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***Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* cast members**

Photo by Nick Adams

Singing Conmen At The Strauss

by Di Saggau

A full house opening night howled with laughter at the antics of the cast in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,* playing at The Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel. It was a flawless production. Well almost. At one point a movable set made more than a little noise as it was being juxstaposed into position. This prompted an appropriate ad lib from one of the actors who said, "It must be an earthquake." The audience roared. The problem had been fixed.

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Audubon To Present Program On The Elusive Swallow-Tailed Kite

Dr. Ken Meyer and a swallow-tailed kite

San-Cap Audubon's forth lecture program of the 2012 season will feature Dr. Ken Meyer of the University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and founder of the Avian Research and Conservation Institute. In a program entitled Pursuing The Elusive Swallow-tailed Kite, to be presented on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, Dr. Meyer will relate his experiences studying these elusive birds.

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Polynesian Luau To Benefit The Shell Museum

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and the Island Inn have a long history on Sanibel, so it is fitting the two are teaming together for this year's Under the Sea luau sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company.

The Polynesian-themed event to benefit the shell museum will take place on Island Inn beach on Sunday, January 29 from 4 to 9 p.m. Shuttle service will be available from Bailey's General Store, and the dress code is island casual.

Traditionally held at the shell museum in the past, this year's Under the Sea luau will be a tropical treat under the stars with live music, Polynesian dancers and fire eaters, dinner catered by Traditions and Bailey's, auction and raffle prizes, gift packages, and artwork from Jesús Casaus, Carol Garvin, Hoi, Tony Rinaldi, Myra Roberts and Joan Tangren.

The menu includes choices of Polynesian-style fish, chicken, shrimp, or a roasted whole Kalua pig; savory side dishes; and dessert.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Director Dr. José H. Leal with mermaid Holly Maiz

Tickets are $125 per person and reservations may be made on the Events page at www.shellmuseum.org.

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

Construction has begun on the Shared Use Path Welcome Center

Shared Use Path Welcome Center Construction Currently Under Way

Construction is under way on the new Shared Use Path Welcome Center, being built at a site along Periwinkle Way near Huxter's Market. Recently, The Hammerheads crew of volunteers broke ground, erecting the vertical posts that will anchor the main structure of the welcome center.

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What's Happening At The House In December

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Community Shredding Day
Saturday, January 21st 9-Noon
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Valentine's Dinner Dance
Tuesday, February 14th 6:30 pm
$50 Members/$60 Guests

Shellabration 2012
February 17 - March 4
Multiple Events
February 17th, 10 am Sanibel Stoop - Bowman Beach
February 19th, 5:30 pm Gala - Sanctuary
February 27th, 11 am Fashion Show - Sanctuary

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Swallow-Tailed Kite

Young John James Audubon, who arrived in American in 1803, is thought to be the first to attempt to track bird movements by tying a string around the leg of a captured Eastern phoebe before releasing it. Today, utilizing his modern continent spanning satellite and radio transmission techniques, Dr. Meyer is pursuing swallow-tailed kites gathering data in an effort to determine their current nesting regiments. He honed his field work in the public sector as a research biologist in the Big Cypress National Preserve and Everglades National Park. His hope is that the demographics and migration information he is collecting will help explain why U.S. populations of swallow-tailed kites are not using all of the territory that has historically been part of their breeding range.

One of the most beautiful birds in Florida, the unmistakable, elegant swallow-tailed kite is easily recognized by its deeply forked tail, distinctive black and white plumage, and graceful aerial displays. Swallow-tail kites arrive at their breeding grounds in Florida from South America in late February to mid-March. They are most obvious at this time of year as they carry nesting material to

Swallow-tailed kite in flight

their chosen nest site often in the very tops of the tallest trees The swallow-tailed kite spends most of the day gliding and simply flipping one side of his forked tail to change direction. These birds are almost always seen in the air and, if you are lucky enough to be able to watch one for any length of time you may notice it swoop to pluck an insect out of the sky or dive for drink from the surface of a river or lake. They rarely land.

This is the forth of eight Sanibel-Captiva Audubon lectures to be held in 2012 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. 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.sancapaudubon.org.☆

The Secure Shredding truck will be on site at The Community House

Document Shredding This Saturday

The Sanibel Community Association (SCA) is hosting a drive to shred your unneeded documents and papers on Saturday, January 21 between 9 a.m. and noon at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.

Bring documents such as bank statements, credit cards receipts, old checks, income tax returns or anything that contains personal information. The professionals at Secure Shredding, Inc. will shred your papers within minutes.

A fee of $5 for one or two boxes per car will be collected. If you have more boxes, an additional donation is requested. All proceeds go to The Community House's operating fund.

For more information, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or call 472-2155.☆

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Part of the golf cart parade at the Captiva Holiday Village

Captiva Holiday Village Meeting

submitted by Denice Beggs

Before we close the book on 2011, we believe that it is important to have a gathering of all Captivans to discuss this new and evolving holiday initiative.

How do we feel about Captiva Holiday Village? What events do we like? What changes would we like to make? What improvements might we suggest? What comments might we offer? What future do we see?

The platform on which a community event is based is the community itself. Without the enthusiastic support and involvement of the entire Captiva community, Captiva Holiday Village cannot thrive. The future of Captiva Holiday Village not only takes a "village," it takes an energized and enthusiastic village.

Please join us on Monday, January 23 at 1 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at 'Tween Waters Inn to cheer on the New Year and Captiva lsland.✡

Shell Fair And Show Raffle Tickets On Sale

Tickets are being sold and the items are on display to benefit The Community House. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5. They can be purchased between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday at The Community House.

Drawing will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 3 p.m..You don't have to be present to win. Prizes include:

A framed original ceation, Seaside Garden. made from scallop shells and shell flowers from various parts of the world, designed by award-winning shell artist Goz Gosselin; valued at $1,200.

Hand made pocket watch by award-winning artist Bill Jordan. This commemorative pendant is in recognition of 75 years of Sanibel shell art. It includes sea urchin spine lettering with a miniature junonia shell center set on red velvet; valued at $1,200.

'Tween Waters Inn, a one week vacation for two on Captiva Island; valued at $1,000. Some restrictions apply.

Sterling silver sealife five-shell collage slide with 18-inch wire donated by Congress Jewelers; valued at $620.

Floor shell lamp, five feet tall and filled with shells of the world, donated by She Sells Sea Shells; valued at $400.

For more information visit www.Shellabration2012.com, call 472-2155 or visit The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.✡

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Center 4 Life Crafts Fair Returns

One of the many volunteers helping buyers at the 2011 bazaar

The Center 4 Life Arts and Crafts Fair this past November was such a success that it is being brought back on Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the center on the corner of Palm Ridge Road and Library Way.

There will be a variety of handcrafted items by local artists, original art, jams, jewelry, new books by local authors, and tropical plants. A special guest will be Trouper, the blind raccoon.

There is still some room for vendors. If you are interested, call Eileen Kehoe at 474-2682.☆

Volunteers help buyers with their selections

Volunteers Needed At The Community House

Volunteers are needed to sort shells on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 pm. No experience is necessary. If you have computer experience with websites or e-mail blasts, give us a call... we can give you volunteer hours. None of that tickles your fancy? How about helping by clipping from the newspaper? We have many small needs and would welcome new volunteers.

Call 472-2155 for more information or visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net.☆

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Locals To Attempt Largest Sanibel Stoop For Book Of World Records

Shellabration! 2012 not only "shellabrates" the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, but will also feature an attempt at breaking a world record.

Festivities kick off with a mass Sanibel Stoop event on Bowman's Beach on Friday, February 17 at 10 a.m. Designed to break a Guinness Book World Record in the largest treasure hunt category of 250 people, it urges islanders and visitors to show up and sign their names to be sent to the *Guinness Book of World Records* to prove the island has broken the record.

Registration for this special event is $5, which includes a special T-shirt sponsored by Congress Jewelers. The Sanibel Bicycle Club will lead a ride to Bowman's Beach for those interested in participating in the Sanibel Stoop world record attempt. Departure will be from Sanibel Community Park, next to The Community House. Trolley service will also be available.

"Because it's the 75th anniversary, we wanted to do something special," said Marge Meek, Sanibel Community Association president, which hosts the event. "It shows everyone this is a shell island."

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

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Shared Use Path

The main structure will house information about the path and how it can be used to get around the Island using "human power." Included in the structure will be a large directional map of the entire path system, plus information about island natural and historic sites that can be reached via the path.

In addition, the welcome center will present the Rules of the Road guidelines for safe use of the path, which is shared by bicycles and pedestrians of all types. When completed, the site will feature additional amenities placed around the main structure, including benches, bike racks, a drinking fountain, shade trees and native landscaping.

The project has been a community-wide effort, supported by numerous local organizations, service clubs, businesses and private individuals. The cost is being covered entirely by private contributions, although construction is being managed in cooperation with the City of Sanibel Public Works Department, which operates the shared use path.

Tom Sharbaugh, who has coordinated the project on behalf of the Sanibel Bicycle Club, expressed appreciation for the broad support the project has received.

"The list of folks who have stepped up to support this project is really impressive, and a great example of Sanibel's unique community spirit," said Sharbaugh. "People have donated money and also pro-bono goods and services."

Examples of this broad support include the location, provided by the Muench family; site survey work donated by Andrew Johnson of Sanibel Surveys; engineering drawings done pro-bono by Arnold-Sanders Consulting Engineers; site clearing done with no charge by David Jedel of Tree West; contractor coordination donated by Matt Kirschner of Kirschner Contracting; construction labor donated by The Hammerhead crew; bike racks are being donated by Billy's Rentals; benches are being donated by the San-Cap Lions Club; and cash contributions have been made by the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club.

In addition, major supporting partners include Sanibel Bicycle Club's Trails In Motion Fund; Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village; and Sanibel Beautification, Inc. which funded the landscaping plants.

"When the path welcome center is finished, we think it will play a positive role in moving more people off the streets and onto the paths," added Sharbaugh. "It will also be a pleasant stopping point for path users, and a nice addition to the scenery along that stretch of Periwinkle."☆

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Dotty DeVasure, right, and a beach walk participant examine a shell

Shell Museum January Beach Walk

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to learn more about shells,The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's next beach walk will offer a program that is fun and fascinating for the whole family.

Participants will meet at Gulfside City Park/Algiers Beach parking lot on Sanibel on Tuesday, January 31 at 9 a.m.

Shell museum volunteer Dotty DeVasure, a lifelong shelling expert, will give tips on finding and identifying mollusks, as well as explain how they live, eat and move.

During the beach walk, which lasts about an hour, DeVasure will answer questions and help participants identify shells.

The program is free, but parking fees will apply. Call Diane Thomas at 395-2233 for additional information.✡

Twilight Talks At Historical Village

Beginning January 27, the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village will host a number of speakers, who will share their unique experiences on Sanibel. The first speaker will be Jim Pickens, who will show aerial photos of Sanibel from the 1940s when he worked for the army air corps. These photos will leave attendees with a vivid impression of what the island really looked like before the causeway. Lost roads and paths will be discussed as well as lack of vegetation and houses.

The programs will be held in the old schoolhouse from 7 to 8 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Members of the museum are admitted free, all others $5. Seating is limited to 35 people. Advance tickets are available at the office in the Old Bailey Store at the village, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ed Sieber will speak on February 17.

In April 1945 at age 21, Sieber dove his Helldiver airplane straight down at the biggest, most powerful battleship the world had ever seen, the Japanese supership *Yamato*. At that time, the average lifespan of a dive bomber pilot in combat was 10 minutes. Sieber will tell his story as if it happened yesterday.

With more Twilight Talks coming up, this is a great time to become a member of the museum for $25. At the $50 Calusa level, you and your family receive a 10 percent discount on most items in the museum gift shop. Call the museum at 472-4648 for an application.✡

The historical village schoolhouse will be the location for a series of Twilight Talks beginning January 27

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San-Cap Shared Scholar Speaker Announced

Rev. Dr. David Lowry

The Sanibel-Captiva Shared Scholar for 2012 will be the Rev. Dr. David Lowry. Dr. Lowry will speak at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ on Monday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. His lecture, titled Religious Tolerance in a Changing World Order, will explore the relationships between ethics, religion and globalization.

"The world is going through a period of prolonged and substantial change," noted Dr. Lowry. "This change is already bringing about the diminution of the nation-state and the emergence of the market state. This 'remaking of the world order' has economic, social, ethical and religious implications."

Dr. Lowry is the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Manhasset, New York. In addition, he the dean of the North Nassau Deanery and president of the International Center for Corporate Accountability. Prior to coming to Christ Church, he was a vice president at Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, and president of the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.

Dr. Lowry writes and lectures extensively in the areas of human and indigenous rights and corporate social responsibility. He has a doctorate in British history, three master's degrees and a bachelor's degree in classical languages.

The Shared Scholar Program this year is sponsored by Bat Yam Temple of the Islands (Reform), St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, the Christian Science Church of Sanibel, Captiva's non-denominational Chapel by the Sea and the host congregation, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.✡

Auction Items Added For Stahl Fundraiser

A benefit fundraiser for Kevin Joe Stahl, to be held this Saturday, January 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sanibel's Matzaluna Restaurant, will have an abundance of valuable auction items offered to those who bid. These include an authentic New York Jets game ball signed by head coach Rex Ryan, donated by special teams coach Mike Westhoff.

