

CEPD, added, "We are honored and grateful that Mike has chosen to expend so much energy and attention to the needs and rights of Captiva residents."

At commissioner Mullins' urging, the referendum for the next Captiva beach nourishment project was held a year earlier than scheduled and the Captiva voters overwhelmingly approved it. His foresight in this area paid off handsomely; because of the early referendum, CEPD was able to jump at the opportunity offered late last year by the Army Corps of Engineers for an accelerated project schedule, leaving CEPD well positioned for success with its next beach nourishment.

On behalf of the CEPD board, staff and Captiva residents, we'd like to extend a sincere thank you to Michael Mullins for a job well done.*

Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The Captiva Community Panel will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn. The meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:

- Creating a vision of Captiva's future, an update.
- Community Panel overview and orientation.
- Land Development Code review update.
- A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.
- A Hurricane Preparedness and Response Committee update.
- Other matters as necessary.

Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meetings will be February 14 and March 13. Information is available online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.*

League Of Women Voters Luncheon

The League of Women Voters of Sanibel will begin the New Year with a luncheon meeting and speaker on Monday, January 16, 12:30 p.m., at Bistro at Beachview, 1100 Par View Drive.

The speaker will be Robert McKnight, former state senator, former state representative and consultant for ABC News Tallahassee. His topic will be Legislative Reapportionment ...The Golden Years of the '70s and '80s versus today. The Golden Years has been recognized nationally with literary awards, including the 2010 Book Award for Political Non-Fiction by Books and Authors Net; and nominated as the outstanding new book by Fore Word Magazine and the Eric Hoffer Award in 2008. The book will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

Make reservations by January 9, by emailing sanibellwv@gmail.com or call Carla Benninga at 472-6689. Cancellations must be made by January 13 in order not to be charged for your meal. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. If you cannot attend the luncheon, you can come to the program only at 1:15 p.m.

All interested individuals are invited to attend. For more information contact Carla Benninga at carbenno@yahoo.com.

McKnight, who received his MBA from Florida State University and BS



Robert McKnight

from Florida Southern College, has served as chairman of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation. His book *The Golden Years ...The Florida Legislature, '70s and '80s. Reflections on Campaigns and Public Service* was published by Sentry Press, 2007, 2009; eBook on Amazon Kindle, Infinity publishing, 2011.

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New Year's Eve Fun At The Strauss

BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater's New Year's Eve production of *Winter Wonderettes* was an evening filled with laughter and song. This special production included a reception and midnight champagne toast.

The next production at the theater is *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, the Tony and Drama Desk award-winning musical that has taken Broadway by storm. The story centers around two con men living on the French Riviera who unsuccessfully attempt to combine forces only to realize the town is only big enough for one of them. Performances are January 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, February 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* opening night reception is at 7 p.m. Friday, January 13.



Samantha Rotella, Annie Freres, Cassandra Nuss, and Anne Chamberlain

All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for adults, \$20 for children 17 and under. Theater subscriptions are available

at \$108 for three shows. Call 472-6862 or buy tickets online at www.BIGARTS.org.

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

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Historical Village's Garden Helps Feed Patients At CROW



Sanibel Historical Village visitor Becky Mnichowicz helps board member Karl Rodman harvest tangerines from the village's garden to help feel the sick animals at CROW

A harvest Wednesday at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village's garden is going to help feed recovering wildlife at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). A large bucket of fruit from two 15-year-old tangerine trees was delivered to CROW after harvesting by museum visitor Becky Mnichowicz of Lake Zurich, Illinois, and Karl Rodman, museum board member and caretaker of the garden/farm.

"We will use the fruit for probably three things: baby birds, raccoons and baby squirrels," explained CROW executive director Steve Greenstein. "The tangerines will be put to good use, and we appreciate it very much – and so do our patients."

The trees have reverted to root stock so the fruit can taste kind of bitter, according to Rodman. Mnichowicz and Rodman sampled a few while they were picking and declared some of the fruit sweet, and some bitter.

"I've never done this before," Mnichowicz declared.

"The purpose of the garden is to remind visitors that Sanibel was an agricultural community," Rodman added.

Growing behind the Rutland House are tomatoes – Sanibel's prize crop before hurricanes covered the island with salt water – eggplant, which was also big on the island, lettuce, squash, cucumbers, cabbage and beans. Sitting among the edibles is a patch of pink periwinkles, the flower that once lined parts of Periwinkle Way and gave it its name. There is also papaya and mango.

Rodman has been tending the garden for about four years, following Ray Buck. He



Novice harvester Beck Mnichowicz from Illinois tastes a tangerine from the more bitter of the two trees in the Sanibel Historical Village

comes every day and said he's still learning what will grow here and what won't – and when.

Rodman's helpful tangerine-picker Mnichowicz was on Sanibel with her two brothers and her mom and dad visiting grandparents George and Geri Podlin, part-time Sanibel residents.✱



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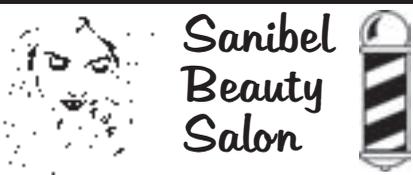
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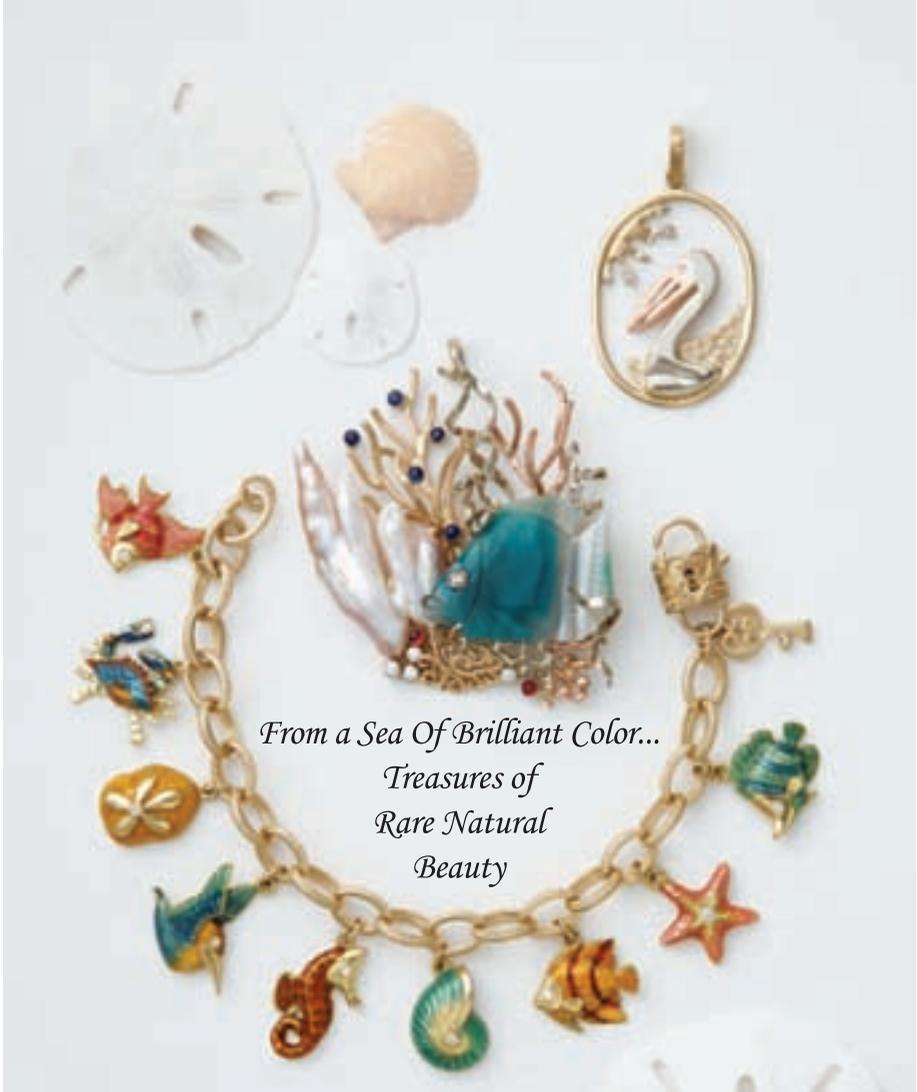
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HISTORICAL VILLAGE THANKS SAN-CAP LIONS

As the Christmas season draws to a close, everyone at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village thanks the Sanibel-Captiva Lion's Club for donating a perfect Christmas tree for display in the Old Bailey General Store.

The Lion's Club, as it does every year, donated a large and beautifully shaped tree that added greatly to the ambience of an "old-time Christmas."

"We're very grateful," said museum president Alex Werner. "The Lions always donate an exceptionally beautiful tree and did again this year. People have enjoyed it all season."✱✱



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INSIDE CITY HALL

Shore Haven May Get A New Home In Historical Village



Shore Haven has been added to over the years, but originally was 1,443 square feet. If it is moved to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, the additions will be stripped away

by Anne Mitchell

Historic Shore Haven, built in 1924, after being barged to Sanibel as a Verona model Sears and Roebuck Honor Built home kit, may once again take a barge ride.

If all goes well, the bayfront home will be moved to the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village to become another exhibit of how life was lived on Sanibel in earlier times. It will be barged from

Bird Lane to the end of Dixie Beach Boulevard and then trucked to the village on Dunlop Road.

Moving costs are estimated at about \$150,000 and Alex Werner, president of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, said he will prepare a cost and site analysis for the historical preservation committee, which meets on January 25.

Excluding all add-ons improvements made to the original structures and out-buildings that have been constructed over

the years, Shore Haven has a 39'x 37' base footprint and 1,443 square feet of living space.

The Historical Preservation Committee learned that the owners planned to demolish the house so they could build a modern home and asked the City Council to approve the venture. A demolition permit had already been applied for, but the owners agreed to allow the home to be preserved.

Werner said the board would like to relocate the home near the vegetable garden and the Rutland House, one of seven historic buildings already on the site. This site is recommended by the Planning Department because, among other things, it does not pose any impact or threat to existing wildlife or wildlife habitat.

Councilman Marty Harrity was alerted to the possible destruction of the home by Deb Gleason, a member of the Historic Preservation Committee. Harrity brought up the matter at an earlier council meeting.*

requirements.

However, several members took issue with the fact that the proposed changes had not been discussed by the committee members.

After lengthy discussion, the council was unanimous in postponing a decision until its February 7 meeting to allow the committee members to give input and suggestions.

The new plan is to have five citizens appointed by the council. They would be required to attend 75 percent of all meetings each year.

The committee of five currently comprises a representative from FISH (Friends In Service Here), Community Housing & Resources, the Parks & Recreation Committee, the city's recreation director or designee and a member-at-large.

A problem with that is various representatives from the four organization attend the meetings so there is a loss of continuity. Also, there has been poor attendance, particularly in the summer, when some members go north.

The Financial Assistance Committee hears applications for financial assistance for youngsters to attend the city's after school programs. Its chairman is Barry Roth, who heads many efforts to raise funds for the assistance program.

Jean Ann Dewalt, a member-at-large who also represents Parks & Recreation, said she was surprised to see the topic on the council agenda since she had no idea it was happening and no member had a say in the decision.

"I get a sense it is being done by sleight of hand," she told the council. "I

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Committee Not Informed Of Pending Changes

by Anne Mitchell

The five-member City Council on Tuesday had no objections to changing the make-up of the city's Recreation Financial Assistance Committee and setting attendance



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Sewer Debt: Help The City, Help Yourself



by John Harries,
Board Member
Committee of the
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The Sanibel City Council did well in managing the 2012 budget process. Despite a 20 percent decrease in property values

since 2007, the city has managed to reduce expenses over the intervening years, avoiding the need to increase ad valorem taxes next year. There is, however, a notable exception related to the Sanibel sewer system debt.

The city and its property owners have borrowed over \$71.5 million to develop and expand the sewer system since the City of Sanibel acquired it in 1991. The non-valorum assessment on our tax bills each year provides approximately 37 percent of the annual debt service payments (principal and interest) required on the state revolving fund (SRF) loans debt.

Because of meeting debt coverage ratio requirements next year, the city paid down the remaining SRF debt an extra \$2.2 million in 2011. This reduced the balance of the bond and SRF loans yet to be retired to about \$31 million. However,



Ellie and John Harries accompany Barbara and Tom Cooley to the city's Finance Department to pay off their share of the debt for the city's sewer system, displaying receipts from the city signifying the retired debt. As the accompanying commentary points out, such payoffs help the city and relieve citizens of the interest charges

there was still a projected shortfall in meeting debt coverage ratio requirements on the debt. Therefore, city council increased sewer utility bills by three percent for the 2012 fiscal year. Sanibel property owners received the first bill for the increased amount in November.

How Sanibel Homeowners Can Help

Starting in 2001, as residents hooked up to the sewer system, they were assessed a fee which could be paid in full at the time of connection or amortized over 20 years. As of May 1, 2011,

there were 1,444 residences that still had outstanding sewer assessments in the amount of nearly \$9 million. This amounts to about 29 percent of the total outstanding sewer debt.

Property owners can help the city and help themselves by paying off any residual debt that is being carried in their name. Since the interest rate charged on this debt is 3.0 to 3.5 percent and current money market investments are typically paying less than 0.5 percent, it may make sense for many homeowners to pay off this loan. If the amount of the outstanding sewer loans were reduced, it may eliminate the need to increase residential and commercial sewer rates again in 2013.

Homeowners who are interested in eliminating their outstanding sewer debt can call the City of Sanibel's Finance Department at 472-9615 to find out how much they currently owe. Since the rate changes each day as interest is accumulated, the specific amount you need to

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Note: the center will be closed Monday, January 16.

Chair Yoga – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m.

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. (an 11 a.m. class will begin January 9). Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor. An 11 a.m. class will begin January 9.

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 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.

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.

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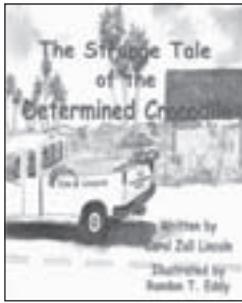
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New Year's Eve Party At Sanibel Rec Center

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Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane and his wife, Doreen, along with Vice Mayor Mick Denham and his wife, Sue, rang in 2012 at the Third Annual New Year's Eve party at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Saturday night



Ben Bird receives a Dilly Bar from volunteer Dean Skaugstead.



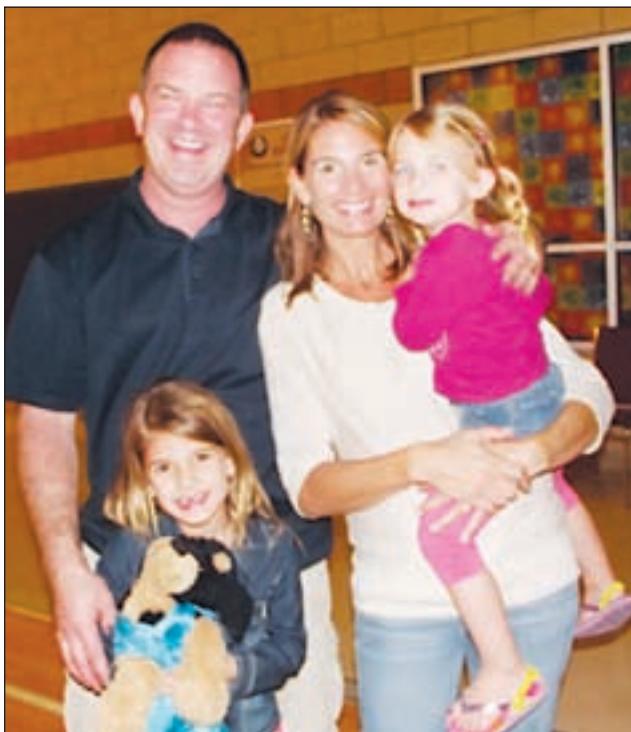
Recreation Center Director Andrea Miller with City Manager Judie Zimomra



Councilman Jim Jennings and his wife, Christine, at the Sanibel Rec Center party



Cindy LeBow, Robert Banos, Mark Perfit, Michael and Jessica Noe



The Wilson family includes parents Chris and Lisa and children Molly, 6, and Kate, 2.



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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE ISLANDS:

Meets on the first Sunday of each month
from December through April at the Sanibel
Congregational Church
2050 Periwinkle Way at 7:30 p.m.
A pot luck is held at a member's home on
the third Sunday of each month.
For more information call 433-4901 or email
ryi139@aol.com.*

'Food Justice'

Russ Luther of ECHO will discuss
"Food Justice" at the next Unitarian
Universalists of the Islands service
on Sunday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. The
meeting will take place in Fellowship Hall
at the Sanibel Congregational United
Church of Christ, located at 2050
Periwinkle Way. The service is open to
the public. Unitarian Universalists wel-
come people with diverse beliefs from all
religious or philosophical traditions.

Luther will give a presentation
about the mission and work of ECHO
(Educational Concerns for Hunger
Organization), a Christian non-profit
501c3 organization working internation-
ally to help poor farmers improve their
crop yields.

The ECHO mission is also at the heart
of the recent Unitarian Universalist focus
on food and social justice. After three
years of deliberation by local UU congreg-
ations, the Unitarian Universalists met
in General Assembly in June 2011 and
approved a Statement of Conscience on
Ethical Eating.

The three-page statement calls on
Unitarian Universalists to "eat ethically" by
becoming aware of the ways that our food
choices affect our health and the planet's
health. It makes references to industrial
farming, condemns mistreatment of ani-
mals and workers in food production,
encourages a diet based more on plants
than animals, and invites all of us to seek
out and advocate for food that is raised
responsibly.

The statement also invites UU congreg-
ations to work for "food justice" so that
everyone can have "adequate, nutritious
food."

Luther is the Faith Relations
Coordinator for ECHO. He grew up in
southeastern Massachusetts and attended
Nyack College and Alliance Theological
Seminary in Nyack, New York. He and
his wife, Laurie, had their first pastorate
near Pittsburgh. In 1986, after a year of
French language study in Paris, Russ and
Laurie worked in Ouagadougou, Burkina
Faso for six years after which they
returned to Pittsburgh ministering in two
different churches for 15 years. Luther

has been working with ECHO since
October 2010.*

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.*

Renfroe Concert

On Sunday, January 8, Sanibel
Congregational United Church
of Christ will host internationally
acclaimed bass baritone Douglas Renfroe
in concert, with his performance starting
at 3 p.m.

Renfroe, who served as cantor at Bat-
Yam Temple of the Islands since 2001,
will present an afternoon filled with music
from sacred to Broadway, including
Renfroe's acclaimed role as Tevye from
Fiddler On The Roof.

The performance will also feature
soprano Lesley Frost and Rev. John
Danner (Sanibel Congregational United
Church of Christ's Senior Pastor), with
a special presentation of music from
*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat*. Joining the ensemble will
be Joy Bowe, accompanist for Bat-Yam
Temple of the Islands since 2007.

A free will offering will be received fol-
lowing the performance.

For additional information, contact
Sanibel Congregational United Church of
Christ, at 472-0497.*

2012 Island Bible Study



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Beginning Monday, January 9 - February 27

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Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is partnering with St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church to hold a Health Fair on Thursday, January 19 from noon to 3 p.m.

It will take place in Heron Hall at Sanibel Congregational UCC located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

Local vendors will offer vision screening, memory screening, blood pressure, senior fitness test screenings, and senior protection and fraud alert. Other vendors are Hope Hospice, Bloodmobile, CVS Pharmacy, Right At Home and Arden Courts.

This is a free event. All are welcome!✱

SCUCC January Theological Study

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will host a Theological Study on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall.

Every religious tradition addresses the question, "What happens to us at death?" But the answers vary widely. This study will examine Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim perspectives on the issue. In particular, the course will examine doctrines concerning resurrection, immortality of the soul, reincarnation, heaven and hell.

Identical sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., and participants are free to choose the time which best suits their schedule.

For more information, call Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ at 472-0497.✱

Artist Of The Month At Church

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ announced that Michele Barron Buelow is their Artist of the Month.

"My joy is to be painting in the open air, attempting to capture the beauty of nature before me using mostly pastels," said Buelow. "That vision is then carried to the studio and reveals itself in the textures and colors of the mixed media work I create. It is with pleasure and abandon that I layer them on until I am satisfied with the facet of nature they express."

Buelow resides in Portage, Michigan and Fort Myers, where she is currently president of Fort Myers Beach Art Association, a member of Plein Air Artists of West Michigan and a member of the Southwest Florida Pastel Society. She regularly shows work at the FMBAA gallery.

"I have B.S. degrees from Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University and practiced interior design in the facilities department of Michigan National Bank for many years," she added. "My art studies began as a youth and have continued throughout my adulthood with many instructors as an avocation I enjoyed. Upon retiring, it has become my passion."