The autographed football joins other recently donated items such as gift baskets, jewelry, fine art from Sanibel and Captiva island artists and galleries, and much more from South Seas Island Resort, The Bait Box, Bailey's General Store, The Grog Shop, Tuttle's, Lily & Company, JB Designs and artists such as Alan S. Maltz, Richard Sullivan, Katie Gardenia and Sheila Hoen. Restaurants also are represented, with Il Tesoro, Sweet Melissa's, The Mucky Duck, The Lighthouse Restaurant, The Green Flash, Island Pizza and more.

Stahl has been the sexton at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel, and an employee at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW), which treats and cares for injured wildlife during their recovery. Now, it is Stahl's turn to be in recovery after corrective surgery for a recent injury damaging four discs in his lower back. During this recovery, he is unable to do heavy work associated with his employment.

Kevin Joe Stahl

Sandy Kostick, organizer of the fundraiser, advised that proceeds will assist Stahl with living expenses while he is unable to work.

"We are thrilled at the response from Sanibel and Captiva island friends of Kevin's. The outpouring of contributions for the silent and live auctions is very gratifying," said Kostick. "We look forward to a large turnout at Matzaluna on Saturday."

A light buffet and beverages will be served at the event, which will also include live entertainment by Robbie Hutto. A $10 per person contribution will be collected at the door. There will also be a cash bar.

Those unable to attend the event are requested to send donation checks, payable to Kevin Stahl, c/o Reverend Ellen Sloan, St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

For questions or more information, contact Sandy Kostick at 822-6593.✡

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Join The Shellabration!

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

Shellabrators from around the island are joining in on the excitement with events and promotions. Everybody is invited to participate. A calendar of events will be prepared and promoted in local and national publications.

Below is current list of Shellabrators:

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

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

• BIG ARTS invites visitors to Show Your Shell Smarts! During shell fair week, between February 27 and March 3, visitors are invited to bring a shell to BIG ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Road, or BIG ARTS at 2244 Periwinkle Way, or The Herb Strauss Theater at 2200 Periwinkle Way (directly across from the shell fair). Identify the shell, add it to our collection, and receive special discounted ticket pricing on select BIG ARTS programs from February 27 through March 3. The Sanibel-Captiva Art League will have a special shell-themed exhibit in The Herb Strauss Theater's lobby.

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

• Cheeburger Cheeburger will have a kids coloring contest for ages 12 and under. Come in and color the Cheeburger Shellabration coloring pages for a chance twin Cheeburger prizes.

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

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

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

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

Shellabration necklaces on sale now for $2 at The Community House or Bank of the Islands

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A fossil shell display, featuring more than 120 different species, ages thousands to as much as five million years old, is located on the ground floor. Some of the shells are extinct while some may be found at the beach today. The fossils are from the Burnt Store area in North Fort Myers.

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

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

Calendar Of Events

• The Sanibel Stoop – Friday, February 17. Help break a *Guinness*

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The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

Under the Sea 2012

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The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

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RSVP Online: www.shellmuseum.org/events.cfm
For more information or to register by email, call (239) 395-233 and leave your RSVP with staff or email Amanda at stirn@shellmuseum.org

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OBITUARY

ANN L. CAMPBELL

Ann L. Campbell, recently of Fort Myers and formerly of Sanibel, died in Oakland, California on January 12. She would have been 93 in May.

Becoming a resident of Sanibel in 1965, Ann (then Winterbotham) was that city's first Planning Commission chair and a founding board member of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

She moved to the Buckingham area of Fort Myers in 1986 where she and her late husband, George Campbell, conspired in the establishment of their tropical retreat, Simba's Keep, on the Orange River and the amassing of menageries of domestic and wild creatures.

Simba's Keep was the base whence they collaborated on books and articles – he the writer and she the illustrator, especially of the flora and fauna of Florida – and managed a business guiding tours of eastern Africa, the Galapagos Islands and the upper Amazon.

As Alzheimer's disease deprived Ann of George, so it deprived her family and friends of her. She left Simba's Keep in December 2008 to do battle with the disease under the watch of her son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Kay Dann.

Contributions in memory of and tribute to Ann may be made to the Sunrise of Oakland Caregivers Fund, and sent in care of Patricia Edmonds, Wells Fargo Bank, 344 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611.☆

Jason Loete and Trey Compton

Kiersten Benzing, Cassandra Nuss, Jason Loete, Ericka Covington and Anne Chamberlain

Miguel Cintron and Cheyenne Nelson
photos by Nick Adams

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Singing Conmen

Seriously, *Scoundrels* is absolutely top notch entertainment from start to finish. The costumes, the choreography, the acting, it just doesn't get any better. The set was very impressive. I feel the seating arrangement in the three-quarter thrust Strauss Theater works especially well for this show. With the audience seated on three sides and being almost eye level with what's happening on stage definitely adds to the fun.

I'm sure you remember the film version with Steve Martin and Michael Caine. If you liked it, you're going to love the Strauss production.

Director Michael Marotta, no stranger to Sanibel theater lovers, has put together a show as good as anything you'll see on Broadway.

Lawrence Jameson (Jason Loete) and Freddy Benson (Trey Compton) are two scam artists who delight the audience with their shenanigans in a French Riviera resort where they ply their trade on unsuspecting females. Compton's physical humor and small stature are a perfect balance to Loete's debonair behavior.

After a chance meeting, they place a $50,000 wager to see who can woo a vacationing American soap heiress, Christine Colgate (Lara Hayhurst), and take her money. She really belts out *Love is My Legs* with Compton and company. This scene is a show stopper. I enjoyed every musical number and the choreography was spectacular.

Loete, with a devilish glint, relishes every word he speaks and Compton has all the right stuff for musical comedy. When he pretends to be Ruprecht, a simple-minded make-believe brother of Lawrence, the audience eats it up. As Ruprecht he keeps an Oklahoma gold-digger, Jolene Oakes (deliciously funny Cassandra Nuss), from leading Lawrence to the altar.

Two secondary leads are also amazing. Cheyenne Nelson as Muriel Eubanks of Omaha (my old hometown, by the way) and Miguel Cintron as Andre, Lawrence's accomplice and chief gendarme, create a very funny side story involving a most unlikely romance. It reminded me of pairing Julia Child with Nathan Lane.

All of the elements that should be in a musical are present and accounted for in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. There is a fair share of regional mentions and other updates that add to the hilarity, along with a few bawdy jokes. The bottom line in this show is, "Who's conning whom?" The con men find out that more than two can play their game.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels plays through February 11 at The Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. For tickets log onto www.BIGARTS.org, call 472-6962 or 395-0900. Trust me, it's musical comedy at its finest.

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OBITUARY

FRANK C. MODAFARI

Frank C. Modafari, 76, of Fort Myers, died on January 10, 2012 at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers. He was born on March 28, 1935 in Cincinnati, Ohio, a child of William and Evelyn (Phillips) Modafari.

A former resident of Cincinnati, Frank was a union representative for many years while he worked at Cincinnati Time Recorder. A resident of Fort Myers since 1981, he and his wife owned the San Carlos Deli from 1981 to 1986; later he became the property manager for the Kings Crown Condominium Association on Sanibel until he retired in 2005.

Frank was an active member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church on Fort Myers Beach and was a member and past master of the Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge #362 F&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia J. (Warnow) Modafari, his children, Denise Swope of Fort Myers, Dawn (Ski) Sosinski of North Carolina and Brad Dusterhoft of North Carolina, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, his sister, Carol Sanker of Ormond Beach, Florida and his brother, Joe Modafari of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the brother of the late James Modafari, who died in December 2011.

Funeral services were held on January 18 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Myers Beach. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to The Gabriel House, 16520 S. Tamiami Trail, #18-251, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Friends may sign the guestbook at www.horizonfunerals.com.✲

OBITUARY

LETCHER WIGINGTON

Letcher Wigington, 92, passed away peacefully at home on January 6, 2012, with the care and love of his family. Letcher was a long time Fort Myers and Sanibel resident. He moved to Fort Myers in 1955 and then to Sanibel in 1976.

Wigington was born in Blanchester, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio State and the University of West Virginia, where he met his wife, Margaret Gibbs Wigington, who preceded him. He was handed his diploma and commission into the Army on the same day. He served our country during World War II as a major in the Army Infantry. He served in French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia and Anzio Beach Head. He was awarded three Purple Hearts and five Battle Campaign Stars. After being injured in 1946, he continued to serve as an instructor at Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

As a Fort Myers resident, Letcher was a real estate broker and was president of Michigan Homes for the remainder of his career. He was preceded in passing by his son, Letcher (Gibby) Wigington III, and daughter, Jennifer Jane Wigington.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Melissa and Jack Hinkle; grandchildren Jessica Hinkle, Grant Letcher Hinkle, Jennifer Wigington Weller (Drew), Robin Larrson (Salina Patel); and five great grandchildren.

Letcher was known for his optimism, beautiful roses, big snook stories, sailing adventures, superior intuition (little luck), great wisdom and sense of humor.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral Home, 1600 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. Funeral service will be Saturday, January 21 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow with military honors at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens.✲

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Vocal Artistry Concert To Benefit The Salvation Army

Joseph Caulkins

by Jim George

In their first appearance of 2012 Vocal Artistry, a 22-voice group of vocal musicians, will "Let Music Fill The Air," the theme of their Saturday, January 28 concert at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. Proceeds of the concert will go to the Salvation Army as the group continues their mission of connecting to the community by presenting concerts and music that reflect social causes and needs of the community.

In Vocal Artistry's short, two-year history, their performances have benefitted the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund, Harry Chapin Food Bank, After The Rain Halfway House, Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida and Art of the Olympians.

The Salvation Army assists more than 33 million individuals throughout the year in the United States, over 6 million of those during the holiday season alone. Salvation Army adult rehabilitation centers annually help more than 150,000 people from every walk of life fight substance abuse and return to their communities as participating, contributing members.

Well known to local audiences for his innovative programming and for his former tenure with the Southwest Florida Symphony, Joseph Caulkins is artistic director and founder of Vocal Artistry. He is also artistic director of the 120-voice Key Chorale in Sarasota, recognized as the premier choral group in south Florida. His passion for music is a quality, which along with a healthy dose of humor, has attracted audiences and has set him a step above other choral conductors.

"I try to be the very best I can be," Caulkins said, "to inspire musicians, singers and audiences by the unbelievable wealth and richness music has to offer."

Vocal Artistry, a talented and diverse group, will perform an eclectic repertoire ranging from South African freedom songs, spirituals, contemporary gospel and exquisite choral music from composers Morten Lauridsen, Rene Clausen and selections from Karl Jenkins' ethereal *Requiem*. Musical highlights will include *Let Music Fill The Air* by Gwyneth Walker, *Sure On This Shining Night* by Morten Lauridsen, *The Prayer* by Rene Clausen (with text by Mother Teresa) and *Didn' My Lord Deliver Daniel* by Stacey V. Gibbs.

The concert will be held on Saturday, January 28 beginning at 7 p.m. at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Salvation Army. Vocal Artistry's December concert was standing room only, so early arrival is suggested to ensure seating.

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Bike Collection Drive Returns

If you missed last year's Sanibel Bicycle Collection Drive, you have another opportunity to get rid of that old bicycle that's been cluttering up your garage. That bike you no longer need can soon be on its way to an grateful new owner in the Immokalee farm worker community.

The collection drive is in its 5th year and so far has delivered 500 bikes to children and families in Immokalee. The program is a classic example of how one person's unwanted item can be turned into someone else's treasure.

Located only 50 miles from Sanibel, Immokalee is one of the poorest areas in the country, and living conditions are difficult for many familie. The recession has hit the Immokalee farm community especially hard. As a result, there are many needs, from clothing to basic household goods. Prominent among the items in need are bicycles, which residents use for basic transportation to work, school and shopping.

Several local organizations participate in conducting the bike collection drive. The Sanibel Bicycle Club and Billy's Rentals provide volunteers for collection, cleaning, repair and transport of the bikes; Soon Come Contract Hauling coordinates pick ups and cash donations; and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, provides storage and repair space, plus financial support. In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Sanibel-Captiva has donated funds to purchase helmets so that each child receiving a bike also gets a helmet.

Anyone with a bike they don't need any more, used or new, is encouraged to participate. Even older bikes are welcome if they are still operational. Children's bikes are a particular focus of the collection drive, although any type of bike is welcome.

Coordinators for the Sanibel effort are: Patti Sousa for the Sanibel Bicycle Club; Billy Kirkland for Billy's Rentals; and Annie Nachtsheim for Soon Come. For more information call Annie Nachstheim at 395-8700. The collection site is Billy's Bike Shop at 1509 Periwinkle Way (the north side of Periwinkle across from Billy's Rentals). If you don't have a way to get your bike there, call to arrange for a pick-up.

Collection of bikes will continue until Friday, February 17. If you don't have a bike but would still like to help, cash donations are welcome to help offset the cost of repair parts and replacement tires.

Distribution of the bicycles in Immokalee is managed by Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA), a non-sectarian, non-profit group affiliated with United Way, which coordinates distribution through numerous other agencies in Immokalee.☆

Jake Mann with Capt. Mike Ross

LOGOS Flight Night Winner

The annual LOGOS Flight Night took place on January 11 at Sanibel Community Church, with Mike Ross as captain. All the LOGOS children ate on the plane, watched an in-flight movie and took turns being the pilot of their own paper airplanes. This year, Jake Mann holds the Top Flight position.☆

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Wednesday Morning Live! Lecture

The next Wednesday Morning Live! lecture at Covenant Presbyterian Church will be held on January 25. The topic will be Human Trafficking, presented by Nola Theiss, executive director and founder of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships.

The one hour lecture begins at 10 a.m., preceded by coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free.

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Gail and Roland Garlinghouse with Myra Roberts

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Myra Roberts, center, with Mel and Ginny Jager

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Marine Lab Tour — January 27

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Owl Tales — January 24

The nesting season for Great Horned, Barn, and Screech Owls of the islands has begun. The Great Horned Owl does not make its own nest but uses one built by an osprey, hawk, or eagle. The Screech and Barn Owls nest in tree cavities made by woodpeckers or nest boxes. Island Screech owls are in the courting phase with males guarding territory and calling to females. ***Tuesday, January 24 at 10 a.m.***

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Author Cynthia Barnett will be speaking about America's freshwater crisis on January 31

America's Water Crisis Subject Of SCCF Forum

Cynthia Barnett, author of *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis*, will be the featured speaker at the Conservation Forum, presented by SCCF and the Everglades Foundation on Tuesday, January 31 at 7 p.m. at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Barnett, a long-time journalist who has reported on freshwater issues from the Suwannee River to Singapore, is the author of two books on water. Her latest, *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis*, calls for a water ethic for America similar to the land ethic promoted by Aldo Leopold in the 1940s. Her first book, *Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.*, won the gold medal for best non-fiction in the Florida Book Awards and was named by *The St. Petersburg Times* as one of the top 10 books that every Floridian should read. *Mirage* was also a "One Region/One Book" read in 30 Florida counties. For more information, visit the author's website at www.cynthiabarnett.net.

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

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

Looking For Owls

The nesting season for owls of the islands has begun. The great horned owl does not make its own nest but uses one built by an osprey, hawk or eagle. The screech and barn owls nest in tree cavities made by woodpeckers or in nest boxes. There is a nest

Barn owl in a nest box

box on the side of the SCCF Nature Center, where barn owls have nested off and on since 1980. Will they return this year? Island screech owls are in the courting phase, with males guarding territory and calling to females.

On Tuesday, January 24 at 10 a.m., you are invited to SCCF to learn more about the Owls of Sanibel and Captiva. The cost of the program is $5, with SCCF members and children attending for free.

The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Take a guided walk to the Sanibel River following the program.✯

CROW Offers Series Of Public Presentations

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

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

Upcoming presentations:

Thursday, January 19: Clinic Rounds – Every week, meet veterinarian, rehabbers or students, who will give insight about the inner workings of CROW's hospital that sees more than 4,000 patients a year.

Friday, January 20: Why Animals Come To CROW – Do you ever wonder why animals wind up at CROW? Or what kinds of critters go to the clinic? Find out the answers to these questions more from seasoned volunteers.

Saturday, January 21: Getting To Know CROW – Learn more about

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Vic Middlekauff and Josie Stern of Chromo, Colorado found a junonia on the east end of the island on January 12 while staying at Sanibel Arms.☆

Shell Found

Lisa Goosman

Lisa Goosman of Newtown, Connecticut found a junonia on the beach in front of Sandalfoot while staying at Sandlefoot on January 13.☆

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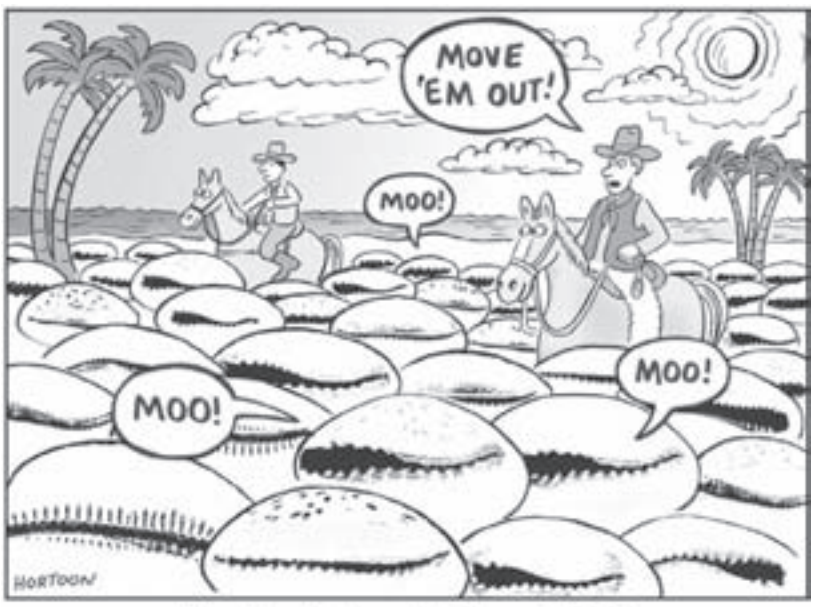
Friday Lunch Hour Program With Cartoonist Dave Horton



The Great Cowrie Drive of 2011

Sanibel cartoonist Dave Horton drew this promotional piece for the shell museum's newest exhibit

Local cartoonist Dave Horton will give a presentation at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Friday, January 20 from noon to 1 p.m.

Horton drew *The Great Cowrie Drive of 2011* cartoon to announce the arrival of the shell museum's new Cowries exhibit that was unveiled last fall. His latest cartoon book, *Welcome to Florida,* was released in December. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

The museum is at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information call 395-2233.☆

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Against The Odds

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

As I am writing this, conditions have just started to slowly improve after the passing of another strong cold front. With this last front bringing no rain and with charters already booked, I chose to fish right through it. On what I would have thought to be the worst possible day to fish, I ended up having a very productive trip and – even more importantly – happy clients at the end of the day. Although it was far from ideal conditions, it was great to be just about the only boat out fishing and to send my clients home with the fresh fish dinner they were hoping for.

We pulled out from the dock mid-morning. The air temperature was in the high 40s with strong north winds gusting over 20 mph. My main concern was keeping my clients dry and comfortable on the way to the first stop. On days like this you do not want to get anyone wet as they will be miserable and cold for the rest of the day.

Leaving St. James City, I made the short run riding the big following sea to the south, directly into the "Ding" Darling refuge. During the winter months the refuge has always been my go-to place on the coldest, nastiest windy days. It is close to home and offers a little bit of everything from narrow mangrove channels to deep shorelines, holes and flats. With plenty of sheltered water you can easily spend a whole day fishing inside its protective mangroves.

With the tide already low and still falling, I knew we could find some fish laid up in the deeper holes and channels located well in the back. After anchoring in the first spot it did not take long to catch a few smaller trout and then a 21-inch flounder while slow bouncing the bottom with live shrimp. We stayed in this first creek for about an hour, moving around hitting my favorite deeper spots and catching a nice mixed bag of fish including a few redfish, sheepshead, trout and flounder.

After a while, the bite slowed and it was time to go. I headed back onto the bay and made the short move to the next creek mouth. During the half-day trip we worked all the major creeks that feed water in and out of the refuge. Without making any long runs, we caught lots of fish along with six keeper flounder up to 21 inches and a few nice big sheepshead. Although we caught a dozen or so redfish, not one of them made the 18-inch slot.

Bill Raffa with a 25-inch snook he caught fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

The real surprise of the day to me was a 25-inch snook. I would have totally bet against catching any snook at all with my laser thermometer reading a 56-degree surface water temperature. Although it was far from the most pleasant of conditions, no one was uncomfortable and everyone had a great time.

During winter conditions like this is very easy to pick up the phone and cancel a fishing trip. Although we did not have a stellar day, we caught good numbers of fish and kept the rods bent all trip.

On tough days like this it's really more about the feeling of accomplishment of getting it done when all the odds and Mother Nature are against you.

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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SCCF Offers Marine Lab Tour

Oyster shell bagging

On Friday, January 27, the staff of the SCCF Marine Lab, established in 2002 in response to local water quality issues, will provide up to date information on lab projects including work with scallops, oysters, mangroves and sea grass.

Participants should meet at 10 a.m. at the SCCF Nature Center, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, for a short introduction and then carpool to the marine lab. Advance reservations are required. SCCF members are admitted free; a $5 fee is charged for adults. Call Dee at 472-2329 for more information.✡

Master Gardener Lecture Series

The 56th Master Gardener Lecture Series will continue on Thursday, February 2 at the Sanibel Public Library beginning at 10 a.m. The guest speakers will be Holly Downing and James Evans from the City of Sanibel's Department of Natural Resources. They will discuss and illustrate the status of recently completed projects, describe current programs under way and outline future projects scheduled for our city. These include completion of the Pond Apple Park restoration, the Sanibel Community Park trail, the Bailey Beach restoration, a comprehensive report on the status of the three golf courses – The Sanctuary, Beachview and The Dunes – compliance with the city's fertilizer ordinance, an update on the Sanibel Bayous project, pursuing and implementing state and federal water resource grants and creating a comprehensive storm water management plan for our island.

Additionally, the department continues to focus on habitat restoration and exotic plant eradication. The department is responsible for monitoring the ecosystems on Sanibel such as the beaches, dunes, wetlands and city preserves, and partners with the Vegetation Committee to educate the landscape workers regarding fertilization regulations and removal of exotic vegetation such as Brazilian pepper and air potato.

The Department of Natural Resources also inspects all properties for exotic vegetation and the proper ratio of native plants when permits are pulled for commercial or residential development. The department also applies for and receives many county, state and federal grants which greatly reduce the cost of the city's projects. And if that were not enough, they monitor invasive animal species such as iguanas, nile monitor lizards and coyotes.

The Master Gardener lecture is open to the public and free to attend. Seating is limited, so early arrival is suggested.✡

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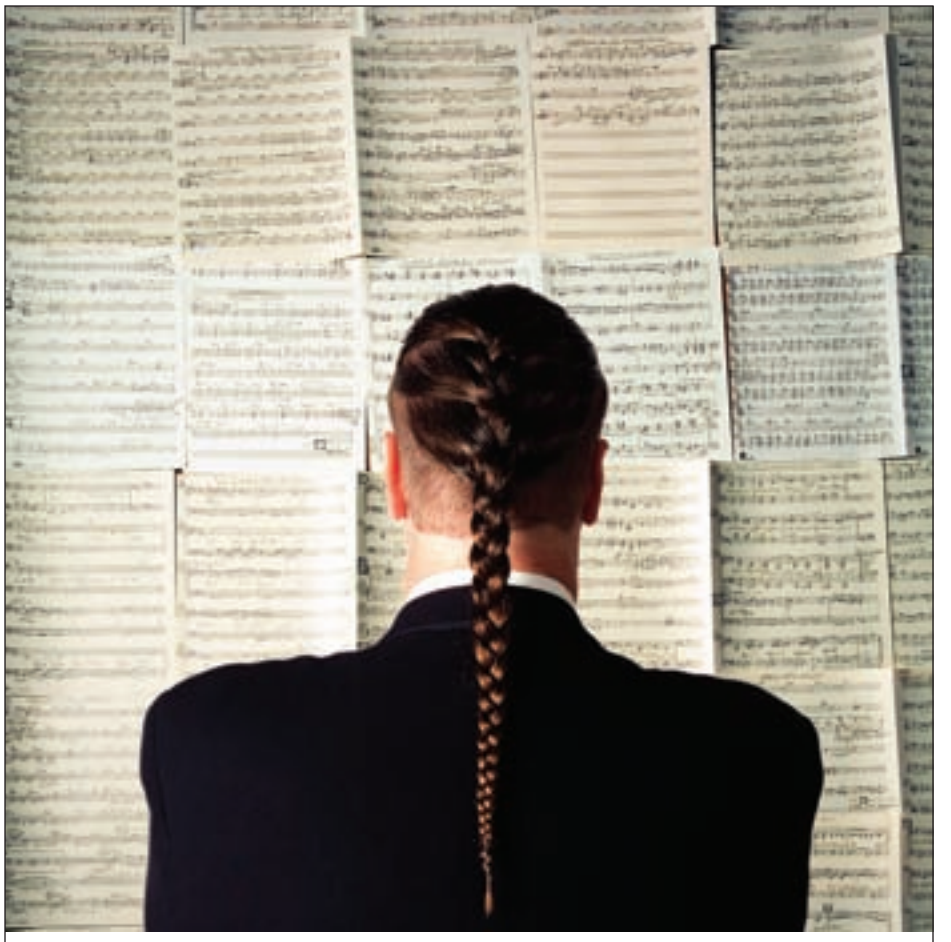

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Brown Pelican

by Patricia Molloy

One of the reasons that Southwest Florida is so specials is the variety of beautiful seabirds that frequent our coasts. One of the most spectacular is the brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*). To watch these graceful flyers skim across the surface of the ocean and deftly dive into the waters for food is awe-inspiring. While rather clumsy on land, the brown pelican is an expert plunge diver thanks to superior eyesight; it can spot fish in the water from heights of 50 to 60 feet. The large pouch of skin suspended from its long gray bill can hold up to three times more than its stomach – nearly three gallons of fish and water.

Brown pelicans are one of the largest seabirds in the U.S., however, they are the smallest members of the seven pelican species worldwide. Adult males and females are similar in appearance and size, weighing approximately eight pounds (3.6 kg) with a four foot long body and a wingspan of seven feet (2.1 m). They are also long-lived birds: according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, one pelican captured in Florida had been banded 31 years earlier!