For more information, call Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ at 472-0497. ✱

LOGOS Flight Night



Kianna Toothman and Carson Liebetrau line the runway preparing for take-off

Come fly the friendly skies at LOGOS Flight Night, scheduled to take place at Sanibel Community Church on Wednesday, January 11. Kids will enjoy a wonderful in-flight meal and we'll see who the best pilot is. It's for all kids ages 3 years through fifth grade, and will be held from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Call 472-2684 for more information.✱

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Wisdom Series Seminars

Holly Maiz MA, DTR and Virginia Jones PsyD of Secret Signals Seminars return to The Community House to present the 2012 Wednesday Wisdom Series. Exploring the biology and psychology of human behavior, the duo will present three educational/experiential workshops. The series begins January 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with Mindfull Eating: Stop Weighting. This will be followed by Heartfull Living: Embracing Uncertainty on February 8, and Coming Home: Reclaiming Life on April 11.

Secret Signals Seminars help you develop the ability to listen to your sensations, emotions and thoughts in order to bring understanding to your choices. A mindful approach to food helps you realize that the way you feed yourself may have nothing to do with your need for nourishment. When you become aware of the goal of food-related behavior you can learn to nurture yourself in other kinder and healthier ways.

Research indicates that long term lifestyle change and healthy dietary choices result in optimal aging. However, in these challenging times, many people struggle with issues of food and stress. While weight management may be the focus of concern, it is often a symptom of the misuse of food to regulate emotions or change an experience. Even a well informed and disciplined approach to food can be sabotaged by the pervasive



Holly Maiz and Virginia Jones

marketing strategies in this fast paced culture.

In this three-hour workshop, Jones and Maiz will provide:

- Interventions that focus on sensations, thoughts and behaviors. This may include movement, sound, laughter, bio-feedback, cognitive strategies, behavioral changes, mindfulness meditation, and breathing.
- Research based information on biology and psychology
- Concrete tools that will enable you to understand your food choices
- An understanding of when and how

these tools work

- Why other approaches may not be successful
- Why it is so very hard to change.

Maiz and Jones bring different but complementary perspectives to their workshops. Before their psychotherapist training, Maiz was a dancer and Jones was a biology teacher. Maiz is a body/mind psychotherapist with specialties in addiction, eating disorders and optimal aging, and training in the instruction of yoga, qigong and pilates. On Sanibel, she works with groups and individuals.

Jones is a licensed clinical psychologist with specialties in health psychology, anxiety and panic disorders. Also trained as a biofeedback therapist, she is in private practice on Sanibel.

Together, they bring a well-rounded knowledgeable view of your biology and psychology to help you make success-

ful lifestyle changes. Their past seminars have included Taming Anxiety, a four-week long Creativity Playshop at BIG ARTS and a variety of workshops at the former Sanibel Fitness Center. Visit their website www.SecretSignals.net for more information on this seminar.

To register for Mindfull Eating: Stop Weighting, call or text 699-4545 or 898-1047, email SecretSignals@yahoo.com, snail mail to PO Box 821, Sanibel, or use "contact us" at www.SecretSignals.net. Cost is \$20 for early registration, \$25 at the door. Cost for pre-registration is \$50 for the series of three Wednesday Wisdom Seminars.*

Goss To Speak At Republican Women Lunch

The January Luncheon Meeting of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, January 9.

The guest speaker will be Chauncey Goss, candidate for Florida's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and a resident of Sanibel.

Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch and program to follow at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers.

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January Fun Day

Register your child now for the upcoming Fun Day on Monday, January 16 at the Sanibel Recreation Center.

The Fun Day will offer a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

Register in advance (by January 9)

and receive the "Early Bird" rate of \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Regular rates (registration on or after January 10) are \$22 for members and \$27.50 for non-members.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is

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There is no need to "dress up" or to be a "student" of the Bible. All ladies are welcome to just come, join us for a cup of coffee or tea, and enjoy the fellowship

and an interesting study of the Bible, led by Pastor Lorrie Davison.

We hope to see you each month. Bring a friend; no reservations are required.

Call the church office at 463-4251 for more information.✧

**January Bible
Study 'Acts Of
The Apostles'**

Attend a Bible Study course at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, on Tuesday mornings beginning at 10 a.m.

This biblical study will begin exploring "Acts of the Apostles." This book examines the history of the early church and especially focuses on the ministries of St. Peter and St. Paul. The class utilizes a number of methods, including lecture, discussion and the arts. Previous bible study experience is not necessary.

The study will be held at Fellowship Hall. Call the church at 472-0497 for additional information.✧

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**Sanibel Captiva
Orchid Society**

Cattleya Culture will be the topic of the Monday, January 16 meeting of the Sanibel Captiva Orchid Society. The meeting will be held at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel at 1:30 p.m.

John Odom, owner of Odom's Orchids in Fort Pierce, will be the featured speaker. John, along with his wife Louise, own the 60,000-square-foot greenhouses in Southeast Florida, one of the largest retail orchid growers and shippers in the United States.

Prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, a fundamentals session will be held at 1 p.m. Participants are encouraged to come early to purchase plants or to do so during intermission. Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during Show & Tell.

Orchid Society members are also invited to participate in their monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best Hybrid and best Species Orchids. Members and guests are also invited to participate in a monthly raffle. Society membership is \$20 annually, while guests may attend for \$4 per meeting.

Call Nannette Lehr at 395-3327 with any questions.✧



Thomas and Mina Edison greet Governor Rick Scott

Governor Scott Visits Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Florida Governor Rick Scott, his wife Ann, daughter Jordan and son-in-law Jeremy toured the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers on December 28.

Edison Ford CEO & President Chris Pendleton and curator Alison Giesen gave Florida's first family a tour of the newly restored riverside homes and gardens as well as the Edison Botanic Research Laboratory.

The Edison Ford is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Edison Ford is the winner of the 2009 National Stewardship Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is an official project of "Save America's Treasures" at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register Historic Site.

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Big Cold Front Welcomes In The New Year



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

After a near record December heatwave that brought weeks of highs in the low 80s and perfect Florida winter time conditions, the coldest temperatures of winter are on the way as I write this.

Like the usual cold front pattern, fishing will be lively today as the front goes through and then will slow way down the day after the front until it slowly recovers as things start to warm back up. These cold fronts are all just a part of fishing and learning the fish patterns of winter.

Although we keep hearing reports of red tide in our area, the middle to northern sound remains free of the toxic algae bloom. Large numbers of dead fish

could be found from the causeway to the Sanibel Lighthouse, although they all looked like they had been dead for a long time and had blown in from somewhere else. I did hear a few reports of bait dying in anglers' live wells around Punta Rassa early in the week. North of Tarpon Bay, the sound was pristine with clear water and lots of bait and fish activity.

Don't let all these shocking TV reports of red tide keep you from going out and wetting a line or spending some quality time on the water. TV news simply wants to sensationalize the naturally occurring red tide to boost ratings.

If you want to know if the red tide is in our area, check it out with your own eyes and nose. Take a walk out on the dock at Jensen's Twin Palms on Captiva, have a good look across the sound, talk to people who make their living on the water and make the call yourself. How often do TV media get out on the water? Probably never.

If I have one more client from Wisconsin call me to tell me how bad our red tide is because they have seen it on the news I'm going to freak!

Fishing this week was good and just got better and better the closer the cold front got. The super low morning tides had the fish bunched up and feeding



Max Bergmann with his 30-inch snook caught this week fishing with Capt Matt Mitchell

hard. Redfish were the main target. Most were on the small side but the action was non-stop once you located them.

Although the big redfish of the week on my boat was only 24 inches, the action at times was awesome, with several double headers. Every trip this week we managed a few keeper reds along with some other mixed bag fish for dinner including pompano, flounder and sheepshead.

Catch-and-release snook fishing around the passes only produced a few fish but they were worth the wait as most were quality fish. The best snook bite was on the end of the outgoing tide. Snook to 30 inches were caught this week with a few bigger ones lost too. The 30-incher was caught by 14-year-old Max Bergmann from Minnesota with the water temperature in the high 60s. The snook hit the bait so lightly I would have guessed it was a small fish at first. Not until a minute or so into the fight did the

snook reveal itself, making a few great jumps and runs. We snapped a few pictures and released the fish unharmed.

One of the things I really like about winter time fishing is the huge variety of fish that can be caught. My go-to winter rig of a live shrimp on a jig head will produce a crazy mixed bag. A few trips this week we had around 10 different species caught. You often have to fish though a lot of small fish while using live shrimp you never know what that next bite will bring.

It could be something unexpected, another bait-stealing small mangrove snapper or it could be that one big fish that got you out on the water.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

White Pelican



by Patricia Molloy

With a nine-foot wingspan, the American white pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) is one of the largest birds in North America. While their plumage is white, they have black flight

feathers that are visible when their wings are extended.

Unlike the more common brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), the white pelican does not dive into the water for its food. It floats on the water and scoops fish and water into its distensible gular (throat) pouch. It then holds its heads up to drain out the water, allowing the bird to swallow the fish. Several white pelicans may fish together, moving in a circle to "herd" the fish toward the center.

Imagine the concern felt by naturalist Vince McGrath when he found one of these majestic birds in obvious distress near South Seas on November 29. McGrath promptly contacted the wildlife rehabilitation specialists at CROW. Upon arrival at the clinic, the pelican was unable to stand or flap his wings and had difficulty holding up his head.

At examination, it was discovered that the pelican was suffering from toxicosis caused by red tide. He had likely suffered respiratory irritation after breathing in the algal bloom or had eaten a fish that had digested the organism. "He had a lot of feather lice, so he must have been down awhile," noted CROW Senior Rehabilitator Robin Bast.

During the first few days of his treatment, the patient was tube fed Piscivore, a formula designed to meet the metabolic needs of a critically ill fish-eating seabird. He also



Dr. David Nichols and CROW student intern Jeana Harms evaluate the patient's condition



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received fluid injections under the skin to prevent dehydration, along with a liver detox containing milk thistle to stimulate his liver. Artificial tears and an antibiotic ointment were administered to his eyes every two hours because the bird was unable to blink.

On day seven, the staff gave a collective sigh of relief when the pelican became "snappy" and tried to nip one of his caregivers. The following day, he began eating fish on his own and was eventually moved to the pelican complex so he could stretch his wings and exercise his chest muscles.

On December 14, the white pelican was healthy and eager for freedom. He was released on Sanibel, away from the algal bloom.

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



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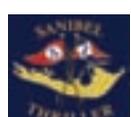
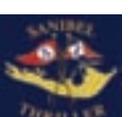
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'Ding' Darling Lecture Series Starting Soon

The eagerly awaited 11-week "Ding" Darling Nature Store Lecture Series kicks off at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, January 20 with an expert on climate change and an opportunity to view the refuge's traveling *The Changing Refuge* climate change exhibit.

This year for the first time, due to their popularity, the free lectures will be held twice each Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel is sponsoring the 2012 Lecture Series with support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

"The Sanctuary Golf Club has a true commitment to conservation and the health of our wildlife, and it's great to have them team up with the DDWS on our lecture series," said Birgie Vertesch, DDWS executive director.

Other highlights this season include Charles LeBuff, author of the new *Images of America: J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge*, and celebrity birding authors Don and Lillian Stokes. The season's complete schedule is listed below.

Book signings follow all of the starred (*) lectures. Seating for the lectures is limited and available on a first-come basis.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Fridays, but visitors are welcome to enjoy



Ken Kouril, The Sanctuary Golf Club general manager, Birgie Vertesch, DDWS executive director, and John McCabe, DDWS president

the free Education Center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

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

- January 20 – Anne Morkill, Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges Complex Manager – USFWS' Role in Climate Change
- January 27 – Amy Bennett-Williams – *Images of America: Along The Caloosahatchee**
- February 3 – Larry Richardson – Where Photography Meets Science:

Using Remote Cameras to Capture the Florida Panther

• February 10 – Charles LeBuff – *Images of America: J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge**

• February 17 – Nationally famous birders, authors Don & Lillian Stokes – Bird Identification*

• February 24 – No Lecture (Volunteer Award Luncheon)

• March 2 – Author Blair Witherington – *Florida's Living Beaches** (part of the 75th Shell Fair & Show Shellabration! 2012)

• March 9 – Refuge Biologist Jeremy Conrad - Alligators

• March 16 – Dr. Dale Gaolik – Wading Birds

• March 23 – Roger L. Reep & Robert K. Bonde - The Florida Manatee*

• March 30 – Live indigo snake presentation by Dennis Giardina, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist

• April 6 - Anticipated unveiling and celebration of the new *Marvelous Manatee* exhibit

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdar-

lingsociety.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566, 472-1100 ext. 4 or dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com.✪

Shells Found



Kimberley Stumpf

Kimberley Stumpf of LaGrange, Kentucky found a junonia fossil and a lions paw along West Gulf beach while staying at a private home. "The fossil junonia is very rare, because it is older than the ones we find now," said Stumpf.

The fossil was identified by Larry Strange at Sanibel Seashell Industries.✪

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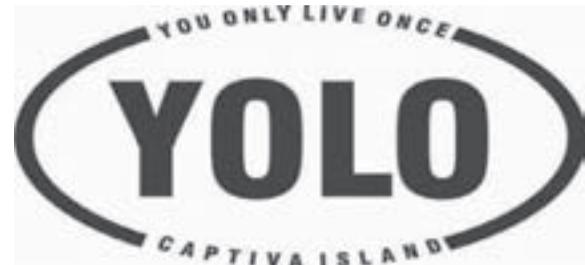
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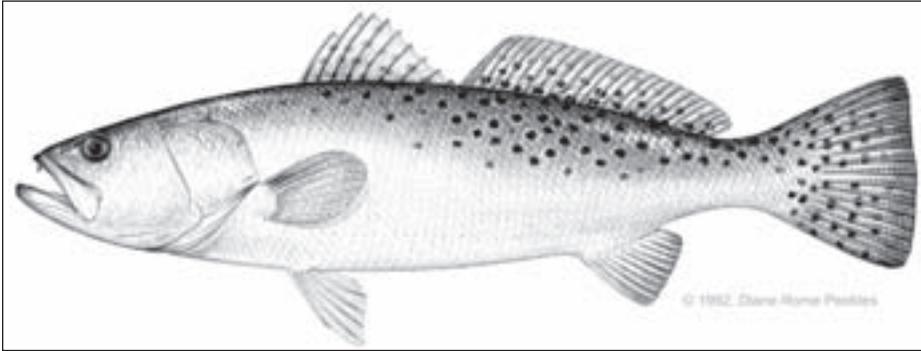
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Sanibel Island Fishing Club To Hold Monthly Meeting



A drawing of a spotted sea trout by Diane Peebles

This Tuesday, January 10, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the north room of The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. The featured speakers will begin their presentations at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend.

This month's featured speaker is marine biologist Sarah Walters. The topic of her PowerPoint presentation will be the biology and spawning activities of the spotted sea trout. Walters has been conducting acoustic surveys of this popular game fish for the past several years in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor as a field biologist with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. She will also discuss the diet, lifespan and unusual spawning behavior of this common species. Anglers interested in learning more about sea trout and their behavior in and around our local waters should plan to attend this fascinating program. Sarah is also an avid angler and will share some of her intimate knowledge of this species that should help everyone locate and catch this often targeted inshore species.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and

organizations such as START, Lee Reefs and the Sanibel Sea School.

For information on joining the club, contact Rol Campbell at 472-8994 or attend the January 10 meeting. The Sanibel Island Fishing Club has been an active social club for more than 26 years on the island. To learn more about the club, to view our fish photos or explore our new fish recipe section, go to www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com.*

San-Cap Sail & Power Squadron Seminar Offered

Just recently, there was a boat fire off Big Carlos Pass involving a boat carrying 500 gallons of fuel. There was also a commercial fishing boat that had a failure, was adrift and could not return to port. While at sea, were there any heart attacks or strokes? Any weather warnings?

These are examples of why knowledgeable boaters respect their marine radios. If needed, they can call for help. However, like any boat equipment they must be properly maintained to be effective. In crisis situations, you must know how to use them.

A new seminar offered through the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron focuses on VHF (very high frequency) and DSC (digital selective calling) marine radios. Also covered is EPIRB, a wonderful life-saving device combining radio and GPS (ground positioning system).



Image of a powerboat on fire

This seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 14 at the Sanibel Public Library, located at 770 Dunlop Road. The certified instructor is Chap Vail, who holds a Coast Guard Master's license and has participated in many search and rescue missions.

You can register for the course online at www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/cfind.cgi

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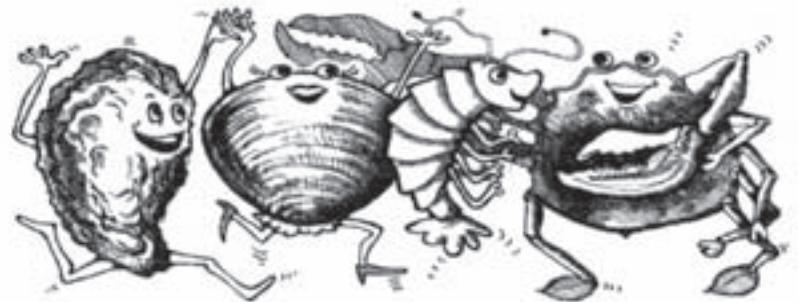
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PURRE To Cease Operations After Seven Years

The PURRE Water Coalition Foundation, Inc. (People United to Restore Our Rivers and Estuaries) ceased operations effective December 31, Chairman Michael J. Valiquette announced after a board meeting December 16 during which board members voted to take this action.

"Our board members agree that PURRE has accomplished what it set out to do," explained Valiquette. "Our goals were to educate, create awareness, and help people understand the need to improve water quality in this area, and we have done that. There are many other good organizations that will continue this work, including the City of Sanibel, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the Sanibel Sea School and START (Solutions to Avoid Red Tide), to name a few. PURRE has been honored to work with these and other groups and individuals over the years."

Over the course of the last seven years, Valiquette was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet with both elected and appointed officials to talk to them about the concerns of people in the community and throughout Southwest Florida. The board believes this was a successful effort.

"One of the issues we carried with us all the time is that a healthy marine environment has a lot to do with a healthy economy," Valiquette said.

"PURRE has been a citizen grassroots

organization that grew out of a couple of people who saw a need and created an incredible organization to meet that need," said Emilie Alfino, executive director. "I don't think many people or groups would be doing what they're doing for water quality today without the efforts that were started by the Valiquettes."

PURRE has been active in the fight to improve South Florida's water quality since it was founded by Valiquette and his wife, Maureen, in 2004. Observing the severely deteriorating water conditions in 2003, they tried to get the appropriate agencies to do something about it and met with resistance and apathy. They decided to take matters into their own hands, beginning with what became a standing-room-only community meeting in 2004.

"Our goal was to raise awareness so somebody would do something, and I think we succeeded," Maureen Valiquette said. "Everybody is paying attention now. People know the issues and know what needs to be done. We are confident now that water quality will stay in the forefront of citizens' minds and in the action plans of environmental organizations."

"I think one of the significant contributions of PURRE was a grassroots effort to engage people, organizations and businesses in this issue," said Daniel Wexler, formerly PURRE's public policy director. "PURRE was successful in bringing these complex issues to the forefront, which helped to create a sense of urgency for the people in this community to get involved in working to improve our water quality."

For seven years, the work of the PURRE Water Coalition Inc. has taken its officers, lobbyists, employees and

volunteers all over the state of Florida and Washington, D.C. working on South Florida's water pollution problems.

Valiquette has had private meetings with three successive commanders of the Army Corps of Engineers, two Florida governors, innumerable state and federal senators and congressmen as well as many county and local government officials. Thanks to these efforts, and to PURRE's members and supporters who made them possible, PURRE has made a difference. Solutions developed by PURRE to the causes of South Florida's water quality problems were widely heard and gained acceptance among state and federal decision-makers. With a lot of hard work, talking and grassroots support, PURRE played a significant role in convincing the right people to implement these solutions.

The PURRE Water Coalition Foundation Inc. has already stopped accepting donations. "This was at the suggestion of our former board member, the late Sam Bailey," said Valiquette. "Sam believed a community should support water quality efforts without the need for parties and golf outings, leaving organizations like PURRE to focus on their missions. Sam did a lot for PURRE."

PURRE will proceed as quickly as possible to dissolve the 501(c)3 corporation. Any remaining funds in PURRE's account after the expenses of closing the office and dissolving the corporation will be donated half to the Sanibel chapter of Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START) for its efforts to ease red tide outbreaks and other endeavors to improve the health of the gulf, and half to the Sanibel Sea School to be used for scholarships for children of families unable to afford for

their children to attend; the selection process for such scholarships shall be at the discretion of the Sanibel Sea School.

"The education of children, our future leaders, is extremely important," Chairman Valiquette said. "There are too many people to thank by name for all they have done to support PURRE, both financially and as volunteers. We could not have accomplished a thing without the support of the community, and I think Sanibel should be proud that its citizens cared enough to learn about a complicated environmental problem and then took steps to turn it around. That's the Sanibel spirit. Vice Mayor Mick Denham, in particular, is working hard and effectively on water quality issues now, as is the city staff. We're in good hands."

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Dr. Ali's 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 bugs – or worse, produce resistant bad bugs.

Dr. Ali has almost 30 years experience as a professional in the green industry and has earned BS, MS and PhD degrees. He has 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.