The brown pelican recuperating with a double crested cormorant in CROW's pelican complex. The enclosure allows birds to stretch their wings and exercise their chest muscles

On December 3, an adult brown pelican was found on Sanibel near power lines. The bird was unable to stand, flap his wings or even blink his eyes. No other history was available. Upon his arrival at CROW, it was discovered that the pelican was suffering from toxicosis, an all too common diagnosis caused by the ingestion of the algal bloom responsible for red tide.

During his initial critical state, the pelican was tube fed Piscivore Care, a formula specifically designed for fish-eating seabirds. After a couple of days, the Piscivore was increased from twice a day to three times per day, as it is common for high-stressed wild birds to lose weight due to increased contact with humans. The pelican also received fluid injections under his skin to keep him hydrated and, like all toxicosis patients, he was given a liver detox with milk thistle to stimulate his liver into filtering out the toxins.

As pelicans are seabirds, CROW's staff ensured that he had daily "tub time." In addition to being good physical therapy, it allows them to monitor his strength and stamina at a safe distance without causing undue stress to the bird. On his third visit to the tub, the staff noticed that he was attempting to stand but still resting on his hocks (the region of the leg between the joint and the webbed feet). After a few more visits, he was able to stand for short periods of time.

After approximately 10 days, he began eating fish on his own and his tube feeding regiment was decreased. Once his appetite resumed to normal levels, he was moved to the pelican complex where he able to exercise and socialize with other seabirds, including a rare American white pelican.

Once he was strong enough to survive in the wild, CROW staffers began preparations for his release. On December 23, the brown pelican happily took flight on Algiers Beach, Sanibel.

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

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Lecturer To Evoke Caloosahatchee Of Yesteryear

Author Amy Bennett Williams immersed herself in Caloosahatchee River history while researching her book, *Images of America: Along the Caloosahatchee*. She will take the audience on her journey during two special lectures starting at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, January 27, at the "Ding" Darling Education Center.

Williams, a journalist and editor of *The News-Press' Tropicalia* magazine, tells the Caloosahatchee's story of the ancient mastodons that once roamed its shores, the 19th-century entrepreneurs who bent it to their wills, and the celebrities who have relaxed on its waters.

Richly illustrated with historical images, the book chronicles the life of the singular waterway that joins the Gulf of Mexico to the heart of Southwest Florida and beyond. The author will do readings accompanied by images from the book.

A book-signing will follow the lecture. The book is available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel Island and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, as part of its 11-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

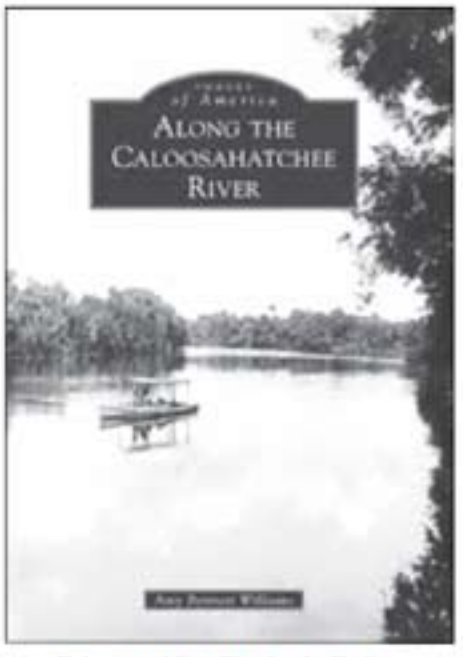
Amy Bennett Williams

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to visit the free Education Center and Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

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

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series events:

• 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 recognized birders, authors Don and Lillian Stokes, *Bird Identification*•

• February24 – No lecture – Volunteer Award Luncheon

• March 2 – Author Blair Witherington – Florida's Living Beaches•

• March 9 - Refuge Biologist Jeremy Conrad, Alligators

• March 16 – Dr. Dale Gawlik, Wading Birds

• March 23 – Roger L. Reep and Robert K. Bonde, *The Florida Manatee*•

• March 30 – Dennis Giardina, The Importance of Native Snakes, featuring a live indigo snake

• April 6 – Just Ducky, unveiling of new Duck Touch Screen computer with guest speakers decoy carver Jim Sprankle and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland

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Shellabration

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• Opening Gala – Sunday, February 19 at The Sanctuary Golf Club.

• Shell Couture Fashion Show, Contest and Luncheon at The Sanctuary Golf Club Monday, February 27 at 11 a.m. featuring one-of-a-kind shell adorned garments. Tickets are $35.

• 75th Annual Shell Fair & Show – Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3 at The Community House.

• Rusty Brown presents *In Celebration of Anne Morrow Lindbergh* – Sunday, March 4. Performance will be followed by a traditional ice cream social at The Community House. Tickets are $20 for members and $22 for guests.

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

Audubon Bird Walk At Bunche Beach

Birders gather at Bunche Beach

The next Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Saturday Bird Walk will be held on Saturday, January 21 at Bunche Beach, Fort Myers. Participants should meet at the beach parking lot at 8 a.m. The parking fee is $1 per hour; parking meters accept bills only. Waterproof shoes are a must because participants walk through tidal pools.

These bird walks are open to public and all levels of experience. A $2 donation to the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society is appreciated. Call Hugh Verry at 395-3798 for more details.☼

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CROW Public Presentations

CROW from one of the longtime volunteers. Find out who they are, what they do and what you can do to help protect and save wildlife.

Tuesday, January 24: Fresh Water & Sea Turtles – Sea turtle patients come from the coastal waters between Sarasota and Miami, and a variety of fresh water turtles are found throughout Southwest Florida. Learn the reasons these wild animals are admitted to CROW.

For more information, call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org.☼

Shell Museum Holds Meetings For Volunteers

Volunteer docent Hal Pilcher hands information to museum visitors

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will host two informational meetings: one for prospective volunteers and the other for current and returning volunteers. The meeting for prospective volunteers will be held January 20 from 9-10 a.m.

After some light refreshments, those in attendance will learn about volunteer opportunities and be given a museum tour.

Museum Director Dr. José Leal and public programs specialist Diane Thomas will welcome current and returning volunteers for light refreshments and a meeting about museum updates January 23 from 9 to 10 a.m. Dr. Leal will discuss the new cowries exhibit.

Prospective volunteers are welcome to attend both meetings.

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. To learn more about becoming a volunteer, attend the meeting or call Diane Thomas at 395-2233.

Volunteer Joyce Matthys gives a live tank presentation for a school group

Traders To Host CROW's Smooth Jazz Cruise

CROW will hold a Smooth Jazz Cruise fundraiser event at Traders, 1551 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, on Sunday, February 12 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The soothing sounds of smooth jazz will greet guests as they are welcomed aboard the *USS Rehabilitator* on a mission to save our wildlife friends and neighbors.

Local artists will have works on display and available for a silent auction. All proceeds from the auctions will benefit the efforts of CROW and its endeavor to save wildlife through compassion, care, and education. Local artist Myra Roberts has also contributed some special wildlife paintings that will be available at a live auction.

A tasting of select wines will take place and those sampled wines will be available for purchase by the case.

Tickets are $75 each. Guests may also reserve seating for two at specially designated captains tables for $500, which also includes reserved parking.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 472-3644 ext. 227 or e-mail ava@crowclinic.org.

Cole Joins Five By Design On Stage At BIG ARTS

Richie Cole performs with Five By Design

BIG ARTS welcomes alto sax legend Richie Cole and critically-acclaimed musical group Five By Design on Saturday, January 28 for their Cool & Swingin' concert at 8 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

Combining warm, well-rounded vocals with vintage style and a touch of comedy, Five By Design's signature harmonies have made them a favorite of BIG ARTS audiences. Set in the format of a radio broadcast, the production touches upon Cole's 40-year career in music from his early days touring with Buddy Rich, to Doc Severinsen's *Tonight Show* band to the present day. A reviewer in *All About Jazz* wrote, "Richie Cole is the last of a breed – A fast and competitive musical gunslinger acquiring legendary status for his willingness to demonstrate his command of Charlie Parker's bebop language by taking on all comers at any speed."

Cool & Swingin' runs the gamut from television's *I Love Lucy* and Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show* theme, to hits

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Adaskin String Trio

Adaskin String Trio To Play BIG ARTS

The critically acclaimed Adaskin String Trio will perform in a classical concert on Sunday, January 29 at 3:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall.

Formed in 1994 in Montreal, this dynamic trio performs extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada as Emlyn Ngai, violinist; Steve Larson, violist; and Mark Fraser, cellist. The trio has appeared at Merkin Concert Hall in New York City, Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and is regularly broadcast by NPR, CBC Radio and Radio-Canada. Richard Buell of *The Boston Globe* said of an Adaskin performance, "Not only was [their] technical mastery never in question, they brought to the music a focus and intensity that was all the keener for its selflessness, its utter lack of star-turn narcissism. Always and without undue insistence, you felt, they were directing the listener to the heart of the matter."

Adaskin will perform the Beethoven *String Trio in C minor,* a cornerstone of the string trio repertory; Haydn's *String Trio in G major, H. XI:65 (Baryton Trio No. 65)* and two 20th century pieces by

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Dirty Rotten Scoundrels is 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.

Future performances will be held on January 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31 as well as February 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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. For tickets, call 472-6862 or buy online at www.BIGARTS.org.

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Island Artists Paint Rocks Of Art For FISH Benefit

In celebration of the FISH (Friends In Service Here) 30th anniversary, which takes place on Monday, January 30, FISH reveals the next six local talented artists who are helping to mark this major milestone.

In keeping with the 30 Rocks! event theme, each artist was invited to create a Rock of Art using a rock as their canvas.

Artists featured this week include:

- Betty Weise
- Carol Rosenberg
- Jean Eaton
- Jeremiah Thomas
- Charles Lister
- Susan Sadler

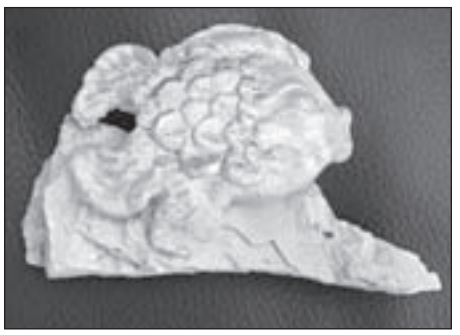
These rocks will form part of the 30 Rocks! silent auction event, helping to raise funds for FISH. You can bid on the rocks which will be accompanied by some great silent auction items such as private flight rides, a renew your wedding vows package, lunch with an artist and studio tour, a Sanctuary Golf Club round of golf plus lunch, Key West Express return tickets, Chamber of Commerce membership, etc.

Charles Lister and Susan Sadler

FISH will host an open house to celebrate this special day on Monday, January 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the FISH Walk-In Center, 1630 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

For additional information, FISH may be contacted at 472-4775 or by visiting www.fishofsanibel.com.☆

Jeremiah Thomas



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by Gerri Reaves

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Climbing aster (*Aster carolinianus* or *Symphyotrichum carolinianum*) is a native wildflower found throughout the state except for the northwest region.

A multi-branched shrub, it takes a sprawling form, insinuating itself up, around and through other nearby plants. In the wild, it typically grows in swamps, marshes and along the edges of other freshwater wetlands.

The flower's beauty, low maintenance and wildlife friendliness make it a winner for any landscape.

Like all asters, it has star-like blooms, which appear year round in South Florida, but usually in fall in cooler climes. They have numerous narrow lavender petals, or rays, and a prominent yellow or orange central disk.

About one and one-half inches across, they attract and provide nectar to butterflies such as the monarch and queen and are eaten by wildlife, including wild turkeys.

The deciduous gray-green leaves vary in shape and length, from elliptical to lance-shaped, and from less than an inch to almost three inches long. The bases often clasp the woody stems.

Able to climb 15 feet or more, this wildflower can be used to beautify or cover an unattractive fence, post or wall. It works best in an informal garden on a trellis or arbor, as a hanging plant or even a ground cover.

Native climbing aster provides nectar for butterflies and blooms all year in South Florida

A fast grower, it spreads via underground suckers and self-sown seeds.

Propagate it with the seeds found in the dried downy flowerheads. Sprinkle them on soil and keep it moist. Or, use cuttings or divide the plant.

Like most wildflowers, climbing aster prefers full sun but can tolerate partial shade.

Plant it where it will receive plenty of moisture. It will not tolerate salt water, winds or spray.

The vine can be pruned back to encourage growth.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, www.dep.state.fl.us, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio and www.regionalconservation.org.

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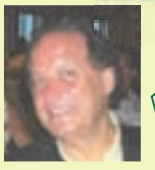

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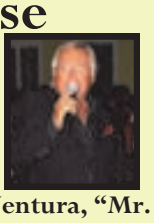

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Sea turtle volunteers dig a nest site

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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 through the end of October, looking for tracks to nests laid the night before or nests that have hatched.

The next Turtle Tracks program will be held on Thursday, January 26 at 10 a.m. at SCCF's Nature Center, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. The program is free to SCCF members and children and $5 for adults. Call 472-2329 for more information.☆

Gator And Crocodile Tales

Alligator basking in the sun on Gator Beach at The Sanctuary Golf Club

The biology of alligators and crocodiles is an ancient tale of survival. On Wednesday, January 25 at 10 a.m. come to the SCCF Nature Center and learn about these living dinosaurs to ensure our safety and their survival on the islands. Following the program, take a walk on the trails to see an alligator nest that hatched this summer. The female crocodile released on Sanibel last summer is still here. Did she nest this summer? Like all reptiles, eggs can be laid even if they have not been fertilized.

Cost to attend SCCF's Gator And Crocodile Tales program is $5 for adults, with SCCF members and children admitted free. Call 472-2329 for more information. The SCCF Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road.☆

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Ospreyfest Raises Funds For CROW

by Anne Mitchell

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) received a financial boost Sunday – the proceeds of Ospreyfest, a dinner and auction, held at Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn.

More than 120 people attended the $75 a plate event, bidding on the silent auction as well as on several special items that went under auctioneer Susan Gordon's hammer. The highlight of the evening was the live auction, featuring an original hand carved and signed osprey head pendant by Jim Sprankle, and an original Darryl Pottorf oil painting of a young osprey, both created especially for CROW.

The fundraiser coincides with osprey nesting season. The brown and white birds have begun laying eggs and incubating them, a process that takes five weeks.

Among the silent auction items was a nest platform for those who would like to attract an osprey family to their yard. But Mark "Bird" Westall, founder of The International Osprey Foundation based on Sanibel, cautioned to "talk to your neighbors because some are not going to love ospreys as much as you do." He punctuated a slide show by Ospreyfest co-chair and CROW volunteer Claudia Burns by making piercing whistles and calls typical of these large predators.

Debbie Friedlund, a CROW volunteer, co-chaired the event.

Holly Maiz, adorned with feathers, greeted guests at Ospreyfest

Jan Egeland, a director emeritus of CROW, with film maker Rusty Farst and Tim Gardner, president of The International Osprey Foundation

Ospreyfest co-chair Claudia Burns introduces the auction for the Darryl Pottorf osprey oil painting, right

Cartoonist Dave Horton and his wife Diane

Mark "Bird" Westall answers an osprey question from Bill Vanderbilt

Safe Boating Sixth Grade Students

Back, from left, Marti Squitieri, Paul Walker, Chase Desiderio-Taub, Sam Gruss, Mark Sheme, Nicholas Ashton, Kristina Allen and Jennifer Roberts; front from left, Jennifer Crown, Kyle Cemel, Nikko Rocha, Claire Minoui, Emily McCallion, Sierra Rainville and Courtney Maw

Every year, the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron members conduct a seven-week safe boating course for Sanibel Middle School sixth graders. The objectives of the class are to teach students safe boating habits, to educate them about Florida boating laws and rules of the road, and to train them in how to make emergency calls to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Marti Squitieri of SCSPS headed up the education team. Covered were a variety of topics, which included boat types, preparation for a trip on the water, aids to navigation, knot tying, safety devices, types of life jackets, anchoring, using marine radio and using the global positioning system (GPS). During class, students are organized into "boat crews" which compete to be the best. Drills include rapidly putting on life jackets and a mock reporting on emergency situations to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The winning crew members receive a trip to the Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard Station.

Back from left, Kai Phanthavong, Zachary Swartzfigure, Michael Junkin, Wyatt Scott, Metin Basturik, Noah Peters, Jacob Ramsey, Maurin VanOlst, Alondra Martinez and Maikala Thomas; front from left, Susanna DeCosta, Marti Squitieri, Georgia Congress, Nicholas Leonardi, Jacob Atkinson, Jerad York, Madelyon Pezi, Gabriella Lopez and Carla Borrego

Squitieri points out that 75 percent of boating activities involve human error. It is important for boaters, both young and old, to learn and practice safe boating techniques.

A similar course, ABC-3, a basic boating class is available to the older public at the Sanibel Public Library on February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact Jack Purse at 471-7758 or 233-7380 for more information.

Audubon Birding Class

Dale McKinley, skilled birder and experienced refuge tour leader, will conduct a one-hour session on Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Auditorium B at "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center followed by a tour of the refuge to put your new knowledge to work.

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BIG ARTS Workshops

Tech instructor Gerard Damiano

Sign ups are ongoing for BIG ARTS season workshops. There are new classes in iPods, iPads, and iPhone apps as well as new workshops in pastels, open studio, African jewelry, and improv.

BIG ARTS Winter Academy has recruited professors who will lecture on art history, economics, music and art appreciation, religion, and international law. A new Winter Academy Class, Economic Policy and the 2012 Elections, has been added. The class starts in February.

Community Chorus meets at BIG ARTS Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Community Band practices Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

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

All of the following classes will be held at BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road, unless noted:

Painting-Acrylics and Oils with Marjorie Bronsted started January 18, meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Clay, Sculpting, Ceramics & Pottery on the Wheel with Marjorie Bronsted started January 18, meets Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

iPhoto with Gerard Damiano started January 19, meets Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Second Acts: Last Plays of Great Playwrights, with Hal Cantor, starts January 20, meets Fridays at 10 a.m.

Apps (for iPhone, iPod, iPad) with Gerard Damiano starts January 20, meets Fridays at 2:30 p.m.

iPhone Intermediate with Gerard Damiano starts January 20, meets Fridays at 9 a.m.

Watercolors with Marjorie Bronsted starts January 23, meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

iPhone Advanced with Gerard Damiano starts January 23, meets Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Nantucket Baskets with Brandy Llewellyn, (registration deadline was January 16), class starts January 24, meets Mondays at 9 a.m.

iPad Advanced with Gerard Damiano starts January 25, meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Torn Strip Papier-mâché Sculpture with Jerry Churchill meets Thursday, January 26 and Friday January 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Art of the iPhone with Gerard Damiano starts January 26, meets Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Mac Apps – Advanced with Gerard Damiano starts January 27, meets Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

The Art of the iPad with Gerard Damiano starts January 27, meets Fridays at 9 a.m.

PMC: Jewelry – I Dream of Africa with Mary Ann Devos meets Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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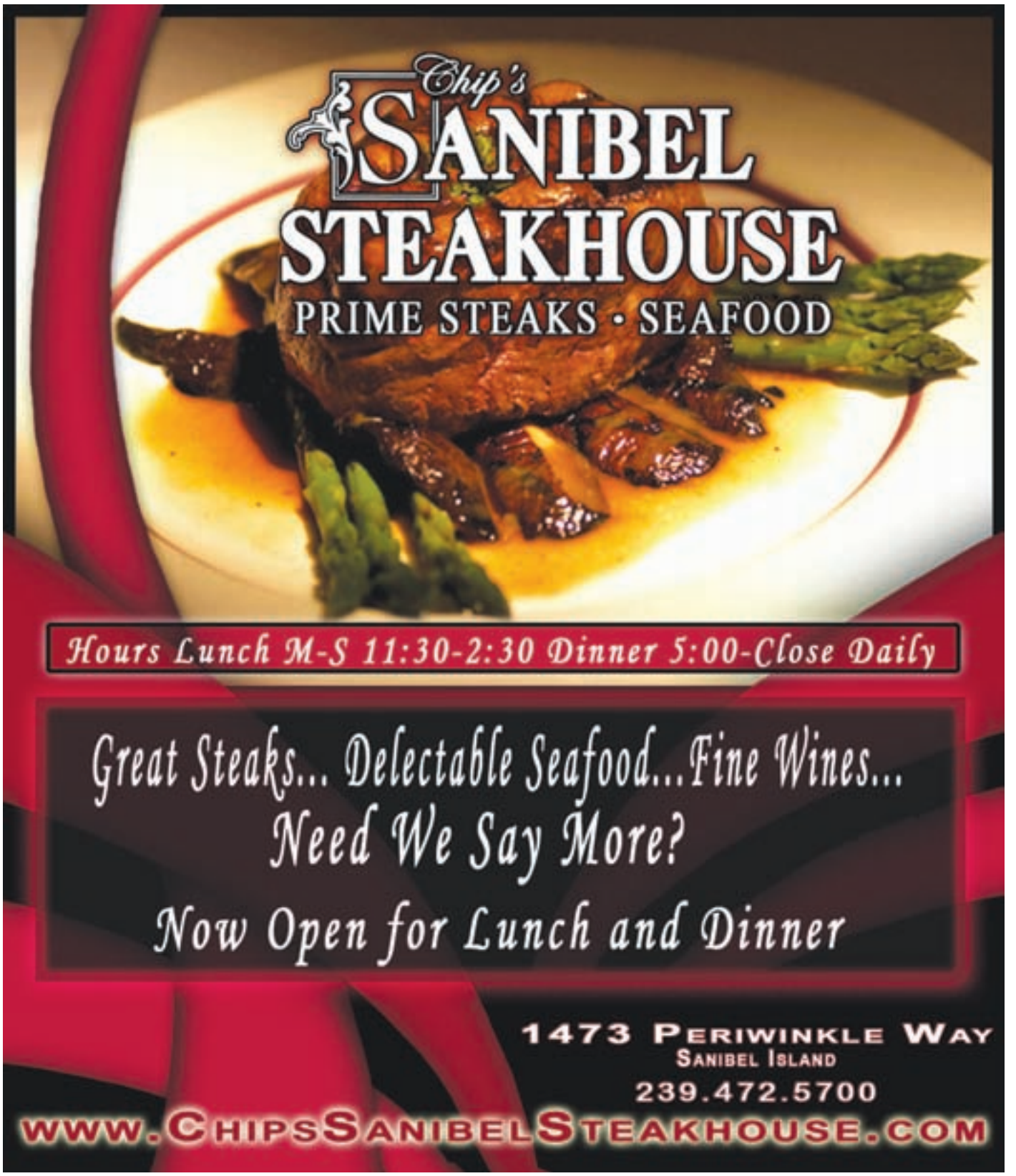

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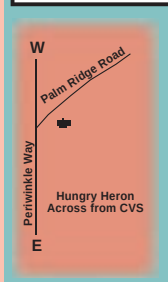

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Pianist Joyce Yang To Perform At BIG ARTS

Joyce Yang photo by Larry Ford

Joyce Yang, an award-winning pianist, will perform in a classical concert on Thursday, January 26 at 8 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall. Yang is accomplished musician and recipient of the The Avery Fisher Career Grant, one of the most prestigious prizes in classical music. *The Washington Post* declared, "Yang's skill at melding her keyboard tone with the strings suggests musical maturity well beyond her age."

Yang has performed with the Chicago Symphony, National Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, BBC Philharmonic, National Orchestra of Brazil, Estonian Symphony Orchestra and Hong Kong Philharmonic. Her professional career took off in 2005, when she became the Silver Medalist of the 12th Van Cliburn International Competition. As the youngest contestant, she swept two additional awards as an all-around winner, receiving the Steven De Groote Memorial Award for Best Performance of Chamber Music with the Takács Quartet, and the Beverley Taylor Smith Award for Best Performance of a New Work.

Yang's concert will include Lieberman's *Gargoyles, Op. 29*, Debussy's *Estampes*, Bartók's *Out of Doors (Five Piano Pieces)*, Schubert's *Impromptu in G-flat major, Op. 90, No. 3*, and Schumann's *Fantasiestücke, Op. 12.*

BIG ARTS Joyce Yang concert is supported by Grand Patron Sponsor Ferguson Foundation, Sponsor Helen Demetrios and Michael Stadther, and Jim and Roz Marks.

Admission is $42 for general seating, $47 for loge seats and children free with paying adult. To reserve a child's ticket, call 395-0900. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.BIGARTS.org, by visiting BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, or by calling 395-0900.☆

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Cole Joins Five By Design

such as *Night and Day*, *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* and *Flying Home*. The performance also provides a peek inside the Rogue and Jar, the Washington, D.C. jazz club where Cole penned the classic Harold's House of Jazz and New York Afternoon.

Tickets to Richie Cole & Five By Design are $47 for loge seats, $42 for general seating and $15 for students. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.BIGARTS.org.

Richie Cole & Five By Design concert is sponsored by BIG ARTS Angels.

For more event information, including ticket prices and links to artists' websites, or to purchase tickets, stop by BIG ARTS or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.☆

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Adaskin Sting Trio

Bohuslav Martinu and Miklós Rózsa, each of which features rich harmonies and lush melodic lines.

The Adaskin String Trio concert is supported by Grand Patron Series Sponsor Deborah and John La Gorce.

Admission for general seating is $32 and childdren are free with a paying adult. To reserve a child's ticket, call 395-0900.

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Dr. Michael A. Levi

BIG ARTS FORUM Lecture Series welcomes Dr. Michael A. Levi to Sanibel Sunday, January 22, to speak about the future of energy. In its 10th season, the FORUM Lecture Series is nationally recognized for inviting distinguished speakers and experts each year to Sanibel to speak about the key issues of our time. Dr. Levi's lecture, titled The Future of Energy, begins at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

An expert on climate change, energy security, arms control and nuclear terrorism, Dr. Levi is the David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is a former director of the Federation of American Scientists' Strategic Security Project and author of *On Nuclear Terrorism*. His 2005 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. Dr. Levi has testified before Congress and presented expert scientific evidence in essays published in *Foreign Affairs, Nature, Scientific American* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He holds a master of arts in physics from Princeton University and a PhD in war studies from the University of London.