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

Admission is free and the lecture is open to the public. Seating is limited at the library, so arriving early is suggested.*



Linda Christman, Trouper the Raccoon and his owner, Miss Dot, pose in front of the Island Book Nook during a book signing

Trouper The Raccoon

Miss Dot and Sanibel author Kyle Miller collaborated on a book called *Trouper: The True Adventures of a Blind Raccoon*, which is the actual account of Miss Dot nursing Trouper back to health after he had been badly beaten with a golf club as a kit, and how their special bond has led to them using their journey to encourage children to be respectful of wildlife.*

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How To Bird The 'Ding' Refuge

Dr. Harold Johnstone will conduct a one-hour session on Wednesday, January 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Auditorium B at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor Center. The class will be followed by a tour of the refuge to put your new knowledge to work.

The primary goal of the class, sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, is to help beginning and intermediate birders to learn tips to increase their bird-watching enjoyment.

Participants should bring their own binoculars. There is a limit of 30 participants.

Call 395-3804 to sign up.✱

Bird Walk At Fort Myers Beach Lagoon

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will have its first off-island bird outing on Saturday, January 7 at the Fort Myers Beach Lagoon.

Meet at Villa Santini Plaza (approximately five miles from the Fort Myers Bridge, diagonally across from the Holiday Inn on Estero Boulevard). Free parking will be available. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated.

For additional details, call Hugh Verry at 395-3798.✱

Maritime Trivia

by Bryan Henry

Fore and aft, meaning front and back, or everywhere, as in "The children hung to the Santa Claus fore and aft as he dispersed candies," first appeared in the first half of the 1600s as a nautical term meaning the bow – or front – and the stern – or back – of a vessel.

- The term "get one's feet wet," meaning to embark on a new venture or delve into new territory, originated in the late 1500s and originally alluded to the timid swimmer, slowly or reluctantly getting into the water.

- To "get one's bearings," meaning to find one's position or situation relative to one's surroundings, dates from the 1600s

and originally referred to relative position of a vessel at sea.

- At close quarters, meaning crowded or in a confined place, originated in 18th-century naval warfare. When an enemy boarded a ship, its crew would retreat behind wooden barriers designed for this purpose and would fire through the loopholes. Hence, they were close to the enemy, or fighting in close quarters.

- To make headway, meaning to make progress or advance, was first recorded in the late 1880s in the nautical sense of a vessel's forward movement.✱

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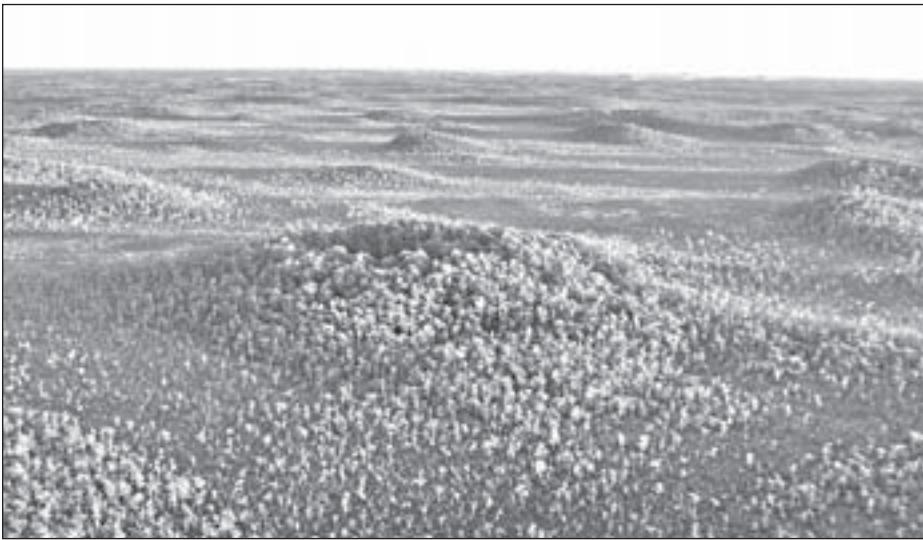
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Aerial view of Big Cypress National Preserve

photo by Ralph Arwood

San-Cap Audubon Hosts 'The Big Story'

Most people think of the immense wilderness of marshes, bogs, hammocks and "river of grass" between Naples and Miami as the "Everglades." Actually, it is two eco-systems and two separate entities: the Everglades National Park and the Big Cypress National Preserve.

Join Bob DeGross, chief of interpretation for the Big Cypress National Preserve, to hear *The Big Story About the Big Cypress National Preserve* at his San-Cap Audubon lecture on Thursday, January 12 starting at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House on Sanibel.

The Big Cypress National Preserve consists of 728,000 acres – nearly the size of Rhode Island – in Collier and Lee counties of Southwest Florida. It differs from Everglades National Park in that the Miccosukee and Seminole people have permanent rights to occupy and use its land. Early non-native settlers in Big Cypress hunted herons and egrets to supply feathers to the hat makers in New York and Paris and hunted alligators and crocodiles for their skins. The timber industry also operated there with four hundred million board feet of pine timber and 360 million board feet of cypress logged. Railroads were also built to assist in moving the logs. And that is just the beginning of an amazing story of ultimate conservation that changed everything. Join Bob to discover the struggle to protect this special corner of Florida and learn of the treasures that lie within it.

DeGross is originally from Wisconsin but has lived in Florida since 1994, when he began working in Everglades National Park. In 2003, he moved his work activity to the neighboring Big Cypress National Preserve. A park ranger since 1989, Bob has also worked in Arizona, Kentucky and Massachusetts to mention only a few of his bases. As Bob himself says, "I am truly proud to work for such a great agency, in such a wonderful place".

This is the second of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in 2012 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, located

**Bob DeGross**

at 2173 Periwinkle Way. 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. A \$5 donation is appreciated with proceeds being used to promote conservation on Sanibel and in Florida.

For additional information, call Elaine Jacobson at 395-1878 or visit the San-Cap Audubon website at www.san-capaudubon.org.

An Evening At The Museum

Guests will have the opportunity to visit the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum after hours from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24 and participate in an informal evening of shell education, door prizes, food and refreshments.

Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. All proceeds raised will help fund the museum's educational programs.

Visit the museum's events page at www.shellmuseum.org to register.

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Under The Sea Benefit Luau To Offer Tropical Fun

While a lot of places are starting off the new year with cold weather and even snow, The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's annual Under The Sea benefit is offering the warmth of a tropical paradise on the beach and under the stars at the Island Inn on Sunday, January 29 from 4 to 9 p.m. Shuttle service will be available at Bailey's General Store.

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 On The Beach and Bailey's – and an array of auction and raffle prizes.

A new painting from Sanibel's Myra Roberts, entitled *Aloha Mermaid* will be auctioned, and it can be seen 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 those sales will be donated to the shell museum.)

Sanibel Captiva Trust Company president Terry Igo explained why the company wanted to participate as grand sponsor for the event: "The great thing about Sanibel and Captiva is that there



Aloha Mermaid by Sanibel artist Myra Roberts will be one of the many auction items up for bid at the shell museum's Under The Sea benefit

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 one of the most extensive collections anywhere. It's a great educational experience right in our back yard. It brings us recognition, visitors, and it's a wonderful community asset."

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

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

Book Signing And Story Telling Cruise With Bubble Room Creator

Captiva Cruises will be hosting a special sunset and cocktail cruise on Sunday, January 22 featuring Katie Gardenia, original owner and creator of the world famous Bubble Room restaurant on Captiva. From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Gardenia will share some of her memories and stories and will sign copies of her new book highlighting her recipes and experiences while running the Bubble Room. Gardenia's book is titled *A Bubble Moment* and is a collection of fond memories, short stories and tall tales, recollections and secret recipes.

The cruise, aboard Captiva Cruises' *Lady Chadwick*, will depart from McCarthy's Marina, next door to the Bubble Room. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a complimentary glass of champagne and a red velvet cupcake prepared by Gardenia.

The Lady Chadwick features an enclosed cabin as well as a large open air deck and full service bar. For more information or reservations call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.✪

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Informational Meeting For Volunteers At The Shell Museum



Volunteer docent Hal Pilcher assists shell museum visitors

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will host a free informational meeting for returning and prospective volunteers on Monday, January 23 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Attendees will learn about the shell museum's history and volunteer opportunities from director Dr. José H. Leal and public program specialist Diane Thomas. Light refreshments will be served, and guests are welcome to meet and talk with staff members and current volunteers about what openings are available and what those positions entail.

There are volunteer opportunities for all ages in several areas, including clerical assistance, curating shell collections, working with youth programs and assisting visitors in the Great Hall of Shells.

If you have an interest in learning more about becoming a shell museum volunteer, attend the meeting or call Diane Thomas at 395-2233 for additional information.*

Captiva Cruises To Resume Tour To The Tarpon Lodge & Calusa Heritage Trail On Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its *Discover Southwest Florida History* tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound, a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel to Pineland on Pine Island.

Along the way, passengers will get an up-close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and discuss commercial fishing and the fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company and to the spectacular tarpon and sport fishing of today. They will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and will be oriented to this charming location, the family-run business and their tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Passengers then will relax while enjoying the "old Florida" charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge, where lunch will be savored with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands.

After lunch, passengers will walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC), located across the street from The Tarpon Lodge. The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide them along the Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

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

Additional information and reservations for this *Discover Southwest Florida History* cruise to Pine Island, or any of Captiva Cruises programs and tours, may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.*

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Garden Club 20th Anniversary Party And Auction



Edie Ethridge, left, program chair, and Maggie Butcher, club president, with an original painting by Sanibel resident Deborah Butler for the Shell Islands Garden Club auction on January 9

The Shell Islands Garden Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a party and auction at The Community House on Monday, January 9.

Tommy Williams, a professional auctioneer, has donated his time for the event. Proceeds will benefit SCCF, CROW, Trails In Motion Fund, the Bailey Homestead, ECHO and Camp Wekiva, a conservation camp for elementary school children.

Members of the club have prepared one-of-a-kind themed baskets and have received donations of items and gift certificates from local businesses that will appeal to the artistic types, sports lovers and everyone in general. Local artists Deborah Butler, Daphne Hammond and Jane Hudson have donated original paintings. Myra Roberts has donated two prints from her original artwork as well as a studio tour.

Local businesses include Chico's, Floral Artistry, RS Walsh Landscaping, Planet Fitness, Beachview Tennis Pro Shop, Pandora's Box, Rene's Fine Jewelry, MacIntosh Books and Paper, Norris Home Furnishings, Norm Zeigler's Fly Shop, Sanibel Home Furnishings, Forever Green Ace Hardware, J. McLaughlin of Naples, Bromeliads by Judy Hicks, Flower Shop of the Islands, Gulf Gourmet, Sanibel Olive Oil Co., SCCF and Seaside Grounds Landscape.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Hospitality hour, with appetizers and desserts made by garden club members, will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The auction

begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by door prizes. Admission is \$5 per person (at the door) and includes one beverage and one door prize ticket.

The Community House is at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

For more information, contact Maggie Butcher at 395-0978 or Edie Ethridge at 472-1809.*

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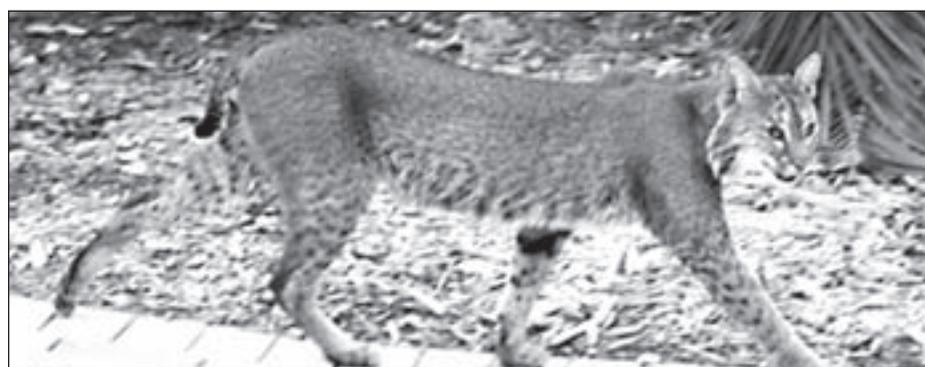
Hurricanes have re-sculpted the islands several times over the years

Wildlife, vegetation and human existence on these islands have been shaped by tropical storms. Most recently Hurricane Charley in 2004, as well as others in 1873, 1910 and 1945 rearranged sands with each swipe and re-sculpted the islands.

On Friday, January 13 at 10 a.m., come to the SCCF Nature Center and learn about Sanibel and Captiva's hurricane history. The program is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free.

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

Bobcat Tales



Bobcat walking along Buckthorn Lane

Night-time sounds of carousing bobcats are being heard by islanders these days. It is mating season for our resident bobcats, with kits being born in January. Come visit the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and learn more about these shy felines that live so peacefully amongst us.

The next Bobcat Tales program begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11 at the SCCF Nature Center, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Cost is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Following the program, take a walk on the trails to the Sanibel River or visit the butterfly house. Call 472-2329 for more information.*

Otter Tales

No one knows how many river otters live on Sanibel and Captiva. Come and learn about this large, aquatically-adapted member of the weasel family. River otters are strong and graceful swimmers that capture the hearts of all who see them. Otter sightings have increased recently on SCCF's trails.

Otter Tales begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10 in the SCCF Nature Center auditorium, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Following the program, take a walk on the trail and view an otter communication site. Cost of the program is \$5 per adult, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Call 472-2329 for more information.*



An otter perched on a cabbage palm

Turtle Tracks At SCCF



Green and loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings, shown side by side

Learn about the lifecycles and habits of sea turtles that nest on local beaches and what the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is doing to protect them. SCCF sea turtle volunteers and staff monitor every inch of Sanibel and Captiva beaches every morning from May 1 thru October, looking for tracks to nests laid the night before or nests that have hatched.

The next "Turtle Tracks" program will take place on Thursday, January 12 at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children, or \$5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.*

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This exotic flower is also called the crane flower
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Bird Of Paradise

by Gerri Reaves

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This native of South Africa is also

photos by Gerri Reaves

called the crane flower because the flower resembles a bird in flight or poised with wings spread and plume erect.

The flowers are comprised of orange sepals and a blue tongue, which emerge from a beak-like bract, or modified leaf. How's that for vivid color in the landscape?

The flowers last up to two weeks when cut for flower arrangements, one advantage to having it in the landscape.

Bird of paradise's paddle-shaped leaves resemble those of the banana plant, a close relative

The large paddle-shaped leaves arise from a clump, reaching five feet high – or more – and at least as broad. This structure makes it ideal for filling swaths of space in a mass planting.

The waxy, evergreen leaves are about one and one-half feet long and six inches wide. They resemble miniature banana leaves. In fact, bird of paradise is a close relative of the banana family.

Although prized for its beauty, the bird of paradise is not necessarily low maintenance. While it will adjust to various light conditions, from full sun to shade, it requires plenty of water and well-drained rich soil. For optimum

bloom, it requires fertilizer. It is also liked by pests such as grasshoppers and scales.

Clumps can be divided for propagation, and it does well as a container plant.

The capsules split to reveal red seeds.

Sources: *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, and www.floridata.com.

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An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

submitted by Claudia Burns

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photos courtesy of CROW

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation, visitors can see photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

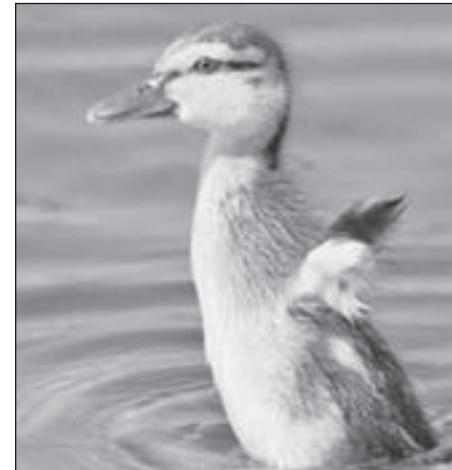
The CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, January 6 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road (across from The Sanibel School). Admission for adults is \$5, teenagers are \$3 and both members and children 12 and under are free.



Baby screech owl on herb jar

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

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My Week With Marilyn

On Wednesday, January 11 at 1 p.m., the Island Cinema will show the second of nine Oscar nominated movies in the BIG ARTS Oscar Film Series. Following the film, a discussion will take place at George & Wendy's Corner Grill. Tickets are available at the Island Cinema for \$7.50. Other movies in the series will be announced prior to the weekly showing.

My Week With Marilyn is a British drama based on two books by Colin Clark. In the film, Clark (Eddie Redmayne) meets Marilyn Monroe (Michelle Williams) while working as a young assistant on Laurence Olivier's (Kenneth Branagh) 1957 film *The Prince and the Showgirl*. When Marilyn experienced emotional difficulties during shooting, the 23-year-old third assistant director came to her aid and a romance developed. But one week of honesty and fun was not enough to save the doomed star from self-destruction.

Although the Academy Awards nominations have not yet been released, *My Week With Marilyn* has received three Golden Globe nominations: Best Picture - Comedy or Musical; Best Actress - Comedy or Musical; Michelle Williams; and Best Supporting Actor - Kenneth Branagh.★



Richie Cole performs with *Five By Design*

A Cool And Swingin' Show At BIG ARTS

by Di Soggau

A favorite with BIG Arts audiences returns on Saturday, January 28 with a brand new show and a special guest. *Five By Design*, a popular vocal quintet, will treat audiences to some great music that also features sax legend Richie Cole. The show is done in a Garrson Kellor-style radio broadcast that touches upon Cole's 40-year career in music.

I spoke recently with Mike Swedberg, a member of the group, and he told me that the cast members not only sing, they do the commercials and comedy sketches.

"We even have a sound effects table and one of our members is the Foley man," said Swedberg. "Of course, the special guest of the broadcast is Richie Cole who has recorded with some of the biggest names around, including Doc Severinsen, Lionel Hampton and Buddy Rich."

Swedberg said the show is balanced with timeless music, sketches and old time radio commercials. "People love the show. As far as the music goes we've got great standards, *Take The 'A' Train*, a swing treatment of *Almost Like Being In Love*, and a great Latin-style treatment of *Night And Day*. We even have a clever commercial for a make believe product, Spiff Dog Food, our sponsor for the evening."

Richie Cole is called the last of a breed - a fast and competitive musical gunslinger. Swedberg talked about his favorite Cole moments in the show. "Richie does an incredible arrangement of *Pure Imagination*, followed by a vocal arrangement of *What A Wonderful World*, made famous by Louis Armstrong.

He added, "The show is good for all ages. Older people love it because it brings back memories, but young people have really been getting into the music a lot more too. We get a lot of positive feedback even from kids in high school."

The members of *Five By Design* met in college in the late '80s. A performance with the Milwaukee Symphony in 1994 launched their symphony career and they have been performing full time ever since. Their style is similar to the

Modernaires of Glenn Miller fame, and Tommy Dorsey's Pied Pipers. It's an evening of warm, well-rounded vocals with vintage style, a touch of comedy and sax legend Richie Cole.

Cool And Swingin' with Richie Cole and *Five By Design* performs in Schein Hall at BIG Arts on January 28 at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 395-0900.★

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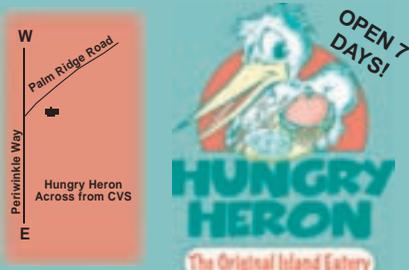
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Spend March 31 With Sanibel Sea School Students

submitted by Evelyn Neill

The surfboards are not even rinsed from winter camp and there are still tagged coconuts on their way to Naples and beyond. But the Sanibel Sea School is moving on to planning the big beach fundraising event in the

spring – Octifest on the Beach 2012 – to be held on Saturday, March 31 on the Sanibel Causeway.

This year, they are going to add a little learning to the night with a never-been-done ocean science race and raffle. There will be great music, great food, great friends and a great cause on the “causeway.” Doesn’t that sound like a doozy?

As for news of winter camp, the kids learned about ocean currents this holiday

break with a brief interlude for studying the red tide that nature produced. And although it may seem like a non-sequitur until you ponder how animation really is like an ocean current with suspended particles, the kids made animated films.

For a complete kick, check out the Sanibel Sea School channel on YouTube.com, where you will be treated to *The Adventures of Coco Jones*, the tsunami movie, the flounder movie and many

more.

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Emma Kurry wonders where the currents will carry her whimsically-decorated plank of wood



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Guitar And Cello Duo To Perform At BIG ARTS

Moeller Duo, a guitar and cello combination, will perform in a classical concert at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15 at BIG ARTS.

Kerena and Paul Moeller are the married musicians comprising this guitar and cello duo, which has twice won the Baltimore Chamber Musical Awards Competition and has been honored as a guest artist and judge at the International Guitar Competition in Lagonegro, Italy. The pair's latest release, *My Better Half*, contains a full range of duets from baroque to blues. *Around the World and Bach*, the duo's previous release, enjoyed excellent reviews, with one French guitar magazine reviewer exclaiming, "You cannot be but exhilarated."

Their program will include Myers Cavatina's piece from *The Deer Hunter*, D. Scarlatti's *Sonata in E major, K. 380 (L. 23)*, Falla's *Canciones Populares Españolas*, Granados' *Spanish Dance No. 5*, Andaluza, Villa-Lobos' *Aria from Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5*, Tárrega's *Capricho Árabe for Solo Guitar* Piazzolla's *Spring from The Four Seasons for Solo Guitar*, Saint-Saëns' *The Swan from The Carnival of the Animals*, Gnattali's *Sonata for Cello and Guitar*, Ellington's *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing*, C. Byrd's *Swing '59 (To Alexis De Boeck)* and *Spanish Guitar Blues (To Keeter Betts)*.

Together, they have traveled throughout the U.S., England and Italy spreading their unique sound. Paul currently teaches guitar students at the Maryland Conservatory of Music and the Levine School of Music. In addition, he is a member of the faculty at both the Music Academy of Rockford College and Elgin Community. Kerena is the assistant



Kerena and Paul Moeller of Moeller Duo

principal cellist in the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and formerly served as principal cellist in the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Moeller Duo concert supported by Grand Patron Series Sponsor Deborah & John La Gorce.

General admission tickets are \$32, and children are free with a paying adult. To reserve a child ticket, call the BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

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The Mills Brothers

The Mills Brothers Come To BIG ARTS

Music legends The Mills Brothers will perform a concert of their R&B hits at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 14 at BIG ARTS.

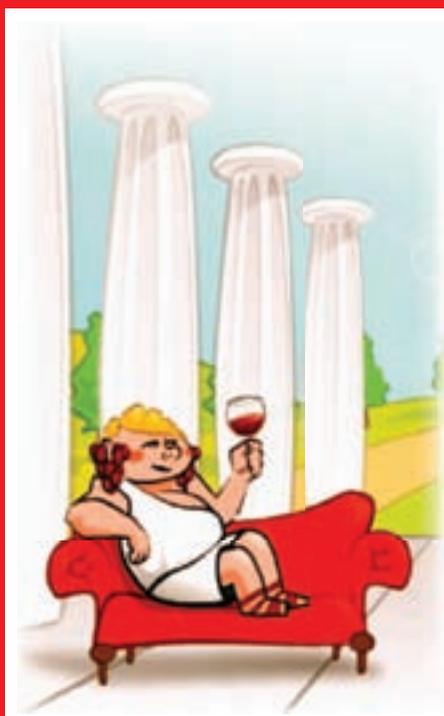
For nearly 80 years, The Mills Brothers have commanded the jazz and pop stage with their unmistakable and unforgettable repertoire of harmonies and hits. Formed in the late 1920s by four brothers from Piqua, Ohio, the group continues to tour under the leadership of John Mills III and veteran musician Elmer Hopper, who spent 21 years touring with The Platters.

Honored with a Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement in 1998, The Mills Brothers have released more than 2,000 recordings that combined have sold more than 50 million copies. Memorable hits include *Tiger Rag*, *Cab Driver*, *Glow Worm*, *Lazy River*, *Yellow Bird*, *Basin Street Blues* and *Paper Doll*, all of which today's touring duo recreate for a new millennium of audiences. The Mills Brothers were sponsored by some of the largest advertisers in early radio and appeared in many films, including *The Big Broadcast*, a 1932 Paramount Pictures musical comedy starring Bing Crosby. The group also enjoyed remarkable television success on programs such as *The Dean Martin Show* and *The Tonight Show*.

Tickets to The Mills Brothers are \$47 for loge, \$42 for general seating and \$15 for students. Tickets may be purchased online through the BIG ARTS website at www.BIGARTS.org or by calling 395-0900.

The Mills Brothers concert sponsored by Benefactor Sponsor John M. and Mary Jo Boler.

For more event information, including ticket prices and links to artists' websites, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or visit www.BIGARTS.org.*



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Committee Not Informed

ask that the resolution be withdrawn until the volunteer members of the committee can be made aware of the changes.”

City Manager Judie Zimomra said, “There is no one currently serving that would not be eligible unless they are not a resident of Sanibel.”

Roth said, “This is not trying to eliminate anyone, just to open it up and say we need five residents with consistency. CHR has had four representatives (attending) this year

“I think we all agree with the resolution, but since this doesn’t take effect until April, we have the opportunity to give the committee chance to discuss this and bring it back to the February meeting with any changes or modifications,” said Vice Mayor Mick Denham.*

Planning Commissioners Reappointed

by Anne Mitchell

Dr. Phillip Marks and Holly Smith were reappointed to the Sanibel Planning Commission on Tuesday.

The City Council approved the action unanimously. Both will serve three-year terms.

Sanibel resident George Campean, a retired engineer and member of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club, was not successful in his bid for one of the council-appointed seats.*

Council Plans To Slash Building Permit Fees

Those planning on building a home or doing some major renovations likely will see some big savings when it comes to the cost of city permits.

With an \$878,000 building department fund balance, the Sanibel City Council wants to cut the fees by 25 percent.

City Manager Judie Zimomra said she couldn’t predict whether lower permit fees would stimulate construction. She noted that single family home permits fell from 98 in 2000 to 10 in 2008-09 but have gradually risen to 17 the past year.

She said it costs the department approximately \$611,000 on average to operate each year. Zimomra recommended a 20 percent fee reduction, which would generate about \$616,000.

She showed permit fees for four recently constructed homes. One residence on Belding Drive, a \$403,000 project, cost \$4,800 in fees.

Based on a 20 percent reduction, Mayor Kevin Ruane said average savings for the four examples Zimomra showed were \$700 to \$800.

However, he wanted to give more relief to citizens if possible as well as “promote the progression this island needs.”

Ruane moved to authorize a 25 percent reduction and have staff bring a resolution to the February 7 council meeting for approval.*

Council Opposes Postal Center Relocation

The Sanibel City Council passed a resolution Tuesday “strongly opposing the relocation of the

Fort Myers Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center to Sarasota and Tampa,” saying it will result in lost jobs and increased mailing times.

The resolution, passed at the behest of Councilman Marty Harity, states, “Florida Gulf Coast University has estimated that the closing of the postal service center will result in a minimum total wage loss (direct and indirect wages) of \$40 million to Lee County and the surrounding counties; and will result in a minimum job loss of 550 in Lee County and the surrounding counties. Additional reductions in area workforce and wage losses will be realized due to the out migration of entire families as a result of layoffs and forced relocations.”

The resolution also states that the five-

county area of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Lee provides a service population of over 1.1 million and more than 30,000 businesses.

The processing and service times for Sanibel mailings will increase significantly, according to the wording.

Sanibel supports the Horizon Council and Economic Development Council to retain the center in its current location.*

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships -- personal or professional -- which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some pre-

viously hidden risks. So be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Jan. 9, 1493, Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three "mermaids" and describes them as "not half as beautiful as they are painted." They were in reality manatees. Mythical mermaids have existed in seafaring cultures since the time of the ancient Greeks.

- On Jan. 14, 1639, in Hartford, Conn., the first constitution in the American colonies, the "Fundamental Orders," is adopted. The Fundamental Orders declared that "the foundation of authority is in the free consent of the people."

- On Jan. 10, 1901, a drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas,

produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap.

- On Jan. 15, 1919, two million gallons of fiery hot molasses floods the streets of Boston, killing 21 people and a dozen horses. The molasses burst from a 58-foot-high tank in the heart of the city. An 8-foot-high wave of molasses swept away freight cars, knocked over the local firehouse and pushed over the support beams for the elevated train line.

- On Jan. 13, 1939, Arthur "Doc" Barker is shot and killed while trying to escape from Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay. Barker, of the notorious "Bloody Barkers" gang, was spotted on the rock-strewn shore of the island after climbing over the walls and tying pieces of wood together into a makeshift raft.

- On Jan. 11, 1973, the owners of America's 24 major-league baseball teams vote to allow teams in the American League to use a "designated pinch-hitter" that could bat for the pitcher, while still allowing the pitcher to stay in the game.

- On Jan. 12, 1984, a panel overseeing the restoration of the Great Pyramids in Egypt abandons modern construction techniques in favor of the method employed by the ancient Egyptians. Restorers stopped using mortar and adopted the system of interlocking blocks practiced by the original pyramid builders.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American essayist Logan Pearsall Smith who made the following sage observation: It is the wretchedness of being rich that you have to live with rich people.

- The word "avocado" is derived from a South American Indian word that means "testicle."

- When the miniskirt was introduced to the world in the 1960s, the reaction was swift and often harsh. Women who wore them in the Malagasy Republic were sentenced to 10 days in jail. Congolese police arrested 300 women for wearing the new style, and Egyptian law branded the garment as indecent. In Caracas, Venezuela, the clergy got involved; churches admonished women to give up their minis or "be condemned to hell." Perhaps the seeming overreaction wasn't entirely unjustified, considering the effect the miniskirt had in some places. It was reported that two women wearing minis caused a two-hour traffic jam in downtown Cairo, and a 63-year-old man in Rio De Janeiro was sentenced to three days in jail after biting the legs of the miniskirt-clad woman seated next to him on a bus.

- The first animated color TV commercial was broadcast in 1949, and it was created by none other than venerable children's book author Dr. Seuss. The ad was for the Ford Motor Company.

- Historians say that Abraham Lincoln had a shrill, high-pitched voice rather than the deep and sonorous tones we usually hear when the 16th president is portrayed in film and television.

- Those who study such things say that Americans' favorite T-shirt color is white, followed by blue and black.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you have an important point, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time -- a tremendous whack." -- Winston Churchill

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3 tablespoons Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves

1 teaspoon black pepper

Trim stems from mushrooms and slice caps. Sauté mushrooms until lightly browned and most liquid evaporate. Add shallots and garlic, sauté 1 to 2 minutes. Add white wine vinegar and sherry, scraping bottom of pan to loosen any browned bits. Add sugar and salt, stirring to dissolve sugar. Cook until liquid is reduced by half. Gradually stir in oil, mustard, thyme and pepper. Add shrimp and heat thoroughly.

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Nicole McHale and Chef Mark Brown

Cooking Class To Benefit The Community House

Dancing with the Islands' Star Nichole McHale and Executive Chef Mark Brown from The Sanctuary are teaming up to host a cooking class on Thursday, January 12 to benefit The Community House. The class will begin with a demonstration at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon. The menu features Peach Gazpacho, Wild Mushroom Strudel, Turkey Paillard in a Brandy Peppercorn Sauce, Chocolate Mousse in a tuille cup with fresh berries and sauce.

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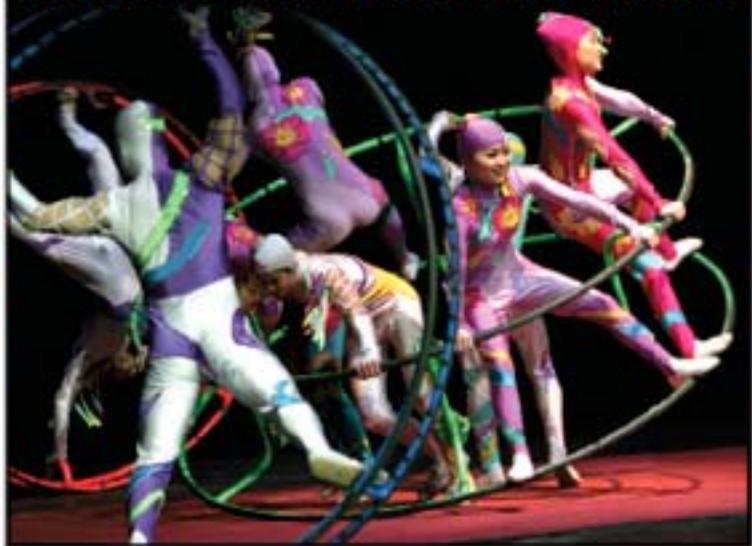
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SA 14	Concert: The Mills Brothers	8 PM
SU 15	Concert: Moeller Duo	3:30 PM
M 16	Film: <i>A Room and a Half</i>	7 PM
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Coile Gives Back, Establishes Music Scholarship At Edison State



Chris Coile

by Jeff Lysiak

When he was a teenager, Chris Coile began playing the guitar out of a passion for rock-n-roll music as well as making a few bucks as a performer. These days, Coile is still making music, although he has broadened his repertoire to include a wider variety of musical influences: ballads, Big Band, country and island-style tunes among them.

He also plays for his own health as well as for the benefit of others. "My doctor told me that I had weak vocal chords, and that I needed to use my voice more," said Coile, a retired real estate professional from Maryland who moved to the Sanibel section of the island five years ago.

Turning back to one of his earliest passions – music – Coile began a regimen that includes singing at least one hour every day.

"I paid my way through Penn State with my music," recalled Coile. "My band and I played at frat parties, mixers, social clubs and VFW halls. We were always booked to play somewhere."

Following graduation, Coile entered the real estate business. Retiring two years ago after a long and successful career as chairman and CEO of Champion Realty, he and his wife of 47 years, Susan, relocated to Southwest Florida.

But after being told by his physician that he needed to use his voice more, Coile decided the best way to do that would be through playing music. Although it had been years since the days of fronting his own band – Chris Coile and the Continentals – back in the 1960s, the singer/guitarist began booking gigs again.

However, he didn't want to do it for the money. "After I got out of college, I never played for money," said Coile. "I play for non-profit groups and at fundraisers. I play at the American Legion here on Sanibel three times a month. I don't think that I've ever turned anybody down who has asked me to play for them."

Whatever money he does earn at paying gigs goes directly towards college scholarships, which he first established in the early 1970s at Anne Arundel Community College, located in Arnold, Maryland. More recently, Coile started a scholarship program at Edison State College, which will help pay for the tuition of a resident of Sanibel who wishes to pursue an academic career in music.

"We are looking for men, women or kids who want to go to school, but maybe they don't have the best grades, who could really use a scholarship," explained Coile. "I graduated with a 2.7 GPA, but I was working all of the time. We'd like to find a student from Sanibel who wants to follow their educational wishes."

Last year, Coile released a CD of some of his favorite songs, including Van Morrison's *Brown Eyed Girl*, Bob Seger's *Old Time Rock And Roll*, The Beatles' *I Saw Her Standing There* and Kenny Rogers' *Love The World Away*. He performs those tunes, along with a catalog of more than 150 others, during his one-man shows.

This Sunday, January 8, Coile will perform at American Legion Post 123, 4249 Sanibel-Captiva Road, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information or to book a future performance, send an e-mail to chris@coile.com or call 472-1180.

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Of Gods And Men



by Ray Galligan

This is a beautifully composed and an extremely well acted movie that won the Grand Prize last year at Cannes. Based on real events, the film is set in an isolated community of French Cistercian Trappist monks in the mid-90s, when a wave of fundamentalist Islamic terrorism swept across Algeria. This made life there exceedingly difficult for foreigners, especially when they represented both Christianity and the legacy of French imperialism.

The monks make no attempt to convert anyone to Catholicism; they spend their days tending bees, growing food and praying. They are just a part of everyday life in the village in the Atlas Mountains, where their abby has stood since the mid-19th century. They sell their honey in the local market and participate in rituals and celebrations with their Muslim neighbors.

There are nine monks in the monastery but the film revolves around two monks: Brother Christian (Lambert Wilson) an Arabic scholar whom they have elected as their leader; and Brother Luc (Michael Lonsdale). He is a doctor – old, sick and asthmatic – but seeing countless patients daily and sometimes imparting benevolent advice to them.

The drama of the film centers around the growing influence of radical Islam in the vicinity of the monastery. Tales are heard of threats and murders, and then the violence comes close to home as a group of Croatians workers are found just outside the village with their throats slit. On Christmas Eve, gunmen break into the Trappist monastery and demand to see the abbot. Coolly, he reminds them that no guns are allowed in a place of peace and that the militants are interrupting the celebration of the birth of the prophet Issa (Jesus) who is, of course, revered by Muslims. Impressed by the monk's courage, and more than a little embarrassed, the armed men slink away. But the Trappists know that it is only a matter a time before more dangerous extremists will be back. The movie makes a sharp distinction between radical Islamic terrorists and the peaceful Muslims whom the monks feel obligated to serve. The question for the monks, the crux of the movie, is in choosing to stay with their vocation in the face of quite probable death or to leave and return to France.

Instead of a traditional soundtrack, the music comes from the monk's chanted prayers and the cries of the muezzins at nearby mosques.

The film, which is in French and has English subtitles, will be shown in Schein Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 9. The admission charge is \$8 and includes refreshments and a post-film discussion (always informative and often quite spirited) in the Phillips Gallery.

For additional information, call BIG

Arts at 395-0900. Purchase a film booklet of 11 tickets for \$88. Film booklet holders must be seated no later than 6:45 p.m. to ensure a seat. All Monday night films begin at 7 p.m.

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Rusty Brown Returns In Painted Women

On Thursday, January 19, Rusty Brown, Fort Myers feminist historian, tells the true but little-known stories of the female subjects in famous portraits. This illustrated presentation will disclose the scandal touched off by John Singer Sargent's sensuous portrait of a Parisian socialite. Why did Andrew Wyeth hide the sketches and paintings of a woman who secretly modeled for him for 15 years? Who was the nude in the famous Rembrandt portrait painted in 1654?

These and other intrigues make up this unique one-woman play titled *Painted Women*. Lunch features grilled chicken, salad greens, fresh fruit mini sweets and beverage.

This event is sponsored by Sanibel Holiday! at The Community House, 2175 Periwinkle Way. Members pay \$20, guests \$22. Lunch seating begins at 11:30 a.m. Brown's performance follows at 1 p.m.

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Community House Presents 7-Shot Symphony

The Minneapolis-based physical-theater company Live Action Set comes to Sanibel with its original production, *The 7-Shot Symphony* (aka *The Kickass Cowboy Show*), 2011 Ivey Award winner for Best Overall Production and Overall Excellence. The show runs January 7 at 7 p.m. and January 8 at 2 p.m. at The Community House.

Hailed as “the love child of Quentin Tarantino and Cirque du Soleil,” and “avant-garde for the masses,” Live Action Set’s mash-up of seven myths from around the world reinterpreted against the backdrop of America’s epic Old West has received critical acclaim across the Midwest. The show’s American setting of superhuman strength, heroism, and comeuppance illuminates the contemporary relevance of these ancient tales.

Performed without set or props, just with a whole lot of creative ingenuity, *The 7-Shot Symphony* places focus on the actors’ bare ability to illuminate a world of richly filled images. Creating visually entertaining and emotionally insightful storytelling, Live Action Set builds upon its roots in dance, continues its tradition of physical theater, and infuses elements borrowed from cinematography, cartoons, Italy’s Commedia dell’Arte, and France’s treteau traditions.



The Old West comes alive on stage

Performances are supported by live, original tunes from Minneapolis-based band Tree Party, whose style puts a contemporary twist on traditional country music.

Originally premiering in March, 2011 at Loring Theater, *The 7-Shot Symphony* has performed in Red Wing, Minnesota and Chicago, Illinois. The tour to Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee marks the company’s first multi-city venture beyond the Midwest.

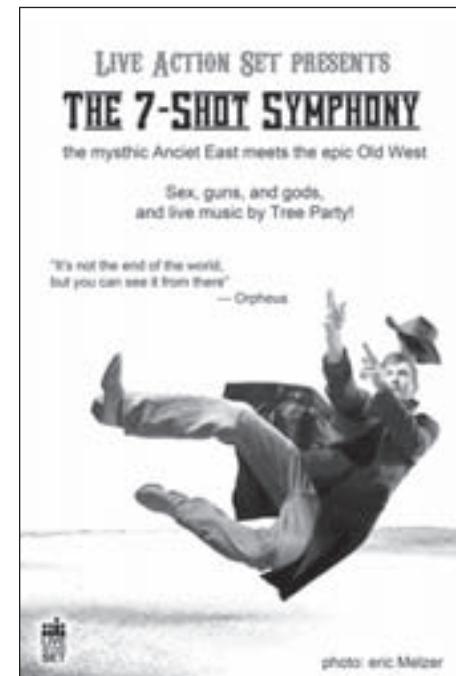
“Based on the success at home as well as in Chicago and Red Wing, we believe this show has the wings to take

flight and soar to audiences beyond our Twin Cities. Touring extends the life of the production, employs actors, promotes Minnesota, and is a big part of our plan for long range sustainability,” said Noah Bremer, artistic director

Live Action Set is led by Joanna Harmon, executive director, and Noah Bremer, artistic director. This production is developed by Live Action Set under the primary creative direction of Ryan Underbakke and written by Matt Spring and Ryan Underbakke and performed by Mark Benzel, Joey Ford, Damian Johnson, Emily King, Matt Riggs, Dustin

Suggs, and Jenna Wyse. Local band Tree Party – Joey Ford, Jenna Wyse, Travis Bolton, Andy Carroll, and Derek Trost – will perform originally composed music live with their violin, mandolin, electric guitar, and upright acoustic bass. Debbie Tallen creates the lighting design, and Mandi Johnson and Amelia English create costumes.