Dick Wright, chair of BIG ARTS FORUM Lecture Series, developed the program in 2003 to provide island residents with opportunities for continued education and intellectual engagement. Since its inception, the program has welcomed to the island such notable speakers as Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Senators Russ Feingold and Susan Collins, Ted Koppel, Donna Shalala and Porter Goss. Upcoming speakers include Senator Alan K. Simpson, 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); and Dr. Geoffrey Kemp, director of regional strategic programs at the Center for the National Interest (February 26).

This season's FORUM lecture series is sold out. Although BIG ARTS cannot guarantee ticket availability, tickets have typically become available the night of a lecture when a series ticket holder is unable to attend. Available tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis for $35.

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BIG ARTS Presents New Frontiers Health & Science Lecture Series

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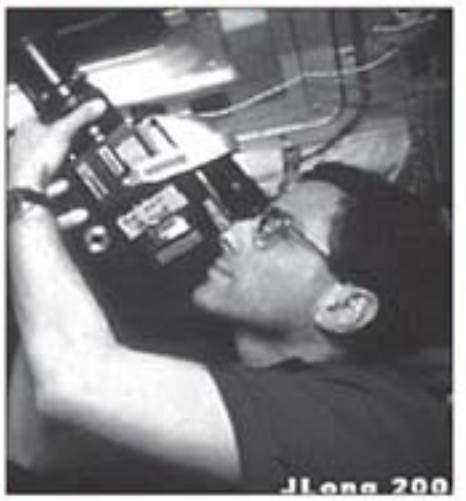

Dr. Jay Apt

Dr. Anthony Ritaccio

BIG ARTS has announced three distinguished speakers who will visit the island this spring to explore leading issues in the worlds of health and science as part of its New Frontiers Lecture Series. Speakers for this fourth season include Dr. Jay Apt, a professor of technology at Carnegie Mellon University and former NASA astronaut (Saturday, March 17); Joshua Foer, a U.S. Memory Champion and author of the best-selling *Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything* (Wednesday, March 21); and Dr. Anthony Ritaccio, director of Albany Medical College's Epilepsy and Human Brain Mapping program (Thursday, April 12).

As director of Carnegie Mellon University's Electricity Industry Center, Dr. Apt is an esteemed and accomplished professor of technology. During his tenure as an astronaut, he flew four missions aboard U.S. Space Shuttles *Atlantis* and *Endeavour*, and is the recipient of a NASA Distinguished Service Medal for his significant contributions in the field of engineering. Dr. Apt is regularly published in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*. His BIG ARTS lecture is titled "Energy – What's Next? Renewables, Battery Vehicles, Gas, Coal and Energy Independence."

The recently published author of *The New York Times* best-selling *Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything*, Foer is a science journalist who has written for *National Geographic*, *Esquire* and *Slate*. *Moonwalking* recounts Foer's experience attending the 2005 U.S. Memory Championship to interview mental athletes for a journal piece on people with enhanced memory capabilities. He quickly became fascinated by the world of mnemonics and immersed himself in the challenge of training his own memory. A year later, he returned to the annual competition as a contender and became the Memory Champion of 2006. Foer received a $1.2 million advance for the book in 2006 at age 24 by Penguin Publishers. Film rights have recently been optioned for the story. Foer will challenge his audiences to become masters at their own memory game, whether in the boardroom, classroom or living room.

As the director of Albany Medical College's Epilepsy and Human Brain Mapping program, Dr. Ritaccio is an expert in the fields of epileptic research, neurology and clinical neurophysiology. He is also Albany Med's J. Spencer Standish Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery and its vice chairman in the Department of Neurology. Dr. Ritaccio will speak about his ground-breaking research exploring the brain-computer interface. His fascinating research has been featured on CBS News and PBS, and is currently featured as a permanent exhibit in the Hall of Human Origins at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. This title of his lecture is "Attention, Intention, and Anticipation: Decoding the Brain and Exploring the Brain-Computer Interface."

Tickets are $26 for general admission and $10 for students. All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. Group ticket rates are available.

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Mary Oliver

Oliver's Poetry Rekindles Carson's Sense Of Wonder

by Andrew Stansell

The work of Rachel Carson is the inspiration for the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education. Her contributions most relevant to the mission of the center are public policy based on sound science and ethics, active participation of an ecologically literate citizenry, and appreciation of the natural world through the literary arts and environmental education.

The center has chosen to feature winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award, Mary Oliver, to do a poetry reading with commentary for this year's Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture because her poetry urges readers to reconsider the role of nature in our everyday lives. Oliver's poems rekindle what Rachel Carson calls the "sense of wonder" for the natural world. Carson was celebrated for her scientific revelations regarding the environment and the literary artistry that permeated her texts.

Rachel Carson

Award-winning poet and center board member Allison Hawthorne Deming will be introducing Oliver. On the occasion of this year's lecture, Hawthorne has written, "Her poems have spread like seeds dispersing on the wind, in the paws of animals, the beaks of birds. Her work and its broad following speaks to the power of poetry to make our lives resonate with the more-than-human world that embraces us. She is our talismanic poet of ponds and woods, bears and marsh hawks, body and spirit."

Engagement with the natural world fosters reciprocity and care for the beauty and bounty of Earth. This concept is at the heart of the center's mission of working "toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education and action."

The Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture is being held on Friday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Church on Sanibel. The center will also be holding their eighth annual Fundraising Celebration the following evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the island beachfront home of Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer. The lecture will be free and open to the public, but seats will be reserved for contributors.

Invitations to the lecture and the fundraising celebration have been sent to the center's mailing list. If you did not receive an invitation and would like one, or would like more information, visit www.fgcu.edu/cese, send an e-mail to cese@fgcu.edu or call 590-7166.✲

Poetic Voices

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

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The Moon Through My Window

by Lorraine A. Vail

Brilliant in the sky,
ripe melon light
drips upon the lake,
softens wrinkled earth,
smoothes to palest hue.

Silent, sensuous circle
slowly disappears, reappears,
a fraction of itself.
Isn't love like that?
Beams in the eye of the beholder,
goes through phases,
slowly grows whole.

Moon pretends to be
the sister of the sun,
pretense isn't needed.
This steady silver stream
illuminates the heart,
compresses spaces dark.

Lorraine A. Vail received the 2009 Literary Artist of the Year Award from the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers and received her second Pushcart Prize nomination for 2012. She is the recipient of two Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Grants in poetry and in December 2009, one of her poems was selected for the International Museum of Women's website. Gulf Coast Writers and FGCU Sanibel Writers Conference have awarded her First Place in their poetry contests. She was recipient of First Place in Poetry Award from the National League of American Pen Women Florida State Conference. Her poems are published in numerous journals. Lorraine is the creator of the collaborative ArtPoems Project (2007-2012). She is the author of Between Land and Sea, Near Water, Paradise Found *and* Fire in the Grass *which may be found in local bookstores and online. She calls Sanibel Island home.*✲

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'Ding' Darling Lecture Series Kicks Off Friday

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 guest speaker Anne Morkill, an expert on climate change from the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges Complex.

Morkill will speak on the role of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in meeting the challenges of climate change. She manages the Key West, Great White Heron, Key Deer and Crocodile Lake refuges, which encompass some 500 square miles of marine, coastal and upland areas that protect unique subtropical habitats and more than 30 listed and imperiled species.

Her focus is on establishing a science-based adaptive management program and fostering partnerships to restore and conserve imperiled wildlife and their habitats in the face of challenges ranging from habitat fragmentation and development to invasive exotic species and climate change.

Visitors attending Morkill's lecture will have the opportunity to view the refuge system's traveling The Changing Refuge climate change exhibit. "Ding" Darling was one of the first to display the temporary exhibit, which will soon travel to another refuge.

The refuge's The Changing Refuge climate change exhibit pinpoints refuges likely to be affected and engages visitors with interactive elements

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.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Future events are listed below.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Fridays, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free Education Center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the Refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay recreation area.

Anne Morkill

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

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series Events

(* Book-signings will follow all starred presentations)

• 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 recognized birders, authors Don & Lillian Stokes – *Bird Identification* *

• February 24 – No lecture (Volunteer Awards Luncheon)

• March 2 – Author Blair Witherington – *Florida's Living Beaches* *

• March 9 – Refuge Biologist Jeremy Conrad – Alligators

• March 16 – Dr. Dale Gawlik – Wading Birds

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

• March 30 – Dennis Giardina – The Importance of Native Snakes, featuring a live indigo snake

• April 6 – Just Ducky – Unveiling of the new Duck Touch Screen computer with guest speakers decoy carver Jim Sprankle and supervisory refuge ranger Toni Westland

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Modern Dance Company To Perform At BIG ARTS Schein Hall

BIG ARTS will present the Taylor 2 Dance Company this Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road. The talented six-member modern dance ensemble will perform pieces choreographed by the legendary Paul Taylor, a Kennedy Center honoree and National Medal of Arts winner.

Few artists of our time have had the profound impact in their art form that Taylor has had on dance for more than six decades. Hallmarks of his style include everyday gestures, and collaboration with visual artists such as Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns. *Time Magazine* wrote, "Paul Taylor is the reigning master of modern dance."

Taylor 2 will present three separate dance productions as part of their performance. The first, *Aureole*, known for its grace and technical difficulty, features music by composer GF Handel. The second production, Images, is set to impressionistic music by Claude Debussy, and exhibits Taylor's idiosyncratic imagination with presentations of archaic formations. The third, *Piazzolla Caldera*, is Taylor's famous meditation on the Argentine tango.

Kay McLain of the *Durham Herald-Sun* writes, "If modern dance is – well – too modern for you, catch a performance by Taylor 2. Their performance of *Aureole* was ballet let loose – undeniably beautiful and incredibly romantic, but danced with a joyful abandon."

Tickets are $42 for general admission seats, $47 for loge seats and children's seats are $15. Tickets are now available for purchase online at www.BIGARTS.org.

***Piazzolla Caldera* with Latra Wilson and Francisco Garciana**
photo by Tom Caravaglia

Taylor 2 Dance Company performance is supported by Grand Patron Sponsor The Ferguson Foundation, Sponsor Bailey's General Store and Supporter Hazel & David Barber.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event information, including links to artists' websites. Tickets may also be purchased at the BIG ARTS Marks Box Office, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, or by calling 395-0900.☆

Pirates sail far and wide in search of treasure

Treasure! Exhibit

Ahoy mateys! The *Pieces of Eight* Pirate Cruise has reached an accord with the Imaginarium Science Center and has agreed to sponsor Treasure! the exhibit. During the exhibit, lads and lassies can visit the Imaginarium and participate in a modern-day treasure hunt. The expedition for treasure runs through May 20 at the Imaginarium where guests will use modern technology and the tools-of-the-trade to uncover a variety of treasures, as well as the science, history, stories and the people behind this quest.

For centuries, the appeal of hidden riches, promises of great fortune and caches of untold prizes have lured treasure hunters seeking fame, fortune, and answers. Treasure – buried treasure, sunken treasure, attic treasure – has an allure that has drawn people in for some amazing adventures throughout history. Now, the Imaginarium brings the hunt to you with an interactive exhibition that puts the gold in your hands. Treasure! explores the history of treasures and treasure hunting, the technology and tools used to find it and the people and personalities that hunt for treasure – like you!

Guests will discover artifacts of ancient shipwrecks and take the controls of a remote-operated vehicle (ROV) used to uncover underwater treasures. Relive the gold rush and try panning for gold, then experiment with metal detectors or embark on a geocache using GPS navigation, for a modern day treasure hunting experience.

Guests in Treasure! will be able to learn how to tie nautical ropes typical of sailing ships, explore pirate scents, create a souvenir at the coin rubbing station and make their own pirate flag. A kiosk will truly take treasure hunters on an interactive search for Nova Scotia's famed Money Pit on Oak Island.

This exhibition explores and answers the questions: What is treasure? Who hunts for treasure? Why do they hunt treasure? How do people hunt for treasure? What do you treasure? Explore these questions and take part in your own treasure hunt when you visit.

Treasure! offers seven thematic areas and hands-on activities that invite visitors to try the tools of treasure hunting, while they investigate and learn how to protect treasures. Special exhibit features also include actual artifacts from shipwrecks and other treasure sites. Visitors embark on their own quest to explore: Underwater Treasure, Buried Treasure, Gold Rushes, Treasures in the Attic, Treasure in Popular Culture, and then move on to The Modern Treasure Hunt and Protecting Treasure.

The Imaginarium is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue, Fort Myers. Call 321-7420 or go to www.imaginariumfortmyers.com.

Pieces of Eight is located at Salty Sam's Marina, 2500 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach. Reservations are required by calling 765-7272.