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Bill Snibson, a cockney ne'r-dowell from Lambeth, finds himself to be the unlikely heir to the Earl of Hareford. In order to collect his inheritance, he must learn to be a proper gentleman and satisfy the executors of the estate. The Duchess feels she can help Bill and make him “fit and proper,” but she doesn't think there's any hope for his cockney girlfriend. They attempt to educate Bill into the ways of the gentry and separate him from his cockney girlfriend... and the result is chaos of the most comical kind.

Performances are staged Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$27 to \$51, with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪



Jennifer Weingarten as Sally Smith and Vince Wingerter as Bill Snibson

Gist, Levi Featured At Upcoming BIG ARTS Forum Lecture Series

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 race, and many others.

The series will begin this Sunday, January 8 with Deborah A. Gist, Rhode Island commissioner of elementary and secondary education, and will be followed by Dr. Michael A. Levi, program director for energy security and climate change at the Council on Foreign Relations, on Sunday, January 22.

As commissioner, 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, D.C., 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. 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.

Future speakers featured in the BIG ARTS Forum Lecture Series include 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.



Deborah A. Gist



Dr. Michael A. Levi

The Forum Lecture Series Grand Patron Series Sponsors are Northern Trust and Sue and Tom Pick.

All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. The series is sold out, although interested patrons may come the night of the lecture to see if tickets are turned back in. BIG ARTS cannot guarantee ticket availability, however, tickets have become available on the night of a lecture in years past.

To learn more about the Forum Lecture Series, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.

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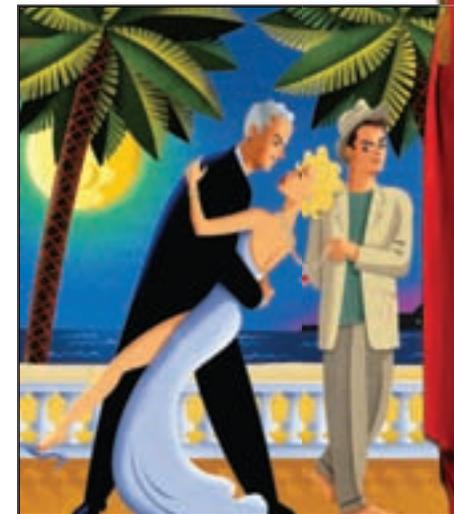
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Wine Spectator magazine has ranked NWWF as the nation's top charity wine auction since 2004. The festival is planned and executed by the trustees, foundation staff and hundreds of volun-

The Naples Winter Wine Festival will have a stellar lineup of one-of-a-kind wine lots for its annual auction on January 28. Patrons will have a chance to bid on rare and collectible bottles including a 35-bottle vertical of Chateau Haut-Brion spanning 84 years, exclusive trips to some of the world's most iconic wine estates from Napa Valley to Tuscany, and once-in-a-lifetime VIP experiences. Wine lots include tickets to the *American Idol* finale, a behind-the-scenes experience



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Festival events span three days, beginning with Meet the Kids Day, during which guests interact with children who have benefited from festival proceeds and witness charitable dollars at work.

Guests take part in wine tastings throughout the weekend. They also attend intimate dinners prepared by famous chefs at private homes of NCEF trustees with wines selected and poured by renowned vintners.

A festival highlight takes place at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples – a

founding sponsor of the festival – with a culinary showcase and live auction of 67 lots. A wine-down party that evening and brunch the next day bring festivities to a close.

Festival ticket packages are \$8,500 per couple; and \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For a schedule of 2012 festivities and more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, visit www.napleswinefestival.com or call 888-837-4919.*

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Symphony On Sanibel

The Southwest Florida Symphony brings the music of Beethoven, Wagner and Mozart to BIG ARTS on Sanibel this 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 note-worthy.

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 in Fort Myers.

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.*

Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire To Be Held At Lakes Regional Park



Children and adults alike enjoy the Seahorse ride at the 2011 Medieval Faire



Barely Balanced professional acrobats perform at a past Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire

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The Riverdale Kiwanis have set their annual Medieval Faire for the weekends of January 14 and 15 as well as January 21 and 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers. The two-weekend event is expected to draw more than 10,000 attendees. The 2012 Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire will feature jousting, live chess match, live sword fighting, royal court, children's games and rides, jugglers, magicians, minstrels, period food and medieval themed merchants. Entertainment at the faire will be provided by professional touring medieval faire professionals.

Tickets will be available the day of the faire. Adult tickets cost \$15 and children tickets (5 to 11 years) cost \$5 to attend. Free onsite parking is available.

All profits from the Medieval Faire go to the Kiwanis of Riverdale Foundation Fund to support local programs, including Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, Christmas



A strolling violin minstrel at the 2011 Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire



Two knights competing in performance combat

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dinners, Buckingham Exception School, Orange River Elementary, Sunshine Elementary, school grants and scholarships.

For more information on the Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire, visit www.medieval-faire.com. For group ticket information, call Sandy Wheeler at 369-6881.✪

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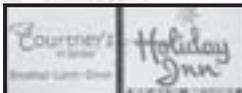
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Myra Janco Daniels Orchid To Be Unveiled

As part of the "Thank You Myra" Days Weekend celebration on January 14 and 15, a special hybrid orchid has been bred and named in honor of Naples Philharmonic Center founder Myra Janco Daniels by R.F. Orchids of Homestead, one of the most prestigious orchid nurseries in the United States. The rare orchids will be displayed at the "Thank You Myra" Days Grand Gala on Saturday, January 14 and sold at the Phil on Sunday, January 15 at the Community Day Open House.

The Myra Janco Daniels Orchid has been registered for perpetuity with the International Orchid Register at the Royal Horticultural Society in London. Robert Fuchs, owner of R.F. Orchids, called it a "magnificent, pristine, white phalaenopsis orchid."

Collier County and the City of Naples have proclaimed January 14 and 15 "Thank You Myra" Days as a tribute to Daniels, who retired in September. The "Thank You Myra" Days celebration will include a Grand Gala concert at the Phil on January 14, featuring Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart leading the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, along with Broadway vocalists Brian Stokes Mitchell and Kelli O'Hara and opera star Harolyn Blackwell. A special guest star will also be featured as well as several surprises. An elegant champagne and des-



A white phalaenopsis from R.F. Orchids is similar to the Myra Janco Daniels Orchid

sert reception will follow the gala.

Then on January 15, the Phil opens its doors to the public for a free, fun afternoon of music and the arts. The Open House Community Day will feature a variety of events and attractions for patrons of all ages, including backstage tours, admission to the Naples Museum of Art, glassblowing and jewelry demonstrations, an instrument petting zoo, performances by the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale, food stations, the premiere of the new documentary film *Box 23: The Myra Janco Daniels Story* and much more. The Myra Janco Daniels Orchids will be on sale for

\$35 apiece. The Open House will be held from noon to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the orchid sale and the Grand Gala will benefit the Myra Janco Daniels Legacy Fund, which was started earlier this year to sustain the standards of excellence in the performing and visual arts established and nurtured by Daniels over the past 30 years.

To learn more about the Myra Janco Daniels Legacy Fund, contact the Philharmonic Center's Development Office at 254-2704 or visit www.ThePhil.org. Tickets for the "Thank You Myra" Days Grand Gala may be purchased at www.ThePhil.org, by calling 800-597-1900 or by visiting the Box Office at 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples. ✨

Second Island Pirate Fest & Ball Announced

The Original Bert's Bar & Seafood Grill is pleased to announce the second annual Island Pirate Fest & Pirates Ball to benefit *From Our Hearts* charity.

The public is invited join the fun and help wage the war on breast cancer. One hundred percent of the funds that are raised from the auctions, raffles and games will go to *From Our Hearts*, a Pine Island charity whose goal is to make breast cancer care available to everyone, not just those who can afford health insurance. Last year, the Island Pirate Fest & Pirates Ball successfully raised more

than \$7,000 for the charitable organization through a variety of events.

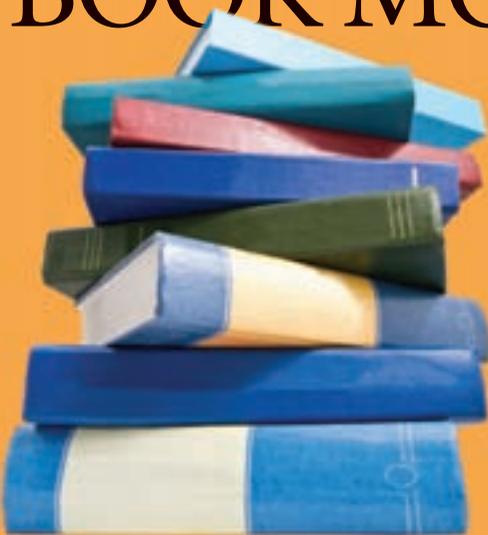
The Island Pirate Fest will begin on Friday, February 3 with the Parade of Mermaids. The Pirate's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 4 and the Pirate's Live Auction will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 1 p.m. at Bert's Bar & Seafood Grill, located at 4271 Pine Island Road in Matlacha. A Pirate Ship contest and Boat Parade will follow the auction. Donation of goods and/or services to be auctioned off are being accepted by calling 412-468-8245

From Our Hearts works closely with *Partners For Breast Cancer Care* and *Lee Memorial Health System*. One of the many projects the organization funds is to provide mammograms for people who could not manage to pay without their help. The result has been beneficial in so many ways. For example, early detection for treatment has been possible with the group's help. Those who do have the resources to fund their own care have found emotional support in the alliance.

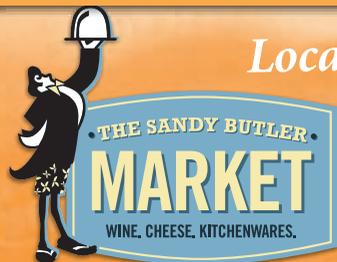
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Artist Myra Roberts Exhibits At Sanibel Public Library



Artist Myra Roberts and her son, David, look over artwork on display at the Sanibel Public Library

The Sanibel Public Library is currently exhibiting artwork which includes a collection of Myra Roberts' newest paintings in oil, featuring work for the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. Also included are other originals and giclée prints.

Roberts' vintage-style art portrays Florida favorites: palm trees, beaches, blue-green water, sea turtles, bathing beauties and other tropical scenes.

Work by Myra Roberts is on display through the month of January at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. Call 472-2483 for more information. ✨

Project Tolerance: Faces Of Anne Frank At Holocaust Museum

On exhibit through Monday, January 30 at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida in Naples is *Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank*.

Sanibel artist Myra Roberts's 30 original oil paintings of Anne Frank's life took nearly two years to painstakingly create. They depict the innocence and joy that was ultimately lost in Anne Frank's young life during the Holocaust.

Anne Frank is widely known for the diary she kept of her and her family's lives while hiding in an attic from the Nazis. Each finely detailed painting gives viewers a peek inside the life and soul of one of the world's most recognized Holocaust victims. An exhibit catalog will be available.

Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank is the focus for Roberts's artistic and social commentary on the intolerance and bigotry that still plagues the world today.

"Art that raises consciousness is vital," Roberts said. "My hope is that through this project, we can make the world a better place to live."

Fort Myers journalist Ella Naylor is collaborating with Roberts. Naylor's new book, *Faces of Tolerance: Everybody Counts*, details the lives of some Holocaust survivors living in Florida. The book also features interviews with people who have been marginalized or faced intolerance and prejudice. Included are the homeless and disabled, and victims of homophobia and racism.

"It is my dream that through our work, we will spark thought and enlightenment about intolerance and hatred," said Naylor. "If we start taking the time to see each other as people, all belonging to one human family, we can begin to live more peacefully as a planet."

The museum will host Roberts and Naylor at a book talk on Wednesday, January 25 beginning at 7 p.m.

A portion of proceeds from art, catalog and book sales will benefit the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. Roberts and Naylor also give multimedia educational presentations on the project.

For more information, visit www.holocaustmuseumsfwl.org and www.projecttolerance.com. Myra Roberts can be reached at 395-5370 or myralynn51@msn.com. Ella Naylor can be contacted at 281-7874 or scotchmgik@yahoo.com.✪



Antiques And Jewelry Show

The Sanibel Island Antiques and Jewelry Show is held three times a year – January 14 and 15, February 11 and 12 and March 10 and 11 – featuring 25 to 30 of the highest quality antiques, jewelry and collectible exhibitors brought together for your viewing and buying pleasures. Some are from the Southwest Florida area and many are from different parts of the country.

The Sanibel Island Antiques and Jewelry Show is held at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show has been a part of the Sanibel charm for more than 30 years. There have been four owners of the show and, at times, they continue to set up booths through out the winter season.

The current owners of the show are Amy and Jon Oakley of Oakley Promotions. The Oakleys are second generation to the antiques world and to the Sanibel Island Antiques and Jewelry Show.

Amy is a native of Fort Myers Beach. Her parents, Ken and Carol Borton, had Granny's Stuff Antiques Store on Fort Myers Beach in the late 80s and early 90s. Amy's dad also specialized in crystal repair. The Borton's love of travel

and antiques led them to do antiques shows all over the country, from Maine to California, but always made sure to be home for the Sanibel Island Show.

When Amy's mom passed away in 2002, she started working with her dad learning the craft and artistry of crystal repair and restoration. In 2007, the Oakleys took over the Crystal Repair business full time after Ken passed away and have done the Sanibel shows for the last five winter seasons as crystal and glass restoration specialists. For the past 25 years, at least one member of the family has participated in this show.

This year, the Oakleys will make the transition to show promoters. They also have two antiques shows in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina held in the fall and spring. The Oakleys strive to offer high quality antiques, jewelry and collectibles exhibitors that provide a wide array of quality merchandise.

As the Oakleys say, "We do 30 antiques shows a year as crystal repair specialist, from the original Miami Beach Antiques Show with over 800 exhibitors to small woman's club shows in Raleigh, North Carolina. While we travel for our Crystal Repair business, we always are on the look out for interesting and fun booths to invite to the Sanibel show."

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This Friday Is For Stories

Join in for Stories for Grownups on Friday, January 6, 2 to 3 p.m., at the Sanibel Public Library. There is no charge to attend.

Stories for Grownups was started by story tellers Maggie and Steve Mullins. On the first Friday of every month in season, the Mullins brought in story tellers from around Florida and sometimes even farther. The Mullins' own stories were always highlights.

Stories for Grownups came to be something islanders looked forward to even after the Mullins retired and moved off island.

The January program will be led by Dr. Sidney B. Simon, retired professor emeritus, University of Massachusetts. Simon was one of the people invited in by the Mullins four years in a row. He has been proclaimed a master storyteller and in 2011 won The Literary Artist of the Year in Lee County. Simon loves telling stories, and this year he will tell at least five new stories and some of his most memorable ones. There will also be time for stories from the audience as well.

You don't have to bring a story. Just come and listen. If you have any questions, call the library at 472-2483.

The parking lot often fills up on First Friday Stories for Grownups so get there in plenty of time.✱

Library Author Series Presents Jennifer Egan

The Sanibel Public Library is pleased to announce the appearance of author Jennifer Egan. The author will appear at the library on Thursday, January 19. Tickets for this event are wait-listed.

Egan is the winner of the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her newest novel, *A Visit from the Goon Squad*. The novel also won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for fiction. She is also the author of *The Invisible Circus*, a novel which became a feature film starting Cameron Diaz in 2001, *Look At Me*, a finalist for the National Book Award in fiction in 2001, *Emerald City and Other Stories* and *The Keep*, which was a national bestseller.

Her short stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harpers*, *Granta*, *McSweeney's* and other magazines. She is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Fiction, and a Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Fellowship at the New York Public Library. Her non-fiction articles appear frequently in the *New York Times Magazine*. Her 2002 cover story on homeless children received the Carroll Kowal Journalism Award, and her most recent article, *The Bipolar Kid*, received



Jennifer Egan

a 2009 NAMI Outstanding Media Award for Science and Health Reporting from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Egan was born in Chicago, raised in San Francisco, and today lives in Brooklyn.

The Author Series is sponsored by the Sanibel Public Library Foundation, Inc. and its generous donors. Author Series Partners 2011-12 are Bank of the Islands, The Blue Dolphin Cottages, Dolores and Jack Clarke, Jan Egeland, Linda and John Kramer, LCEC, Sandy and Ken Nirenberg, Northern Trust, Uhler & Vertich Financial Planners, West Wind Inn, and Diane and Bob Williams.

To contribute to the Foundation, contact the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2483.✱

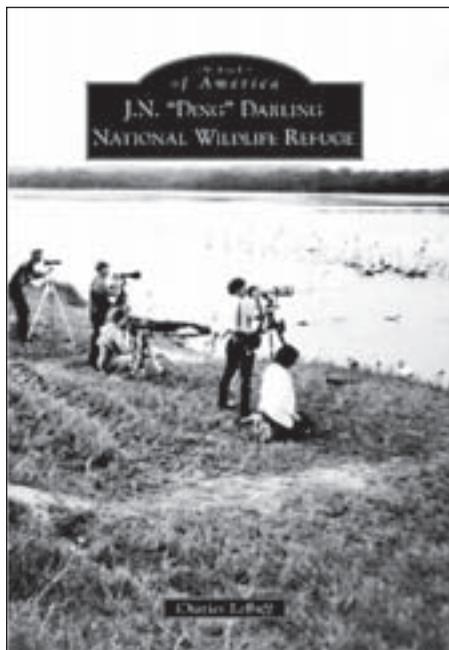
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LeBuff Coming To Island Book Nook



The Island Book Nook will host an author presentation of the local book *Images of America: J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge*, written by Charles LeBuff, on Wednesday, January 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LeBuff's new J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge book is written by a man who spent 32 of his 48 years

on Sanibel Island as a refuge employee involved in day-to-day management. LeBuff was the second permanent refuge employee hired by refuge manager Tommy Wood, to whom the book is dedicated.

"There was a need for this book," said LeBuff, who hopes this work will provide an interesting historical journey through the years, bearing witness to how and why the refuge was created, has grown, matured and prospered.

LeBuff carefully selected a series of images and wrote comprehensive captions that best portray the history of the "Ding" Darling Refuge. Throughout the book, he draws widely on his personal involvement with the refuge. After all, it is here where he has spent most of his life.

Highlights include the real story behind how the refuge's popular Wildlife Drive was aligned and constructed, as well as the chronology of managers and staff members over a 60-year period.

LeBuff will be signing copies of his book at the Island Book Nook, 2330 Palm Ridge Road, Suite 11 on January 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop in to meet Charles and get a copy of *Images of America: J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge*.✱

To advertise in the *Island Sun* Call 395-1213

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Cooking Class

The cost is \$50 per person and all proceeds benefit The Community House. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a necklace donated by William E. Wilson jewelers of Sanibel. There is limited seating with prepaid reservations only. Call McHale at 565-6663 or stop by The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. The event is hosted by KathyTucker.✱

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Book Review

Erich Maria Remarque: The Last Romantic



by Max Friedersdorf

All Quiet On The Western Front

by Erich Maria Remarque remains the most famous anti-war novel of all time. A worldwide literary sensation, the book set

unprecedented best-selling standards for 20th century publishing.

Scripted in his teens, Remarque, 19, was wounded five times by shrapnel, hospitalized for 15 months and was on his way back to the front when World War 1 ended on November 11, 1918.

After the war, Remarque left his small backwater hometown, becoming a successful journalist in cosmopolitan Berlin. Recalling the war and "all its hideousness," he became a self-proclaimed pacifist whose most celebrated book would become a testament to the scourge of war.

On the night that Adolf Hitler was sworn in as German Chancellor in 1933, Remarque – acting on a tip that he was on a list – drove all night to the Swiss

border as the first step in a forced exile that eventually led to the United States and American citizenship. Remarque had been stripped of his German citizenship and his books banned and burned.

Assisting in his escape from Europe was actress Marlene Dietrich, whose long-lasting affair with Remarque is described as "the apogee of Remarque's emotional life" by British author Hilton Tims in his marvelous new biography, *Erich Maria Remarque: The Last Romantic*.

Remarque spent most of his life in the U.S. writing in Hollywood and New York, where he romanced an impressive bevy of beauties besides Dietrich. These included Dolores del Rio, Lupe Velez, Maureen O'Sullivan (Jane of the *Tarzan* pictures), Luis Rainer, Greta Garbo and a happy, late marriage to Paulette Goddard.

After his death in 1970 at the age of 72, Marlene Dietrich wrote, "He was the last of the romantics. Besides the great writer that he was, he had a capacity few men have. The capacity to understand the emotions of all living creatures. Understand them and



soothe aching hearts, including mine, all through the years of his self-chosen exile in America."

Published in 1929, *All Quiet On The Western Front* still has the power after 83 years to impress. It is the "magnificent exception" to all war novels, according to Geoff Dyer, author of the newly released

Poetic Voices



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Keystone

(inspired by Dan Moeder's sculpture in front of the Sanibel Public Library)

by Carol Kaplan

Soaring upward,
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Erich Maria Remarque: The Last Romantic by Hilton Tims. Paperback, 240 pages, 16 photos, \$14.*

Ever fervent to chase the goal,
Never taking time to enfold.
Gazing now at the Keystone's reflection,

I barely know the mirror's selection,
A face from youth to pinnacle's call,
A time to rise,
A time to fall.

Learning life is not measured by age,
Each new moment marks a stage,
A climbing toward the fleeting light,
Ascending the Keystone, no end in sight.

Carol L. Kaplan, PhD, is professor emerita of French at California University of Pennsylvania. She is a specialist in the 20th century French novel. Her research centers on the relationship of painting and literature in the novels of André Gide. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has a condo on Sanibel, where she enjoys being a docent at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.*

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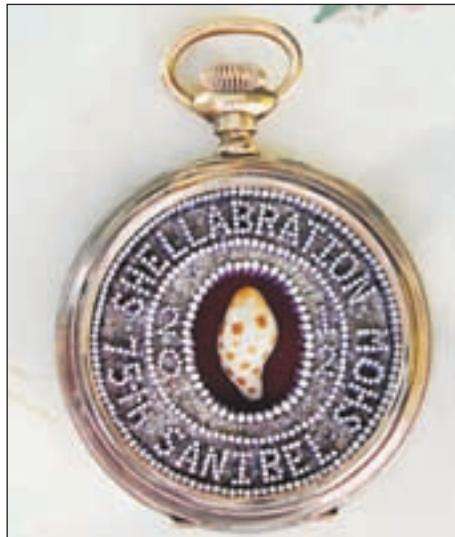
Shellabration Challenge For The Largest Group Sanibel Stoop



Sterling silver sealife pendant by Congress Jewelers

Shellabration 2012, to be held from February 17 to March 4, not only “shellbrates” the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, but also the island’s shelling obsession.

The festivities kick off with a mass Sanibel Stoop on Bowman’s Beach on Friday, February 17 at 10 a.m. Designed to break a Guinness Book World Record of 250 people in the Largest Treasure Hunt category. Islanders and visitors are invited to join in and sign their names to be sent to the *Guinness Book of World Records* to prove the island has broken the record. The Sanibel Bicycle Club will lead a ride to Bowman’s Beach for those interested in participating in the Sanibel Stoop. Departure will be from Sanibel City Park,



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next to The Community House.

There’s a name for it here on Sanibel Island, that shell-bent thing. They call it the Sanibel Stoop. So intertwined have the island and its shells become, that Sanibel’s identity is totally invested in seashells – known as one of the top shelling destinations in the world.

Beginning in the early 1900s, the procession of shellers up and down the island’s beaches sparked a friendly competition between guests at two early local hotels – Casa Ybel and The Matthews. Hallie “Granny” Matthews hosted the Shell Show & Fair in her hotel lobby starting in the late 1920s. By 1931, the event moved to the Sanibel Community Association’s Community House.

“Because it’s the 75th anniversary, we wanted to do something special,” said Marge Meek, SCA president. “It shows everyone this is a shell island.”

The week-long Shellabration promises shell-mania.

For more details, visit www.Shellabration2012.com, call 472-2155 or stop by The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.✪



Shell floor lamp by She Sells Sea Shells

Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge To Benefit The Charitable Foundation Of The Islands

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

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities ranging from the \$5,000 Diamond Partnership, which includes additional rounds of golf, lunch and dinner at The Sanctuary Golf Club, to a \$150 Hole Partnership. All proceeds go directly to the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, which in turn distributes the funds to assist island non-profit organizations and individual island residents and workers who have experienced hardships such as medical and financial emergencies.

The co-chairmen of the event are Gordon Coons, Terry Igo and Mike Valiquette and the committee members include Al Hanser, Drew Donnelly, Brian Johnson, Ralph Clark and Ken Kouril, general manager of The Sanctuary Golf Club.

This year the honorary chairpersons are Art and Susan Cassell. The couple have been supporters of the tournament for many years and are generous donors to the islands’ non-profits.

“We are both honored to be part of this wonderful tournament which has raised over half a million dollars for individuals and organizations on our islands. The foundation’s work exemplifies what it means to be a good citizen,” said Art Cassell.

“The Cassells deserve high praise for their generosity and dedication to the islands’ many events and causes. We are very proud to have Art and Susan Cassell as honorary chairpersons. Their support and spirit are appreciated by many,” said Gordon Coons, co-chairman.

“The Sanctuary Golf Club members have warmly embraced this event with their exceptional generosity and commitment to this fundraiser. The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge allows opportunities for our community – paying it forward – to say thank you,” said Terry

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Art and Susan Cassell, honorary chairs

HORTOONS



American Legion Post 123 Events

This Sunday, January 8, come to American Legion Post 123 for a BBQ ribs and chicken meal, served from 1 to 8 p.m.

On Wednesday, January 11, the American Legion's general meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Then on Sunday, January 15, enjoy spaghetti and meatballs served all day, with live music provided by Chris Coile from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Every Monday night at Post 123, come watch 8 Ball Pool League action starting at 6 p.m. Stop by and enjoy some great shootin.' Texas Hold'em is played every Thursday night at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. New players are always welcome.

Every Friday, the American Legion offers a 6 oz. ribeye steak sandwich all day. Stop in and try one of our half-pound burgers. Check out our daily specials and the entire menu. They serve food every day, all day long.

Open to the public, American Legion Post 123 is open Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. They are located at 4249 Sanibel-Captiva Road, at mile marker 3. For more information, call 472-9979.*

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Spanish Wells	Bonita Springs	2003	2,798	599,000	550,000	0
Spanish Wells	Bonita Springs	2004	2,798	599,000	550,000	70
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2009	3,225	570,000	540,000	1
Fort Myers	Fort Myers	2006	3,018	589,000	512,000	1,434
Remington Oaks	Fort Myers	2008	4,074	522,000	500,000	106

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Golf Challenge

Igo, co-chairman.

The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge begins at 10:30 a.m., with a brunch followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Afterwards, golfers meet at the clubhouse for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, an awards presentation and the ever-popular Helicopter Drop.

For more information about The Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge, contact Drew Donnelly, head golf professional, at 472-6223 or ddonnelly@sanctuarygc.net.



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Double Play Holiday Sports Camp Hits A Home Run



Tye Phoenix works on batting

Phoenix File & Pagidipati hosted the first Double Play Holiday Sports Camp on December 28 and 29. The camp kicked off Wednesday with a two-hour Coaches Clinic held in the Howard Gold Club House at South Fort Myers Little League and the Players Camp was Thursday at the Sanibel-Captiva Little League ball field.

The camp offered coaches and players a unique learning opportunity that they will be able to utilize in their upcoming season. Baseball instruction was led by University of Alabama Assistant Coach Bobby Barbier along with his father Darren Barbier and guest instructor, former MLB pitcher of the Seattle Mariners Kerry Woodson. Players received personal instruction in hitting, defense, pitching, catching, base running and strategy. "Bobby's camps are geared to keep the kids engaged which makes learn-



Preston Hall takes a few swings with the practice balls

ing proper technique fun," said Chuck Phoenix. "My boys have participated in Bobby's program before and we keep coming back."

Hailey Barraco, pitcher and outfielder for the University of Central Florida hosted the softball camp. Not only did she share techniques for on the field, she also spoke to the girls on the importance of maintaining good grades and following your dreams.

"We were a little hesitant hosting a sports camp on a Thursday," said Marketing Director Regina Toops, but the turnout eliminated any doubts. "When we started to receive calls to register players from out of state, we knew we hit a home run. Vacationers were thrilled that a pre-season camp was offered during the time of their stay in Southwest Florida. The feedback has been extremely positive and we will continue to host the camp year after year."

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Around The Islands With Anne

Organic Health Food Store Opens



by Anne Mitchell

The Sanibel Sprout, a family-owned organic health food store, has sprung up in the space previously occupied by The Island Nutrition Center.

Nikki Rood and her mother, Edith Rood, purchased The Island Nutrition Center after its founder, Carol Simontacchi, died late last year and they say they want to carry on her mission, with some additions.

“Carol was more of a clinical nutritionist. We like to think of ourselves as the island’s wellness hub, where our customers are welcome to browse, shop and find fun and empowering educational resources,” said Rood, owner/operator. “Our products

are selected with the utmost care and are free of artificial preservatives, colors, flavors, sweeteners and hydrogenated fats. We also have a large selection of products specifically catering to gluten and dairy-intolerant individuals. The Sanibel Sprout also carries non-genetically modified products.

“Our shelves are brimming with nutritional vitamins and supplements. Let us know your needs and favorite products. We’ll make sure we carry them for you,” she said.

Rood moved from Miami to Captiva for her new venture. She has been in the nutrition and health business for many years. She has studied nutritional healing for decades and takes a multi-disciplinary approach to creating wellness. She is also a raw food chef and has applied for a license to serve freshly-made carrot and other juices.

She will carry most of the items that Simontacchi sold and will add other products such as aromatherapy oils and perfumes, some children’s books, organic cotton T-shirts, recyclable flip-flops, and even cuddly toys containing lavender that can be microwaved to bring out the fragrance. Pick up a scented candle, a beauty or spa product or a CD recording of some inspiring thought-leaders in the field of mind/body/spirit transformation or Putumayo world music CDs. There are ear-phones for listening.

The store is also home to the Sanibel-Captiva Food Co-op, which receives fresh, organic, locally grown fruits and vegetables weekly from the farm. “The purchasing power of our group allows us to buy quality produce for only a small percentage over wholesale prices,” Rood added.

Many already know her mother and Sanibel Sprout co-owner Edith Rood, 85.



Nikki Rood, owner of the Sanibel Sprout, which opened January 2

She is a volunteer rover at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge and also serves in the Welcome Center. She practices yoga, tai-chi and is an avid bird-watcher.

The Sanibel Sprout is at 2330 Palm Ridge Road, Suite 9, phone 472-4499.

How jealous would your family and friends be if they could see you play on the sandy beach and wade through the warm waters of Sanibel? Now you can find out. The **Island Inn’s** webcam is a great way to wave “hello” to friends up north.

The webcam is located on 550 feet of pristine beach in front of the Island Inn. Guests of the inn can now schedule a time to brag to loved ones in the cold. Have family members go to the webcam on the homepage of the Island Inn website (www.islandinnsanibel.com). You can arrange a time to show them the sand and sea, while they’re stuck in the snow. With temperatures dropping significantly up north, vacationers on Sanibel will be envied by all. This is just one more attraction added to the range of activities at this popular vacation spot.

“Our webcam is the most popular page on our website,” said Chris Davison, the inn’s general manager. “Our return guests log on throughout the year to watch the

sunset and take a mini vacation at home.”

To see what’s on the video cam, go to www.islandinnsanibel.com.

If you think shoes have to be unfashionable to be comfortable, think again. The selection of Earthies at **Comfort by Design** will soon change your mind. There are no teetering stilettos, of course, but the shoes have quite high



Christiana shoes from the Earthies line at Comfort by Design

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LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

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

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

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

Traders features music by Chris Workman 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 395-1263.

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

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

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

Edison National Bank To Display 'Ding' Darling Days Student Photos



Teacher Carolyn Gora congratulates Leah Rittenburg, Nicole Prancik, Analiese Thomas-Laroque and Molly Duggin with Edison National Bank vice president John Ammons

The public is invited to Edison National Bank to visit an award-winning display of nature photography. The photos will be available for viewing throughout January during banking hours at the 13000 S. Cleveland Avenue office in Fort Myers. All students participating in the contest will receive a \$1 U.S. Mint Native American gold coin from Edison National Bank when they visit the lobby photo display.

As a Reddish Egret sponsor for the 2011 "Ding" Darling Days, Edison National Bank provided awards and underwrote expenses for a Cypress Lake Middle School digital photography contest, as well as providing overall support to this annual event.

The students' photographs, taken at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, were judged by local nature photographer Don Parsons.

"It was very difficult to judge the photographs as I was amazed at the composition," said Schultz. "Thirty students participated in the photography field trip and they all found so many different things."

The awards ceremony for the photo contest took place on December 15 at Cypress Lake Middle School. Edison National Bank Vice President John Ammons

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Portraits In Print



by Jane Vos Hogg

Sanibel's Santa

Most of the 12 Christmases in Bobby O'Neill's life have been pretty much the same. He, his kid sister Annie and his two bigger brothers spend their vacation

here in Sanibel visiting their grandparents, their great aunt and uncle, lots of other relatives and, of course, loads of cousins. This year there was a bit of a difference. His oldest brother had a basketball game back home in Hinsdale, Illinois that he didn't want to miss, so the plan was that the whole family would go down to Sanibel, except Dad and the player, and they'd fly down Christmas Eve. No big deal because there are lots of fun things to do here.

But then everything changed in a heartbeat. Really a heartbeat! John, he's 14, has a genetic heart condition called long qt syndrome which was diagnosed when he went into cardiac arrest at the age of four. To deal with it he has had a pacemaker installed and, in case that malfunctions, he carries a defibrillator with him at all times. A while ago some internal adjustment with the pacemaker was required and an infection had developed but it had been treated... presumably a minor matter... and they'd taken

off for the south.

Once here the infection re-appeared big time. Clearly something was dreadfully amiss and he was rushed to a children's hospital in St. Petersburg. From there he was airlifted to Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago for immediate surgery. First, the infection, which had now spread into his blood stream, had to be drained and treated. Things looked pretty scary. The second surgery, removing the wires which fed into his heart, was successful and John, finally recovering, is clearly on the mend.

And now to Santa... because, yes, he does exist right here in Sanibel.

But first, let's go back in time a bit. Months ago Bobby, the 12-year-old, had been reading a library book. It was all about gold... its history... where it came from... that sort of thing. John read the book, too, and he became fascinated with gold. "That's what I want for Christmas... just a tiny piece... but a real piece of gold." Bobby thought maybe he'd get it for him... he knew that for \$5 he could buy a dot of it mail order from some Alaskan mining company... maybe not in time for Christmas but perhaps sometime.

"How do you usually celebrate Christmas?" I asked. He explained that since there are so many in their family all the names are put into a grab bag and, when you pick one out, that's the person you buy a present for... "and it has to cost less than \$15." I'm not sure who he landed up with this year... I think it was his sister Annie.

Anyway, one day last week the

whole family was browsing in Congress Jewelers. The grown-ups were looking for something to be added to his aunt's charm bracelet. Some of the children wandered with them but Bobby was just hanging around the front, talking with a clerk. Mostly they talked about gold. Then she realized the entire group was related. Bobby was filling her in on which was his grandmother, and his aunt, and his cousins, when she asked, "which one is your mother?" "She isn't here," he replied. "She's in Chicago with my brother because he's in the hospital." And Bobby went on to explain all about John, and his heart, and the emergency surgeries... this is a child who is not at a loss for words. And that's when he told about what John wanted for Christmas... just a tiny piece of gold.

The counter person excused herself and went to speak to someone and now a man came out and invited Bobby to come into the back. Once there he got a gold brick out of the safe, and chipped a small piece off with a special hammer. Next came a variety of tools and presses and an acid bath and the chip was slowly flattened and shaped into a small, round piece, big enough for the final shot... engraving John's initials on it. Finished, they explained, "we're going to help your brother's dream come true." Whereupon they wrapped the gleaming gold piece and handed it to Bobby. And the answer to Bobby's amazed and questioning look? "No charge." ...Followed by a smile.

The O'Neill family are devout

Catholics. (Cardinal George came to visit John in the hospital.) The Congresses are members of Bat Yam Temple here in Sanibel. Santa, obviously, sees people, not religions.*

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Bank To Display Student Photos

presented award medals and \$75, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates so the top three photographers judged in the contest can open Edison National Bank savings accounts.

The honors went to:

1st Place – Analiese Thomas-Laroque, eighth grade

2nd Place – Nicole Prancik, eighth grade

3rd Place – Leah Rittenburg, eighth grade

Student Choice Award – Molly Duggin, eighth grade

"It is truly an honor for Edison National Bank to sponsor this event," said John Ammons, vice president of the bank. "They all captured such beautiful images, I'm just grateful I wasn't asked to judge. Our thanks are extended to eighth grade teacher Carolyn Gora for supervising the contest."

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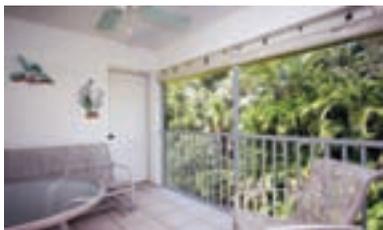
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Two Risk-Taking Couples Bring New Indoor Football Team To The Area



by Ed Frank

As the new year dawns, two entrepreneurial couples are investing their resources and business know-how to bring a new indoor football team to this area despite the less-than-rosy results of other minor league sports franchises that have come and gone of late.

Andrew and Leah Haines and Michael and Anna Taylor have teamed to bring the new Florida Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League to Germain Arena in Estero, with the home opener on March 9 against the Carolina Aviators.

Haines and Taylor founded the league a year ago and have since sold their interests for \$1.45 million to Assured Equities IV, a Florida corporation, although Haines remains as league president.

Now in its second season, the Ultimate Indoor Football League has expanded to 11 teams. The Tarpons will play a 14-game season.

Although both Haines and Taylor have impressive backgrounds and experience in professional sports, you've got to hand it to them for the risk-taking to launch a new minor league team here in this difficult economic environment.

There's no question that the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team and the Florida Everblades hockey team are successful operations. But let's look back at a few of the failures.

The Florida Firecats of the now defunct arenafootball2 league played here nine seasons, from 2001 to 2009. They won three division titles, two conference titles and were in the postseason playoffs seven of the nine seasons.

Their first season, the Firecats averaged 6,085 fans per game at Germain Arena. By 2008, attendance had dropped to 3,170, and the next year to 2,666. Unable to meet their team and league financial obligations, the team folded.

And remember the two professional basketball teams that couldn't make it here. The Florida Sea Dragons of the United States Basketball League folded in 2002 after three unsuccessful seasons. That failure was followed by the Florida Flame of the National Basketball Association Development League that went bye-bye after just two seasons.

In 2006, another indoor football team lasted for just one season – the Fort Myers Tarpons of the National Indoor Football League. This ill-fated team played

before sparse crowds at the Lee Civic Center.

Let's hope, however, that the new Tarpons will succeed where others have failed.

Andrew Haines has started and sold more than three dozen businesses, including minor league sports teams in basketball, arena football and hockey.

Michael Taylor, in addition to his co-ownership of the team, also will serve as head coach and director of football operations. He has been part of ownership groups that owned and operated four arena/indoor football operations in three leagues. He also has coaching experience at the college level.

He also is president and CEO of the Tour Program Golf School, a demanding Florida school.

We hope the success that Haines and Taylor have experienced in their other ventures will spill over to their newest – the Florida Tarpons.

But it won't be easy. History has proven that.

Surging Everblades just one point out of first place

The Florida Everblades, winners of five straight games, can move into first place in the ECHL South Division this weekend when they take on the first place Gwinnett Gladiators on the road.

Florida began the week with an 18-13 season record, just one point behind Gwinnett. The local hockey team won three on foreign ice last weekend, defeating Greenville, Gwinnett and South Carolina.

The Everblades face Gwinnett tonight, Friday and Saturday at Gwinnett.

Florida returns to Germain Arena next week, hosting the expansion Chicago Express on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.*

The Perception Of Being Cool



by Bryan Hayes

My kids often accuse me of this, or would that be the misconception of cool? What I'm talking about is the placebo effect. You know, the idea that taking sugar pills when we think it's

Advil will make our headache amazingly disappear. We have seen these same phenomena with home/business comfort levels as well. It's even more true when we have direct control over the delivery of that comfort.

For example, when we turn the a/c on, the first thing we hear is that delightful sound of air rushing by which immediately provides some relief. Did it instantly get cooler? Did the humidity drop, or did the a/c work so fast that we can have an instant level of relief? Probably not, but just the idea that it's on its way is enough to feel more comfortable.

One of my father's favorite stories is when he was younger and working on a large commercial office building's a/c system where they continually had problems with their air conditioning systems. After they received multiple complaints from the secretaries that worked in this

one area of the building, my dad and his coworkers checked everything; took temperatures, checked fans, compressors and everything seemed to be working in good order. So, what they did was observe the area during normal working hours to see how the a/c was being adjusted. What they found was not at all that shocking. As one person in the office would walk by, they would turn the a/c warmer because they were cold. The next person would walk up to the thermostat because they were hot and turn it down. This continued for hours. Sound familiar?

After they observed this for a while they devised a plan, they waited until after hours and installed a thermostat at each desk location for each person to control their own area. It worked like a charm, no more complaints, no more equipment problems, everyone was happy. The really interesting part of this is the thermostats they installed were about as useful as if you had hung rocks on the walls instead. The thermostats were not hooked up to anything. It was the perception that they could control their area that made it feel more comfortable. The mind is a pretty cool tool.

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

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12th Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge On Sanibel

photos by Jeff Lysiak



An estimated 300 participants join in singing the Polar Bear Anthem during the 12th annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge, held at Tarpon Bay Beach on Sunday.