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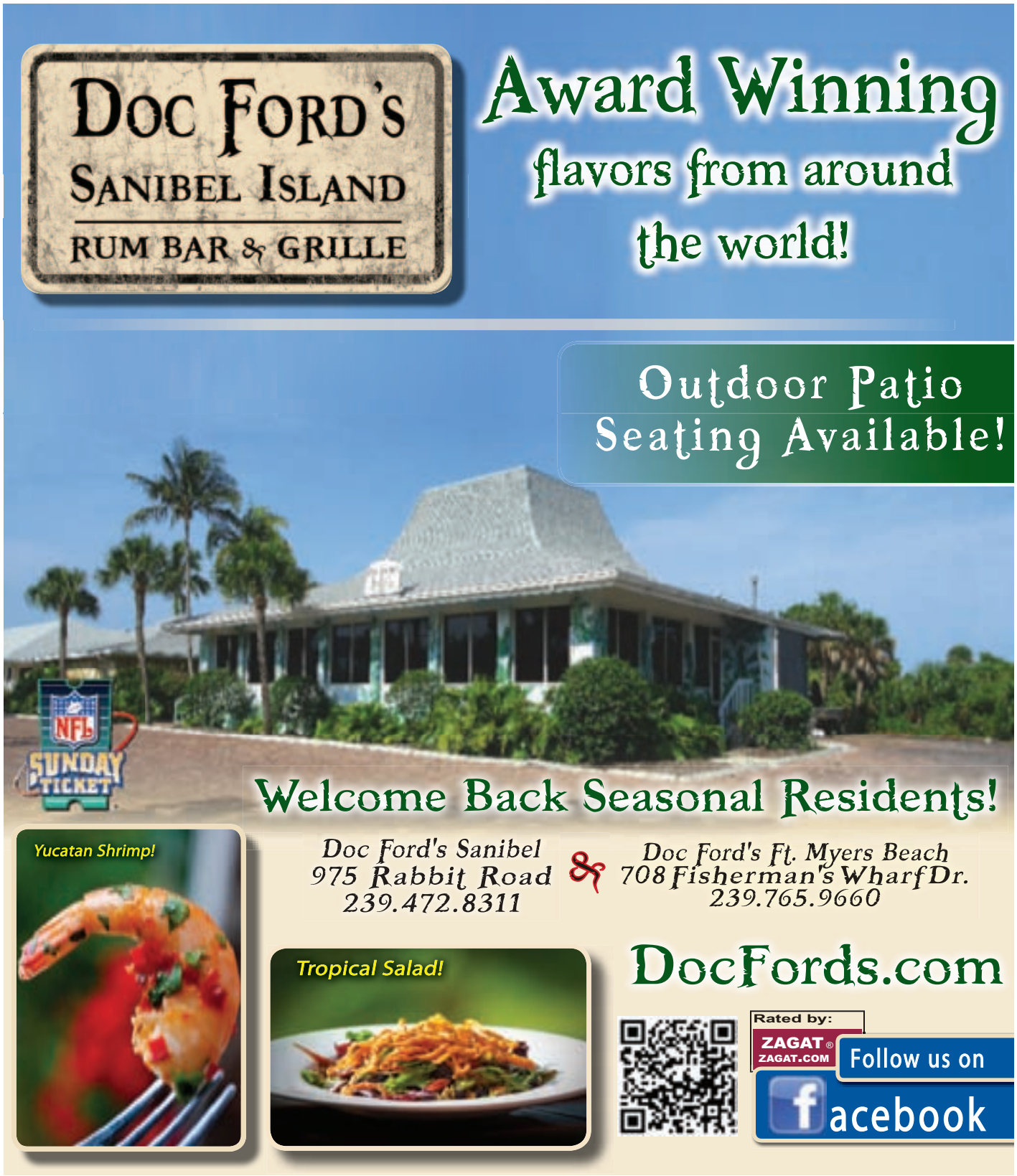

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The Florida Education Foundation and the Just Read, Florida! office have partnered together to provide individual community members, educational partners, parents, grandparents and friends an opportunity to show support for their state public schools. Through the Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Take the Lead and Read Book Donation site, individuals can select The Sanibel School, and purchase the number of books they would like to donate to the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, at our school or in the community, to help build classroom libraries as well as school media center resources.

Research shows that students who read just 20 minutes extra per day are more likely to excel and be successful in school. The goal of this donation site is to increase the number of books in schools so that all students have access to more text, providing them the opportunity to expand and advance their literacy skills.

For more details, visit the book donation website at http://data.fldoe.org/register/JustReadFlorida.☆

Book Discussion Group To Meet At The Library

Readers are invited to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson, the focus of the Wednesday, January 25 book discussion meeting at the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road. The meeting is free and open to the public. The discussion will begin at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room 4, across from the elevator. Judy Davis will be the leader for the discussion.

Forced to confront the realities of life in the 21st century when he falls in love with Pakistani widow, Mrs. Ali, Major Pettigrew finds the relationship challenged by local prejudices that view Mrs. Ali, a Cambridge native, as a perpetual foreigner.

Copies of Simonson's book are available and located in the library near the reference desk. While it is preferable to come having read the book to be able to join in the lively discussion, all are welcome.

Call the library at 472-2483 with any questions or for more information.☆

Book Signing With Don Bruns

Florida Author Don Bruns will be signing copies of the sixth book in his Stuff Series, *Too Much Stuff*, on Saturday, January 21 form 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sanibel Island Books & Gifts.

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Monday Night Movie

BIG ARTS Presents Drama, Comedy

by Stan Gembicki

The movie *Queen To Play*, BIG ARTS selection for Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m., is a stylish and sophisticated drama, comedy of newfound passions and midlife triumphs, set on the postcard perfect island of Corsica.

Oscar winner Kevin Kline (*A Fish Called Wanda, The Ice Storm*) and Sandrine Bonnaire (*Vagabond, Le Ceremonie*) square off in this film by first-time director Caroline Bottaro. Bonnaire plays a chambermaid living with her family on the Corsican coast. While cleaning the rooms of glamorous people, she becomes intrigued by a couple playing chess in seemingly intimate circumstances. The maid's new obsession with the game of chess leads to her unexpected mastery of it, a development which does not sit well with her husband (Francis Renaud). Chess also brings her to the attention of an expat widower (Kline, in his first French speaking role).

The film is based on Bertina Henrichs' acclaimed novel *La Joueuse d'echec* Henrich is a neighbor of the director Battaro.

The film uses chess as its vehicle for a heroine taking wing. Chess is somehow just right for the wonderful Bonnaire, grave-faced star of many serious French films. This story, which seems so simple, tells a truth about life: Whatever your social origins or education you can change your own destiny. If you decide to pursue a passion, anything is possible. There is a line in the film that sums up this theme: "If you take risks, you might lose, but if you don't take risks, you always lose."

Queen To Play will be shown in French with English subtitles. The running time is 97 minutes.

General Admission is $8, or 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.

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

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Klouchi: A Spirit Unleashed Exhibit

Swing

The spirit of athleticism will be unleashed at Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery (AOTO) this February during its newest exhibit, Klouchi: A Spirit Unleashed.

The exhibit features artwork by French Olympian Kader Klouchi. He participated in the 1992 Olympic Games for Algeria in long jump. Klouchi is a two-time French national record and a three-time world champion.

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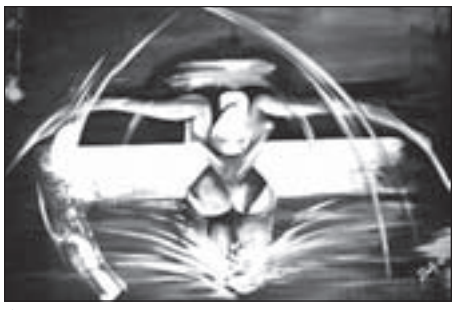

Swim

Kayak

Klouchi captures his personal passion for sport and draws on his appreciation of the body's movement as a work of art in all of its grace and beauty. The exhibit will feature several new pieces that Klouchi.

Opening night of the A Spirit Unleashed art exhibit will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 3 in the Olympic Art Gallery at Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery at 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. Visitors to the opening reception will have an opportunity to meet the Olympian artist.☆

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The Community House as it appears today

Community House Marks 85 Years

Eighty five years ago, in 1927, the country was still enjoying the prosperous decade known as the Roaring Twenties. That year, with Calvin Coolidge in the White House, Charles Lindbergh would make his famous trans-Atlantic flight and *The Jazz Singer* would bring sound to motion pictures.

On Sanibel and Captiva, local folks had their own reason to celebrate in 1927. The talk of the town was the newly-opened Community House on Periwinkle Way. At last, islanders had a facility large enough for town meetings, civic and social gatherings, and group recreation events. The new structure was handsome although not fancy, just a simple cottage-style building. When it first opened, it had no electricity and its "plumbing" was an outdoor privy hidden in back among the seagrapes.

The Community House circa 1930, soon after it opened

Still, it was the source of great pride, and rightfully so, since The Community House had been conceived, paid for and constructed entirely by island residents. They saw a need for a central gathering place, and they took action, donating the land, building materials, and volunteer labor to make it a reality. Ever since, The Community House has been operated by islanders through the Sanibel Community Association (SCA), with funds coming exclusively from membership dues, donations and facility rental fees. It receives no funding from taxes.

From the moment it opened, The Community House was a popular place. At regular Saturday night socials, practically everyone in town, young and old, would get together to share dinner, games and conversation. Often there would be a dance, with a 10 cent admission charge and music provided by a radio broadcast.

In addition to its social duties, The Community House has also been the scene of much of Sanibel's civic history. Elections were held there for many years, including the historic referendum of November, 1974 which saw Sanibel Island become an incorporated city, and, a month later, election of the first city council. Prior to construction of

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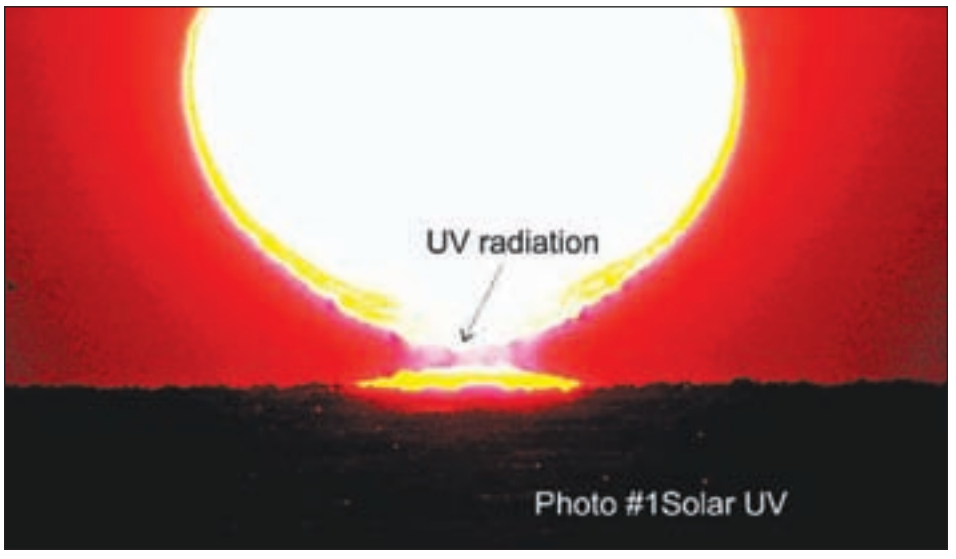

Solar UV radiation

The Green Flash Phenomenon

submitted by John Hicks

Of all the sun-generated events we see on earth, including rainbows, glories, sunsets, sundogs, solar and lunar eclipses, the green flash is the most elusive and difficult phenomenon to photograph. There are many reasons for this.

First of all, in order to capture it effectively, a minimum focal length of 400 mm is required. I personally use a Pronto Refractor at 500 mm with a 3X teleconverter, which gives me an effective focal length of 1500 to 2000 mm. A stable tripod is mandatory and the best are designed for video TV cameras made by Manfrotto.

The disk of the sun is about the size of a dime in my viewer at 1500 mm focal length and the green flash becomes obvious as a "green rim" at the top of the sun, long before the sun's disk hits the ocean horizon. It's a fleeting image at that point, dancing from the sun's equator towards the pole, then returning back to the solar equator. (The sun has both equator and polar regions by convention, although there is really no visual difference). A few minutes later – if you are lucky – the sun's last rays refract around earth's atmosphere, usually changing its shape into a squashed, oblate object. It is then, under perfect conditions, that the green flash becomes a reality.

There are several requirements for it to appear:

1. No clouds on the horizon
2. Usually a red sunset or at least a reddened sky
3. Little or no wind (high winds create ocean waves on the horizon which interfere with viewing the small solar disk under high power)
4. Not too high humidity (which affects the degree of light refraction)
5. Plain good luck

There is reasonable doubt that if you think you see it, you don't, and that is because the red and yellow parts of the solar spectrum over-saturate your retina, creating a green tinge to the sun. (If you doubt this, go outside on a bright sunny day, stare at the sun for a second, then close your eyes – you will see a green orb against your closed eyelids – the residual image of the sun that has over-saturated your retina). Of course, the camera doesn't usually lie about an object's spectrum, and it will often capture it when you don't see it at all. If this isn't enough to discourage you, the camera setting must be near-perfect exposure to get an image (the shutter speed changes by a factor of about 100 each few seconds as the sun sets). That will keep you very busy with altering shutter speed, looking into the viewer, and checking the position of the sun and horizon as it quickly sets.