Participants sign in prior to the start of the Polar Bear Plunge



John Carney toasts his fellow Polar Bears



John "Papa Bear" Carney prepares to pop the cork



Quinn Meyer, Megan Sosbe, Marcus Meyer, Claire Meyer and Kieran Meyer



Vernon and Eileen Roberts welcomed in the new year with a dip in the Gulf



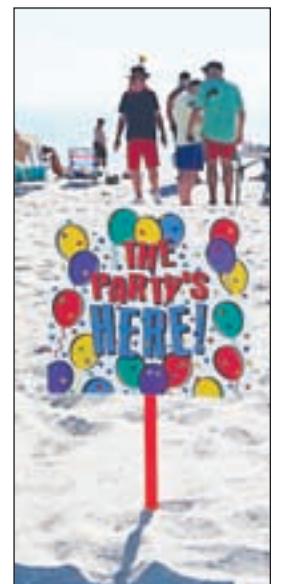
Jeremy (Scooby Doo) and Jen from Hershey, Pennsylvania



Howard Sperber from Cleveland, Ohio and his dogs Missy and Belle



Brave bears frolicked in the Gulf just after noon



A sign welcomed the would-be Polar Bears

PGA Tips

A Balanced Swing



by Matt Oakley,
PGA Golf
Professional

When I teach golf lessons every day, I think the thing I see in amateur golf swings the most are balance issues. They swing as hard as they can to the

point where they almost fall down and wonder why the ball doesn't go where they want to go.

"I want to look like the players on TV," is what they tell me. In order to do that, we will need to achieve balance in the golf swing. Balance is the athlete's ability to have a steady base to get their body to propel an object.

Here are a few principles:

1. The legs provide a platform for the rotation of the body and the swinging of the arms. The legs are the key to balance in golf. In any athletic move, we use the legs as our base. To hit a golf ball, the balance must be shifted to the back leg in the backswing and to the forward leg to initiate the downswing and follow-through. Think about the pitcher

in baseball; he balances on the back leg in the wind-up and steps towards the batter, plants the front leg onto the ground and then throws the ball. A back-to-front motion with the legs initiating the action.

2. A little lateral motion is not only allowed, it is mandatory. To propel any object, we must move our body. Think of a person trying to throw a shot put (that really heavy metal ball). If you stood dead still and tried to throw it, your arm would fall off. You must move backwards with your weight and then forwards to heave it. In golf, we must have a slight amount of backwards head and body motion in the backswing and then a little forward head and body motion during the strike and follow-through. If you don't believe it, watch Rory McIlroy when he is done with his swing. Is his head pointed down at the golf ball like it was at address? No. It has moved to create motion and balance.

3. If balance isn't important, try hitting golf balls with your feet together. You will only get about 75 percent distance with your feet together. To get to 100 percent, you must move your legs and have a balanced finish. Try this tip - whatever direction the club is being swung is what direction your body must be moving towards. Back in the backswing and then forward in the forward swing.

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SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2011-2012 Standings through January 2, 2012

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt's Ball Busters	130	46
Second	Bathroom Magic	129	47
Third	Odd Balls	103	73
Fourth	Sanibel Café	92	84
Fifth	Sandycappers	73	103
Sixth	Chalk & Awe	70	106
Seventh	Fresh Legion Crew	66	110
Eighth	George & Wendy's	41	135

Bunt's Ball Busters	13	Odd Balls	3
Bathroom Magic	14	Sandycappers	2
Sanibel Café	13	Chalk & Awe	3
Fresh Legion Crew	11	George & Wendy's	5

Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Peter Mindel Is A Super Shooter

Peter Mindel, one of Sanibel Café's super shooters, posted his second perfect night in a row with his 4-0 effort against Tracy Walters from Chalk & Awe. John Earle, Terry Ricotta, Joe Steamer and John Gonzalez also went 4-0 for the night.

At the end of the season, the league member racking up the most 4-0 wins takes home one of the many awards presented by the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League. To date, 30 players have had 4-0 wins.

In first place with eight perfect nights is John Gonzalez from Bathroom Magic. His closest competitors with four 4-0's each are Terry Ricotta and Dave Doane from Bunt's Ball Busters and Joe Steamer and Jack Dalton from Bathroom Magic.

The only other multiple winners are John Earle, Bob Buntrock and Dennis Bender with three each and Peter Mindel, Doc Lubinski, Butch Bouchard and Kevin Pottorf with two each.

With their 11-5 win over George & Wendy's, Fresh Legion Crew moved into sixth place only three games behind the Sandycappers. The Legion Crew and Sandycappers meet on Monday at American Legion Post 123. The match starts at 6 p.m. Spectators are welcome.

Legion Crew Captain Gator Gates predicts that his team will "beat back the challenge from this mosquito-like upstart Sandycappers team from Captiva." The Fresh Legion Crew was one of the founding teams of the league while this is the initial year of play for the Sandycappers.*

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, December 29, format: individual low net (three clubs & a putter)

- 1st Ann Levinsohn 34
Nancy Hopkins
Phyllis Koury
- 2nd Jodi Cort 35
- 3rd Roberta Rohl 38
Robin Cohan
Gay Nichols

Chip-Ins

Jodi Cort Hole #1

Congratulations to all the winners.*

Sweeney Scores Hole-In-One At The Dunes

On December 29, Louis Sweeney of Nepean, Ontario, Canada scored a hole-in-one on the 129-yard ninth hole at The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club on Sanibel.

Jeremie Sweeney witnessed the hole-in-one as Louis used his eight iron and "a nice ball." This was the first hole-in-one of his career.

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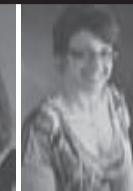
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The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the results of the Men's Golf Association event held on Wednesday, December 28, format: two-man team, one net better ball.

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(HCP Range 7.6- 15.1 and 21.0 - 25.6)

1st Noel Davis 57
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(HCP Range 15.7 - 17.6 and 19.2 - 20.4)

1st Ron Leavitt 60
Congratulations to all the winners.✱



Backyard Game Night participants at Sanibel Community Park

Backyard Game Night For All

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Games such as volleyball, shuffleboard, corn hole toss, ladder ball and bocce ball are just a few activities that will be available. Ice cold lemonade will be served.

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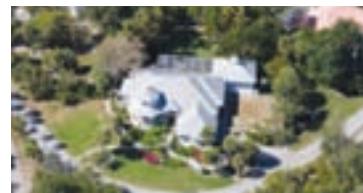
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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I am going back to work and will no longer be at home when my children arrive home after completing their school day. I want to enroll

my children in an After School program. What do you know about After School programs? Are they good for kids or is it better for them to come home?

Tracey J., Fort Myers Beach

Tracey,

After School care programs are very popular with parents and fill an immense need for after school supervision for approximately 15 million children in the United States. Initially, the main purpose of After School programs was to keep children safe but now the programming and goals of most After School programs is much, much broader and often includes academic, social, emotional and health objectives. Most After School programs have links to the community as well, which increases the connectedness of its citizens.

Some research published by the After School Alliance, a national non-profit

organization that promotes access for After School care for all children, found that "children in quality After School programs are more likely to come to school and stay in school, more likely to hand in their work and get better grades." They also reported that "students in After School programs are less likely to join gangs, be victims or perpetrators of violence, become teen parents or engage in a host of inappropriate behaviors. Studies have shown that parents are less worried and more productive when students are in After School programs, saving companies hundreds of billions of dollars."

The hours between 3 to 6 p.m. are sometimes referred to as the "danger zone" for children and youth. According to Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a bipartisan anti-crime organization led by police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, victims of violence and leaders of police officer associations, has found through a series of studies that violent juvenile crime is most likely to occur between 3 and 6 p.m., and that youth are more likely to engage in risky behaviors – smoke, drink or do drugs – during these hours. Clearly, the need for supervision during these hours is critical.

Locally in Southwest Florida, After School Programs provide a wide variety of activities for children. There is typically a healthy snack, academic support, physical activity and a time for relaxation.

Andrea Miller, a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, and director of

the Sanibel Recreation Center that sponsors an After School Program, identified many of the benefits of this type of programming in my interview with her.

Ms. Miller reported some of the benefits built into the Sanibel Rec After School program include supervised structured programming, a state-of-the-art facility with pools, tennis courts, gymnasium and game room, CPR/AED lifeguard trained staff, passive and active activities ranging from a variety of athletics to arts and crafts, positive social interaction with peer group, special guest speakers, entertainment and field trips, plus a 5:30 p.m. pickup time for working parents and full day offerings on non-school days.

Of course, each After School program has it's own programming, specific rules and regulations. Generally speaking, After School programs provide excellent supervision and activities for children. Children usually enjoy this setting and the benefits are numerous.

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

American Heritage Car And Bike Show

This Sunday, January 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Ninth Annual American Heritage Car And Bike Show to benefit Barbara's Friends and The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund, Lee Memorial Health System's Doundation, will be held in the Fort Myers Harley Davidson parking lot, located at 2160 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

There will be awards presented to participating automobiles and motorcycles, along with many vendors. Admission to the show, presented by Corvette On The Gulf and Fort Myers Harley Davidson, is free.

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The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Dunes Women's Golf Association event results from Friday, December 30, format: New Years resolution

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3rd	Lee Bogan 30

Chip-Ins

Jan Baker #1
Nancy McConnell #10
Lee Bogan #10
Joan Kent #17

Congratulations to all the winners!*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the four N.L. pitchers to win the Cy Young Award in consecutive years.
2. It took just 1,303 innings for pitcher Kerry Wood to record 1,500 career strikeouts. Who held the mark for fewest innings to reach that mark before Wood?
3. Who holds the NFL record for most TD passes caught in a season?
4. Three No. 11 seeds have advanced to the NCAA Final Four in men's basketball. Name two of them.
5. True or false: Until the 2010-11 NHL campaign, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and Los Angeles Kings had never gone to the playoffs in the same season.
6. How many total medals did U.S. boxers tally in the Olympics between 2000 and 2008?
7. Who was the last senior golfer before John Cook (2010-11) to win the last tournament of one Champions Tour season and the first tournament of the next season?

ANSWERS

1. 1. Sandy Koufax (1965-66), Greg Maddux (1992-95), Randy Johnson (1999-2002) and Tim Lincecum (2008-09). 2. Pedro Martinez did it in 1,337 innings. 3. Randy Moss had 23 TD receptions for New England in 2007. 4. LSU (1980), George Mason (2006) and Virginia Commonwealth (2011). 5. True. 6. Seven medals (one gold, two silver and four bronze). 7. Gil Morgan, 1997-98.

Round Robin Tennis Held At Rec Center

Round Robin Tennis is back at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Enjoy tournament-style play and meet fellow tennis players in the process. Tennis pro Jeffrey Boston organizes all matches.

Registration includes a demonstration of doubles tactics and doubles play. Cost to play is \$10 per person. Register in advance at the Rec Center's front desk as space is limited.

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

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.

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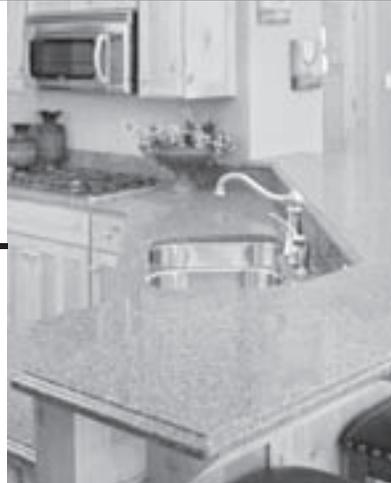
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A Journey To India - Part V

by Patty Molnar

We have arrived at the last stop on our journey, Mumbai. Mumbai, a city of 21 million, is the financial capital of India. Forty percent of the country's tax revenues derive from Mumbai.

Because of the city's position as a peninsula on the Arabian Sea, its infrastructure cannot be broadened. One third of the city is reclaimed land from the sea.

Our Indian guide told us there is no unemployment in this city, where the service industry dominates. Interestingly, she also repeatedly referred to the city by its colonial name – Bombay – and remarked that the city's residents are proud of the many buildings erected by the British. (Victoria Terminus, the railway station is arguably the most splendid.)

In addition, she also had high praise for England's contribution to the country's infrastructure, including the railroad system begun in 1853.

Aside from the Bollywood film industry that churns out 1,000 films a year (I cited an incorrect lower number in an earlier article), there are two interesting business enterprises unique to Mumbai: the dabbawallas and the dobis.

The former are an army of men who, every business day, pick up freshly-prepared lunches from over 100,000 suburban homes and deliver them to offices throughout the city. The food, packed into round stainless-steel boxes known as "dabbas," are color coded according to office address and taken to the proper destination. The empty dabbas are delivered back home by late afternoon. The system operates with such efficiency that it has actually become a model studied by U.S. business schools.

Alas, we arrived in Mumbai on a Sunday, and so our timing was off to witness the dabbawallas in action. However, we did get to see the dobis, men who launder clothing in a huge complex of outdoor concrete tubs. For 800 rupees



Two-story slums; people both live there and run businesses out of them

(\$16), the dobis will wash 100 pieces of clothing and return them to you, neat and folded.

I wrote earlier about the Parsis of India, immigrants in the 9th century from Persia who practice the Zoroastrian religion. They are a powerful cultural force in Mumbai, contributing their energy and wealth to educational and medical institutions in the metropolis. The renowned conductor Zubin Mehta is a Mumbai-born Parsi, as is the Tata family of auto, etc. fame.

A worthwhile outing from Mumbai is Elephanta Island to see the 6th-century cave temples carved into a cliff and dedicated to Shiva, the Hindu god of destruction. Our boat left from a dock right in front of the most imposing landmark in Mumbai, the Gateway to India. Erected in the early 1900's, it was the first sight travelers to India saw during the time of the British Raj. Adjacent to it is the colonial Taj Mahal Hotel, which was renovated following the terrorist attack a few years ago. Note: Security at the large urban hotels, airports and tourist sites is stringent now. There are metal detectors, as well as a strong presence of armed police.



The skyscrapers of Mumbai, with slums in the foreground



A sign on Elephanta Island warning visitors not to feed the monkeys. Note the difference between admission prices for Indians and foreigners

A few final topics: the caste system, arranged marriages, the economy and corruption.

Although it is lessening, the caste system is still in place. There are four castes: priests/Brahmins; warriors/rulers; traders, farmers and merchants; and laborers and service people (the untouchables, or Dalits).

Written into the Indian constitution was a provision to prevent discrimination by reserving 22 percent of government and university jobs for the untouchables. We were told that the percentage of this quota now actually stands at 49 percent to provide even more opportunities for members of the Dalit caste to rise. Increasingly, Dalits are becoming prosperous business people and prominent politicians.

More than 80 percent of Indian marriages are arranged. Marriage is mostly within one's caste. The bride is expected to supply a huge dowry, and for this reason boys are preferable to girls. This has led to an imbalance in the gender birth rate. The wedding takes place over five days and is an expensive proposition.

As mentioned at the beginning of this series, India is the world's fourth largest economy behind the U.S., China and Japan. At a lecture we attended, the speaker contrasted Indian economic growth with that of China. We were told

that industry prefers doing business in the latter because things happen quickly because of communism. China's strength is industrialization while India stresses education and grows through the service industry. Our speaker remarked that, in India, religion and spirituality get in the way of development, as does the lack of individualist thinking. Indians, he said, prefer communal activity. The economic boom is taking place in the cities, meaning that the 70 percent of Indians who live in country villages are left out. One of the main reasons for this is the lack of infrastructure there.

As far as corruption is concerned, the Indian Parliament is currently attempting to pass legislation to create an independent agency to deal with this rampant problem. The agency would consist of a board of nine members who would investigate corruption charges against bureaucrats and elected officials.

Summarizing, Attila and I consider our India trip the best one we have ever taken. There is a pervasive poverty there, it is true. However, if you have an open mind to new and different experiences, you will be touched, as we were, by India's rich culture and the a deep tolerance that enables people of many religions and backgrounds to coexist in a secular state. Namaste.*

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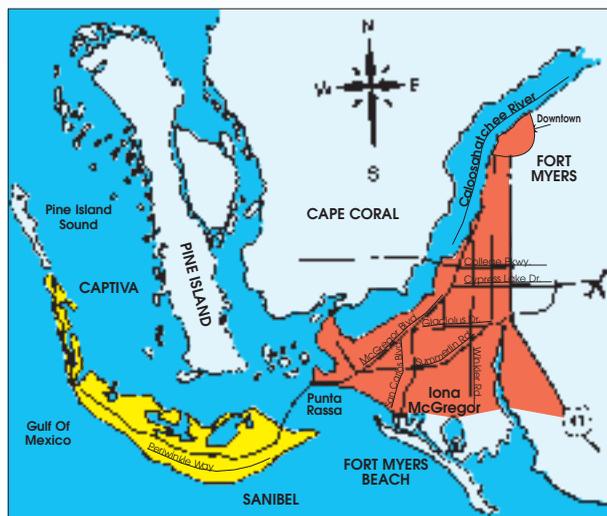
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Decorative Fabrics



by Cindy Malszycki

Nothing in your home will generate warmth and appeal more than the decorative fabrics used. A review of available fabrics will assist the homeowner in the sometimes confusing selection process.

Is any fabric as rich as silk? Imported from the Orient for centuries, the very word silk generates opulence in one's imagination. How can a room not feel elegant with the incomparable sheen, texture and depth of color that silk offers?

While there may be no more beautiful designer fabric, there are certain cautions to be taken when using silk, primarily its sensitivity to direct sunlight. Your decorator will specify not only a quality lining but also an interlining for protection from the strong Florida sun. When used for upholstery, silk should always be enhanced with a knit backing.

Cotton Is Still King

Originating in Egypt, cotton is one of the most versatile and appealing of all fibers, natural or manmade. In the home, cotton is a decorative fabric mainstay. It dyes beautifully, and when finely spun,

combed and tightly woven, it is both beautiful and sturdy, lasting for years.

If opulence is your goal, but budget and durability are important, choose a high quality cotton fabric in a rich hue or fabulous print.

Pre-historic Linen

Long before anyone thought to unwind a silkworm cocoon or plant a row of cotton, linen was being woven into fabric. While dimensionally stable and easily bleached, linen generally does not take dyes well, thus limiting the range and depth of colors available.

Since linen is readily recognizable and tends to be expensive, it immediately lends prestige to any room it adorns. However, linen is prone to wrinkling and does not iron easily, so those who enjoy perfection should make another selection.

Manmade Fabrics

The 1950s brought manmade fabrics, but they lacked many of the features that were so desirable in the natural fabrics. But chemists persevered until today we have many beautiful choices in the manmades.

Still, there are a few drawbacks. No synthetic fabric will have the depth of color in a silk nor the ability to be woven into the complex patterns available in cottons. Yet, these fibers and what they offer in appearance and price extend to a greater population the pleasure of having their home make a strong statement about quality and opulence.

Your decorator will guide you to the right fabrics for your home and lifestyle.

Cindy Malszycki is an interior decorator on Sanibel. She can be reached at cindy@decden.net.

dearRPharmacist

Leave Your House Without A Raincoat

by Suzy Cohen, RPH



Dear Pharmacist:

I am 87 years old and at the end of my journey. I've been through so much, and today I'm writing letters to special people. I wish to thank you for improving the quality of my life the past few years with your

columns and books. There is so much to say... a simple thank you will have to suffice. I wish I could go back and make changes earlier on, but I can't. I hope my daughter and the younger generations will listen to you. Happy New Year, Suzy.

LS, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

I'm honored to be among the "special" people in your life, thank you very much. I've chosen your letter to inspire others to reclaim their health. I still recall a letter that was written by an 85-year-old man explaining how he'd live his life differently if he could. The letter is found in the late Leo Buscaglia's book, *Living, Loving and Learning*. Here it is:

If I had my life to live over again, I'd try to make more mistakes next time.

I wouldn't try to be so perfect. I would relax more. I'd limber up... I know very few things that I would take so seriously, I'd be crazier. I'd be less hygienic... I'd climb more mountains, I'd swim more rivers, I'd watch more sunsets... I'd eat more ice cream and fewer beans. I'd have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I was one of those people who lived prophylactically and sensibly and sanely hour after hour and day after day... I'd try to have nothing but beautiful moments – moment by moment by moment.

I've been one of those people who never went anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it all over again, I'd travel lighter next time. If I had to do it all over again, I'd start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I'd ride more merry-go-rounds, I'd watch more sunrises, and I'd play with more children, if I had my life to live over again. But you see, I don't."

My friends, I've spent 13 years writing health columns, every single week, rarely taking the allowance of a reprint during vacations. I post health tips on Facebook every single day. I do so because my passion is to inspire and empower all of you to feel great again, using any treatment, medication, supplement or healer that works. You are never trapped, if you aren't feeling better, or you don't like your health track, make a new choice. Don't take the good aspects of your

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Top Five Estate Planning Cleanup Items For The New Year



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

I decided to clean out some of the closets in my home last weekend. I found old soccer shin guards and cleats that no longer fit my now teenage daughters, VCRs that no longer work and a bunch of other stuff we don't need any more. I enjoy the feeling of accomplishment whenever I am able to spend time getting things like this done around the house.

This encouraged me to make a list of the top five estate planning cleanup items that you may want to consider for the new year. As always, 2012 brings many changes, and it's always good to ensure that your "estate planning closet" is organized and up to date.

Here's my suggested list of top five clean up items for you to consider:

1. Update your Durable Power of Attorney. Florida's power of attorney statute changed significantly on October 1, 2011. The new law requires that durable powers of attorney contain more specific language about the scope and types of powers that we grant to the recipient of the power (referred to as the "attorney-in-fact") named in the document. The new law also requires that the grantor initial next to certain powers contained in the document, indicating that he or she is fully aware of the powers that are being granted to the attorney-in-fact. For those interested, if you look in the video learning center of my firm's website I have posted a tutorial on the new durable power of attorney act. Scroll down to the heading "Annual Maintenance Workshops" in the video gallery to find it.

2. Review the title to your Financial Accounts. Many of you have revocable living trusts. In order for many of your financial accounts to avoid the probate process, it is important that the accounts be properly titled in the name of your trust. Over time, it has been my experience that people tend to get lazy with this, and begin opening accounts in joint name with others or in individual name. If this is the case and you have a trust, it's time to review the title to those accounts and make sure that they are owned by your trust.

3. Review your IRA and 401(k) Beneficiary Designations. In contrast to your regular financial and investment accounts, IRA and 401(k) accounts normally should not be titled into the name of your revocable living trust. Instead, you want to ensure that the beneficiary designations are proper and up to date. This task may be more complicated than it sounds. Take a look at my blog on my website where I wrote about IRAs and the second marriage dilemma. That article first appeared on these pages in the *Island Sun* a few weeks

ago. I would suggest that you include your estate planning attorney in your decisions regarding your IRA and 401(k) accounts.

4. Update your Trust and Will. If you have recently made Florida your residence, then it is a good idea to update your will and trust that may have been drafted and signed up north. Each state's law is different, and Florida law has some peculiar twists that can result in unintended consequences if you haven't considered them in your estate plan. You can find a video on this topic at www.sbslaw.com/floridaestateplan/

5. Consider declaring Florida residency. If you are one of the many residents who maintain two homes, one up north and one down here in sunny Florida, declaring Florida residency may save you tax dollars. Florida residents enjoy a homestead tax exemption as well as a cap on the increase to our home's annual assessed value. Over time, this assessment cap might mean hundreds or thousands of dollars of tax savings. Moreover, Florida has no personal state income tax. Depending upon your personal circumstances, declaring Florida residency could save you a lot of money annually. If you decide to declare Florida residency as of January 1st, you are eligible to homestead your home, but you must do so before March 1st. Information on these issues can be found at the Lee County Property Appraiser's website: www.leepa.org/Exemption/GeneralExemptionInfo.aspx

I hope that I gave you some valuable ideas to start off 2012. May you and yours have a happy and healthy new year.

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VIP Realty Group announced that Les Pendleton has joined their Captiva office.

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National Human Trafficking Awareness Month



Immokalee USA

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP), a Sanibel based non-profit and Edison State College and a number of student groups have organized events in January



Theresa Flores' book

to commemorate National Human Trafficking Month. At Edison State College in Fort Myers on Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m., the film *Immokalee USA* will be shown. The film's director Georg Kozulinski and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers will speak about local labor trafficking and exploitation cases and the circumstances which have bred slavery in South Florida. On January 19, Theresa Flores, a nationally known speaker who was a victim of human trafficking as a 15-year-old

girl living in an affluent home for over 18 months during the 1980s, will tell her story and talk about her work as a social worker and advocate for domestic minor sex trafficking victims. Local anti-human trafficking organizations will display information about Southwest Florida activities to prevent, prosecute and protect victims and build awareness at 6 p.m. Ms. Flores will speak at 7 p.m.

On January 26 at 7 p.m., a panel of local experts, law and human service professionals and advocates will speak about current activities in Lee and Collier counties. Volunteer and support agencies will be available for volunteer opportunities.

All Edison State College events will be held in Building U, Room 102 and have no admission charge.

Two events which support the work of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships' local efforts to educate local

teens about human trafficking through art are being held in January as well.

On January 12 at 7:30 p.m., a reception and performance of a one-man show by Will Stutts - *Walt Whitman* - will be held at the Alliance for the Arts Theatre Conspiracy, located at 10019 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For reservations, call 395-2635.

The Eileen Fisher store on Sanibel is hosting a benefit on January 18, with 10 percent of all proceeds going to HTAP. A presentation by HTAP will be made at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva will also host Ms. Flores at two Zonta events on February 17 and 18. If you would like to attend these Zonta events and for further information about all events, contact Nola Theiss at 395-2635 or e-mail info@humantraffickingawareness.org

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

Q: Can Guided Imagery help pregnant women reduce their anxiety? My daughter is pregnant for the first time and she is getting very anxious as her due date is approaching.

A: The guru of Guided Imagery, Belleruth Naperstek, has released a recent study with findings. See below.

Researchers from the Pediatrics Department of Université Laval in Québec, Canada reviewed the literature to assess the benefits of mind-body

interventions during pregnancy for preventing or treating women's anxiety and in influencing perinatal outcomes.

They searched the Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Group's Trials Register (November 30, 2010), MEDLINE (1950 to November 30, 2010), EMBASE (1974 to November 30, 2010), the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) (December 1, 2010), ClinicalTrials.gov (December 2010) and Current Controlled Trials (December 1, 2010), along with reference lists of selected studies and contacting professionals and authors in the field.

For inclusion, studies needed to be randomized controlled trials, involving pregnant women of any age at any time from conception to one month after birth, comparing mind-body interventions with a control group. Mind-body

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Breast Feeding Offenders



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

From the Going-Just-a-Tad-Overboard file comes the story of Elizabeth McGarry, detained at Kennedy Airport by security staff for attempting to stow breast milk aboard a plane. She

was forced to drink from her own breast milk (I assume that she used the bottle, otherwise... well...) to prove to security that it was not going to be used to bring about the destruction of the free world. Far be it from me to judge these boobs... er... security staff, but what, other than a stiff breeze, was going through their minds? "Ralph, I need backup over in sector 7. It appears we might have a 36D in progress."

Is breast milk dangerous? Well, hold on to your soothers folks because, apparently in the wrong hands, it can be downright nasty. The advantages of breast milk (for babies only) are now well documented. Breast-fed infants have less asthma, allergies, ear infections, gastrointestinal infections, meningitis, respiratory infections, etc. They enjoy an IQ some eight points higher on average than their formula fed friends, have more fun at the beach and are responsible for world peace in Kansas.

Every pediatrician from Dr. Spock to Captain Kangaroo recommends that babies enjoy mother's milk for at least six months, longer if possible. Even the mother derives benefits, encountering less

ovarian and premenopausal breast cancer, to say nothing of the bonding that takes place while Junior latches on and tugs away as though he were in a Slurpee guzzling contest. But the breast can also be a dumping ground for many environmental toxins a mother might have been exposed to over the years. Breasts, being primarily fat, accumulate fat-soluble toxins such as benzenes, toluenes, mercury, lead, broccoli and more importantly PCBs and dioxins.

Humans are at the top of the food chain (excluding grizzly bears and those freaky guys in *Lord of the Rings*.) Over many years, humans gradually accumulate fat-soluble toxins from plants and animals that have been reared in a pesticide-laden, chemical soup. These are in turn concentrated in breast milk and from there a whopping 20 percent of a mother's total fat-soluble chemical load is transferred to the baby over six months of breastfeeding.

With several tons of PCBs falling on the Canadian Arctic, Arctic mothers have been found with large concentrations of toxins in their milk, after it thaws out. Inuit children were subsequently found to have a mildly diminished immune system. Women in Michigan who ate fish from the Great Lakes ended up suckling their wee ones into significant developmental delay, thanks to PCBs and dioxins.

But don't throw out the baby with the breast milk just yet. Breast feeding remains head and shoulders above any other method of infant nutrition. But there are some useful precautions to take should pregnancy or breast feeding (the latter often requiring the former) be in your future. Avoid extended exposure to dry cleaners, hair salons, print shops, body shops or any other environment where solvents, fumes, metals, paint thinners etc. might be inhaled.

Avoid hobbies such as glass staining, model building or glue sniffing. Wash foods of all pesticides thoroughly or use organically grown food. Ensure your workplace is safe for pregnant and lactating women. Have an industrial hygienist assess this if necessary. Decrease use of cleaning products around the home or work. (Guys, my hate mail box is already full.)

Don't eat fish from rivers or lakes that have high potential of contamination. Avoid renovating homes built before 1950 (leaded paint). Decrease exposure to caffeine, alcohol, nicotine and drugs as most of these are passed in breast milk.

It behooves every mother/airplane milk smuggler to try and provide the best possible start to their child's life. No sense crying over spilt weaponry.

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.

From page 18B

Raincoat

health for granted because one day, they (and you) will be gone.

As 2012 turns the corner, focus on what feels well in your body, not what you haven't accomplished. Set reasonable goals and this time, expect success. Now, following Leo's lead, is anyone up for skydiving with me?

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.

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My mother-in-law hated me from the first day she met me. She thought I wasn't good enough for her daughter. I guess I wasn't then, but as luck would have it, I have been extremely successful.

She hated our son, but adored our daughter. After my wife mentioned it to her, she disliked them both.

Years have passed and when my mother-in-law's health started to go, I asked her to come and live in our home. She lived with us for six years and not a day passed that she didn't tell me how she still hated me.

Please tell me why would a person be so hurtful to us when we have been so good to her?

Erick

Dear Erick,

Treating others well regardless of how you are treated by them... well done! I wish many would watch and learn from your example. It is a difficult road and at times, I am sure, seems impossible, but it screams a lot about your character. Your mother-in-law sounds like a self-centered individual, interested only in her own feelings. I am sure she can justify everything she says, feels and does.

I do not know why she acts the way she does. One thing is for sure: she is not going to change. She is getting her needs met by being mean.

If and when her presence in the home affects your family's health and happiness, making a change is OK and not throwing in the towel. In some families due to personalities, past history, etc., strong and wide boundaries are needed. You can still care, but care from a distance.

Pryce

Dear Erick,

Congratulations on your success. Some people would never ever admit that they could do anything wrong. Their opinions are right regardless of the facts.

You were kind and generous people to give her a home. Her mental impairment in later life just compounded the problem.

Some people seem to be nasty individuals, regardless of the kindness of others. Nasty when they were young, and even worse when they are older.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.*

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Guided Imagery

interventions include: autogenic training, biofeedback, hypnotherapy, imagery, meditation, prayer, auto-suggestion, tai-chi and yoga. Control group could include standard care, other pharmacological or non-pharmacological interventions, other types of mind-body interventions or no treatment at all.

Eight trials met the criteria (556 participants), evaluating hypnotherapy (one trial), guided imagery (five trials), autogenic training (one trial) and yoga (one trial). Due to the small number of studies per intervention and to the diversity of outcome measurements, the investigators performed no meta-analysis, and instead reported results individually for each study.

Compared with usual care, in one study (133 women), guided imagery had

a positive effect on anxiety during labor, decreased anxiety at the early and middle stages of labor (MD -1.46; 95 percent CI -2.43 to -0.49; one study, 133 women) and (MD -1.24; 95 percent CI -2.18 to -0.30). Another study showed that guided imagery had a positive effect on anxiety and depression in the immediate postpartum period. Autogenic training was effective for decreasing women's anxiety before delivering.

The authors conclude that mind-body interventions may benefit women's anxiety during pregnancy. Based on individual studies, there is some evidence for the effectiveness of mind-body interventions and especially guided imagery, for the management of anxiety during pregnancy. The main limitations of the studies were the lack of blinding and insufficient details on the methods used for randomization.

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.*

Prostate Cancer Question And Answer Event



Jan Manarite

Every Monday night from 5 to 7 p.m., drop in at the Sanibel Public Library for a free discussion group focusing on prostate cancer.

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

(www.PCRI.org), will lead the group with her emphasis on patient empowerment, and more than 11 years of experience and education in the field. Jan is a 30-year Sanibel resident, and wife of (formerly Captain) Dominic Manarite, who used to operate Janice Too Charters out of Castaways Marina. Dominic was diagnosed with extremely advanced prostate cancer in 2000. Jan has orchestrated much of his care and treatment options, and has worked for PCRI for 10 years.

She has written many articles on prostate cancer, speaks publicly and has led several advocacy efforts on behalf of prostate cancer issues.

Whether you are currently monitoring your PSA, screening, considering treatment or dealing with side effects, bring your questions and let Jan offer her insight and clarity into the key issues. Without giving medical advice, she will help you identify accurate information, and find new information you may not be aware of. Wives and other family advocates are welcome.

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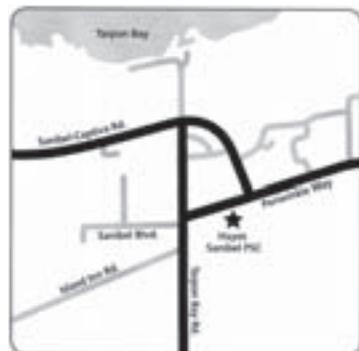
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The Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic is strengthened by a dollar-for-dollar match to all funds raised and will support construction of a new 136-bed children's hospital to provide state-of-the-art lifesaving care for the children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

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

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For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to 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.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if 3 months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

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Trixie ID# 522897

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The holidays have come and gone, but many homeless shelter pets are still waiting for their forever homes. January's Blue Light Special at Lee County Domestic Animal Services will shine the spotlight on the exceptional pets that were overlooked during the holidays.

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"We had an unusually high intake of cats in December," reports Glenn Johnson, LCDAS operations manager. "Because we had so many

animals for adopters to choose from, many highly adoptable pets were overlooked."

At LCDAS, the adoption fee covers spay or neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, deworming, flea treatment, heartworm test for dogs 6 months and older, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, Lee County pet license for pets 3 months and older, microchip ID, a 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food. The adoption package is a \$500 value.

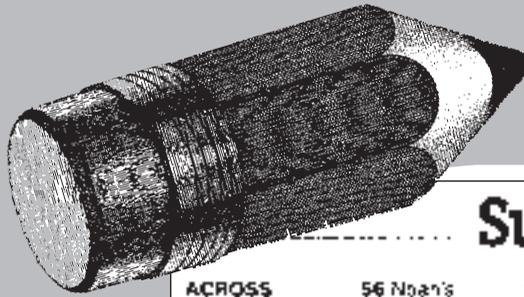
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Answers on page 27B

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| ACROSS | 56 Noah's ideal | 93 Pickable | 8 Novelist | 44 Mother | 84 Wind — |
| 1 Ghety of "Charlie's Angels" | 57 Carniea conception | 94 Part 5 of remark | 9 Tobacco "Rosa" | 45 Jekin | 85 Actor |
| 5 — ghana? 9 "Sister —" | 58 Part 3 of remark | 97 Act like a minor | 10 Nasty guy? | 46 Draft animals | 86 McDowell |
| 12 Poles 100s | 62 Surround | 100 Dweeb | 11 Try out | 47 Move right | 87 "Sweet —" (1963 song) |
| 16 "America's Must Watch" into | 63 Worst singer? | 101 Empower | 12 Drink like a dachshund | 48 Buster Lyson | 90 Healer of pain |
| 20 Panama | 64 Cinema of "Bonanza" | 102 Defender | 13 '92 Disney film | 53 Taciturn | 91 Good speller? |
| 21 Chase away guy | 65 Actor LeShan | 103 Bear's nickname | 14 Audophile's acronym | 54 Teatime treat | 92 Cat page |
| 22 Changes | 66 Picturesque | 104 Puppy bark | 15 Ward of "Sisters" | 56 Where the gulls are | 95 Like mother-of-pearl, often |
| 23 Start of a remark by Guru Point | 68 — chair | 107 Hole for Liz | 16 French airport | 57 Outlets coloring! | 96 1,304 x 4 |
| 26 Rice dish | 69 Switchboard abbr | 108 Hole for Liz | 17 God agency | 58 As a result | 98 Staring in |
| 27 Tangle | 70 High-stand group | 109 Priests strike | 18 French rhapsody in blue | 60 Link | 99 Neighbor of Niger |
| 28 Quatrog. n.g. | 71 As an island | 123 The — Brothers | 19 Priests strike | 61 Banned pesticide | 103 Christmas tree trapper |
| 29 Consumed in a rush | 72 Journal of "Red Five" | 124 Lolly spaces | 24 Robert of "Rhapsody in Blue" | 62 Corda | 104 Singer James |
| 31 Carl | 74 Cavalry weapon | 125 Exchange instrument | 25 Fireplace fragment | 66 "The Thrift of Ragged" star | 106 Mascagne opera |
| 32 All-American | 76 Sports part? | 126 Geize | 26 Fireplace fragment | 67 Mimos | 108 Plumbing problem |
| 34 Hum bug? | 78 Florist dynasty | 127 Sammy of Slubby | 27 Bookkeeping entry | 68 Marant | 69 Misjudge |
| 36 "The — s High" 1980 film | 80 Part 4 of remark | 128 No sweat | 28 Dag-to-be, often | 71 Fabric | 72 Eye-related |
| 38 Hazare | 81 — al passage | DOWN | 33 Vintage | 73 Singer | 73 Singer |
| 42 Part 2 of remark | 84 University ideal | 1 Clou En — | 35 Man-purse | 74 Gager | 74 Gager |
| 47 Betsu (saru) | 86 Family nickname | 2 Charity | 37 Bookkeeping entry | 75 One of the Yakums | 75 One of the Yakums |
| 48 Reserved | 87 A hole near the sole | 3 Anthropologist Fossey | 38 Dag-to-be, often | 76 Antique | 76 Antique |
| 50 Mideast gulf | 88 Stan relative | 4 Art's on "Mica" | 39 Like Machu Picchu | 77 Like a lumbar | 77 Like a lumbar |
| 51 Supp | 89 Profess | 5 Hole for a rat | 40 Rock band? | 78 — the bullet | 78 — the bullet |
| 52 Way in | 90 Went off with | 6 Baldwin of "Mica" | 41 Find out | 79 Muck | 79 Muck |
| 55 Lend a hand | | 7 Cry like a baby | 42 Designer Gemrich | 80 Dupe | 80 Dupe |
| | | | 43 Cowardly Jon Bert | 81 Roman poet | 81 Roman poet |
| | | | | 82 Present | 82 Present |

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ACROSS	1. Roman	5. Puffed up	9. "Sweet —" (1963 song)	13. Pond	15. Ceremonial	17. Soccer	18. Soldiers	19. You're truly	22. "Get Lost"	24. Diet of "June"	27. Little cat	28. First rate	31. Mess up	32. Records	33. New rock	34. "90s	36. In medias —	37. Under the	38. Prehistoric	40. The film "24"	41. Hawthorne's	42. Get along	47. Super hero	48. Cold process	51. Oklahoma	52. Family member	53. Party member	54. Hat	55. Green	56. Football	58. Family member	59. Party member	64. Hat	65. Green	66. Football	68. Family member	69. Party member	71. Hat	72. Eye-related	73. Singer	74. Gager	75. One of the Yakums	76. Antique	77. Like a lumbar	78. — the bullet	79. Muck	80. Dupe	81. Roman poet	82. Present	84. Wind —	85. Actor	86. McDowell	87. "Sweet —" (1963 song)	90. Healer of pain	91. Good speller?	92. Cat page	95. Like mother-of-pearl, often	96. 1,304 x 4	98. Staring in	99. Neighbor of Niger	103. Christmas tree trapper	104. Singer James	106. Mascagne opera	108. Plumbing problem	109. "Cope	110. Head	112. Punta del —	113. Blood	114. — "Com ng" (199 song)	115. Cockati	116. Head	118. John F. Kennedy's dad	119. Language	120. Watson of	121. Wray										
DOWN	1. Snake	2. Always	3. Start over	4. 1940	5. Information	6. Phobias	7. Matriarch	8. For one	9. Time of year	10. Deserve	11. Reinde	16. Mink	20. Crown	22. Uninfluen-	23. Com	24. Appear	25. Isolated	26. Whisker	27. Uninfluen-	28. Carpet	29. Appear	30. Crown	31. Mess up	32. Records	33. New rock	34. "90s	36. In medias —	37. Under the	38. Prehistoric	40. The film "24"	41. Hawthorne's	42. Get along	47. Super hero	48. Cold process	51. Oklahoma	52. Family member	53. Party member	54. Hat	55. Green	56. Football	58. Family member	59. Party member	64. Hat	65. Green	66. Football	68. Family member	69. Party member	71. Hat	72. Eye-related	73. Singer	74. Gager	75. One of the Yakums	76. Antique	77. Like a lumbar	78. — the bullet	79. Muck	80. Dupe	81. Roman poet	82. Present	84. Wind —	85. Actor	86. McDowell	87. "Sweet —" (1963 song)	90. Healer of pain	91. Good speller?	92. Cat page	95. Like mother-of-pearl, often	96. 1,304 x 4	98. Staring in	99. Neighbor of Niger	103. Christmas tree trapper	104. Singer James	106. Mascagne opera	108. Plumbing problem	109. "Cope	110. Head	112. Punta del —	113. Blood	114. — "Com ng" (199 song)	115. Cockati	116. Head	118. John F. Kennedy's dad	119. Language	120. Watson of	121. Wray

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 • Tropical Setting on 2 Acres
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