I must warn you about viewing the sun in any optical instrument (binoculars, telescope and to some extent even an SLR camera – one that has a prism that allows you to see through the lens). The magnified solar spectrum can permanently

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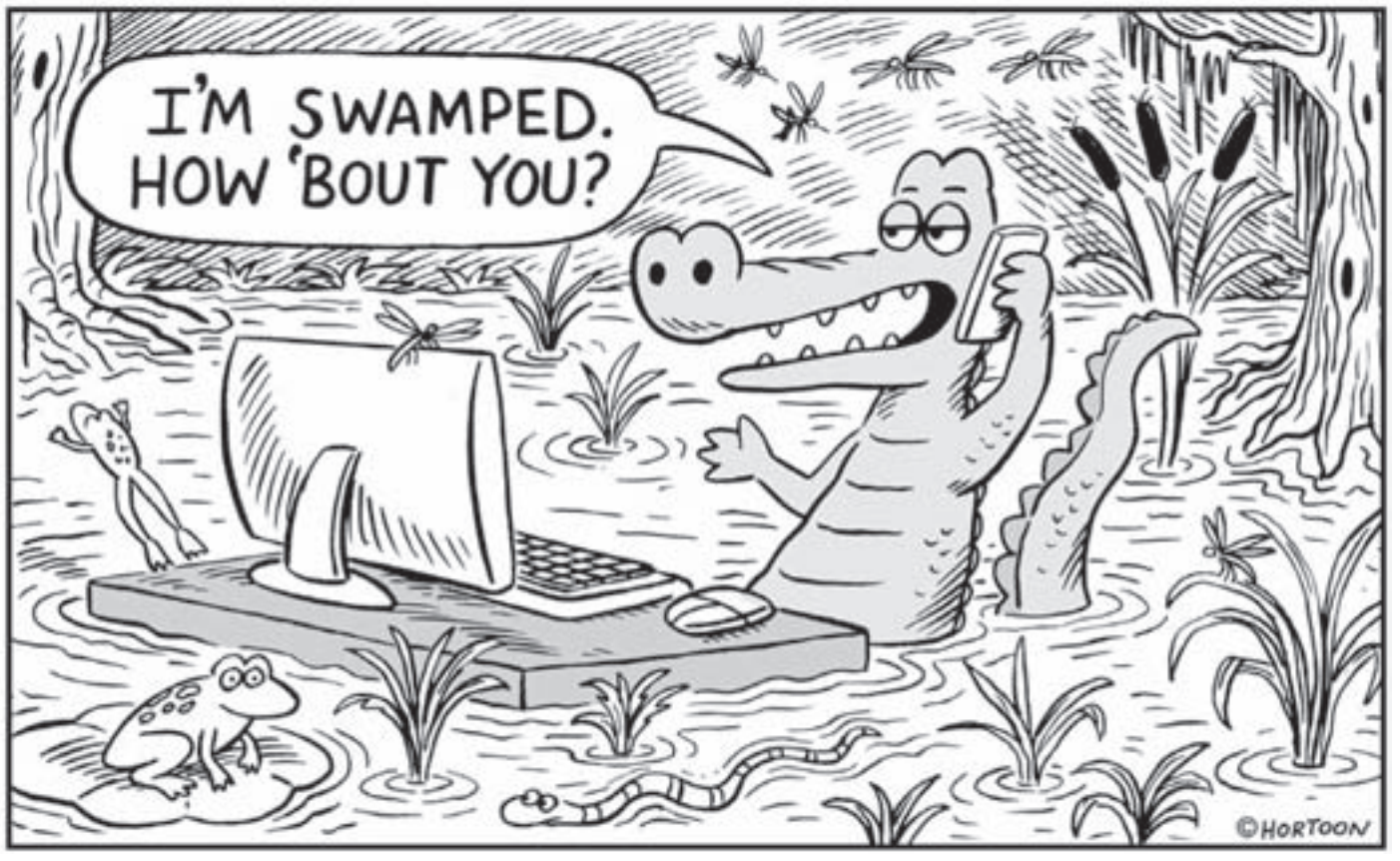

American Legion Post 123 Events

Friday Night Fish Frys are back at the American Legion Post 123 starting this Friday, January 20. Meals will be served from 4 to 8 p.m.

On Sunday, January 22, stop by for some BBQ ribs and chicken from 1 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live music with singer/guitarist Chris Coile from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Every Friday, the Legion offers a 6 oz. ribeye steak sandwich all day and Fish Fry from 4 to 8 p.m. 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.

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FISH Adds Friendly Faces Lunch Date

FISH (Friends In Service Here) of Sanibel is adding an additional date to the popular Friendly Faces lunch calendar. Due to its success, beginning this month there will be a second monthly lunch date for Friendly Faces, held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at George & Wendy's Corner Grill.

The FISH Friendly Faces lunch was established nearly 30 years ago. FISH clients, volunteers and friends come together for a monthly lunch, giving everyone an opportunity to meet up with old friends, meet new friends and chat about how life is going for them. Over the past year, these lunches have been held at George & Wendy's Corner Grill and it has been a big success. The monthly lunches take place on the second Tuesday each month have been arranged and managed by FISH volunteers Gillian and David Bath over the past few years.

Following the success of these lunches, guests started asking if it would be possible to meet more frequently, as they were a great boost to morale for everyone who attended. Bill Fellows, president, and Maggi Feiner, executive director, proposed to the FISH board that an additional date would be added, which was approved.

From now on, FISH will host two Friendly Faces lunches: on the second Tuesday of the month at noon and the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. and the whole community is invited to join in.

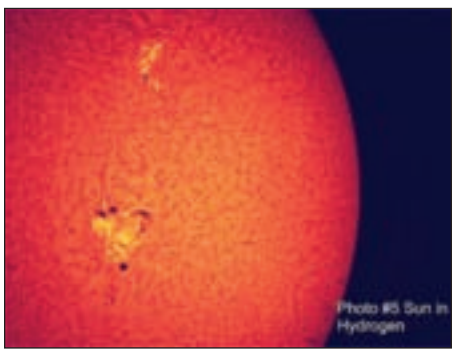
The next FISH Friendly Faces lunch will take place on Thursday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. at George & Wendy's Corner Grill, 2499 Periwinkle Way.☆

Christina Barry, Robert Chuback and Sally Ennis

Christine Swiersz and Christina Barry

Gillian Bath and Judy Gentry

Inverted green flash



Sun in hydrogen

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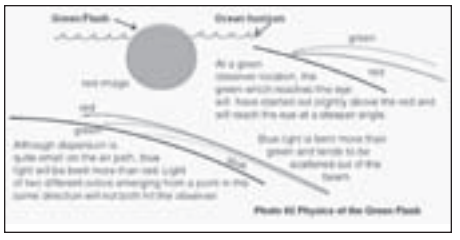
Green Flash

blind you, destroying rods and cones in your retina (from both heat and light). The average telescope and binoculars increases the sun's intensity up to 1,000 times. If you remember how you started fires with a hand lens in the sun – think about what a much more powerful lens will do to your eyes. Do not look at the sun through optics until it has nearly set

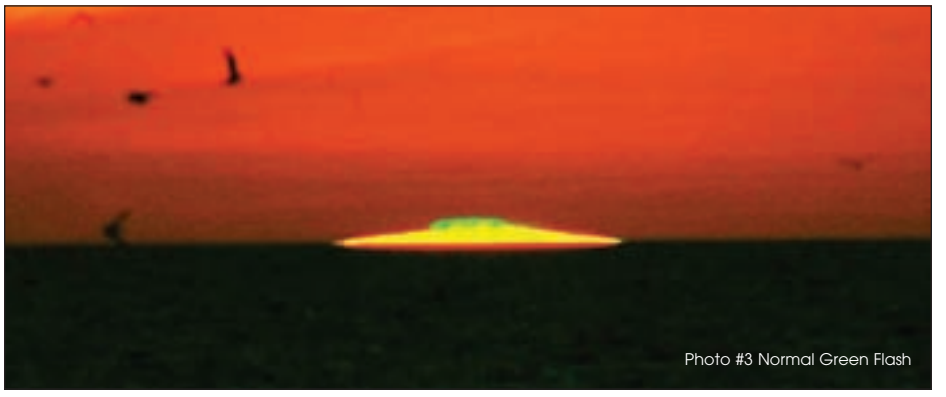


Physics of a green flash

(completely down).

When I look through the right-angle viewer on my Nikon SLR camera attached to a 1500 mm telescope I use "averted vision," looking at the edges of my viewer, not the center which concentrates the sun's ferocity. And I look for only a split second. On extra bright days (and those do occur), I place a 13 percent neutral density filter over the viewer to subdue the light, allowing only 13 percent of the light through. Even then, when the sun's bottom is just touching the ocean horizon, it's blinding in white light and requires an exposure of 1/8000 second. Even that exposure causes my receptor chip in the camera to bloom (flood out). So use extreme caution in taking the green flash or lose your vision. The attached photo #1 of the sun resting on the ocean horizon shows extreme UV radiation showering downward, just under the limb of the sun – this is what damages your eyes.

The other diagram #2 shows how the green flash is produced – it's simple, really. The green rays of the solar spectrum are bent more than the red rays and as a result reach the eye at a steeper



Normal example of a green flash

angle. The green rays being last, create the green flash. The blue rays are bent even more than the red, and create a "blue flash" seen only in arid regions (polar zones and Arizona). Admiral Bird saw them in the Antarctic. A position on the beach of only a meter higher or lower will determine how well you see it – it's all physics and involves the wave length of light which is measured in angstroms (one ten-billionth of an inch), so a meter is another world away in this sort of photography.

The two green flash photographs (#3 and #4) illustrate the best views I have had since I came to Sanibel.

The green flash on top of the solar disk (photo #3) is normal and hard to get in that form. The linear green flash (photo #4) shown in the other photo is exceedingly rare, and I've never seen another photo of it on the web or anywhere else. It's the result of an atmospheric inversion where a high or low pressure zone somewhere on the edge of earth's horizon has thrown the green flash topsy-turvy placing the green spectrum under the red-yellow spectrum. Sanibel probably has the privilege of hosting the only one in existence. Another good reason for being on Sanibel!

Photo #5 is one of my usual hydrogen alpha images of the solar surface. Taken from Sanibel last March, this photo shows active flares and an enormous looped prominence (hot plasma gas) being ejected and pulled back onto the solar surface by immense magnetic and gravitational forces. Studying the sun is a fascinating area of astronomy which I have done for the past 30 years.

Call John Hicks at 395-2896 for photographic prints of the green flash. A percentage of the proceeds are donated to CROW.☆

Sustainable Seafood Program Launched By START

Seafood Savvy
a recipe for change
www.start1.com

submitted by Les Boyle

To help address the decline in available seafood in our oceans due to the increased demand and overfishing, the Sanibel-Captiva START chapter is introducing a program called Seafood Savvy to help make people aware of the situation and provide some steps toward a solution to this global problem soon to become a crisis.

The Sanibel-Captiva START chapter is partnering with local restaurants and seafood markets to help make people aware of seafood species that are still sustainable, meaning that they are still abundant enough that if reasonable harvests are maintained they will be available as a food source for the long term. The goal of the program is to make seafood consumers, markets and restaurants aware of the problem and help them become "seafood savvy" by making sustainable seafood choices.

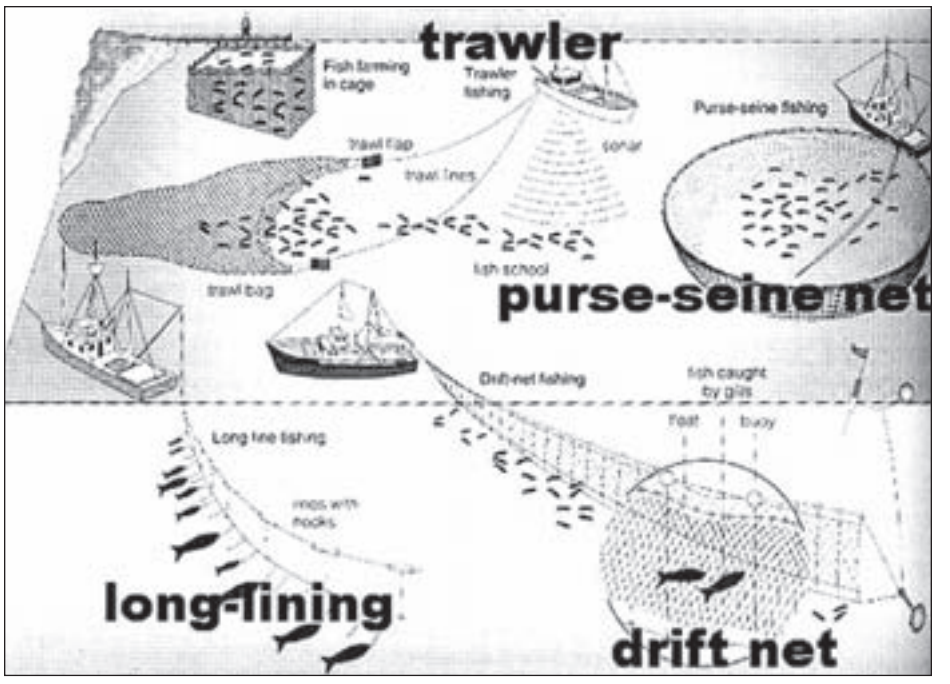
As a partner, the seafood restaurants and markets agree to make available sustainable seafood choices for their customers, provide informational literature, and familiarize their staffs with the concept of sustainable seafood. The San-Cap START chapter provides the staff training and point of sale items for these retailers.

In addition, the chapter will run a newspaper advertising and public relations campaign during the 2012 tourist season to increase awareness of sustainable seafood and to direct them to retailers who are providing sustainable seafood choices.

You can become seafood savvy by:

- Patronizing seafood restaurants and markets that off sustainable choices
- Asking your server or counter person to recommend sustainable seafood
- Visiting www.seafoodsavvy.org to see what initiatives are being taken to protect our oceans and future seafood

Most people think of our oceans as a vast area with an unending supply of seafood. The fact is that many of our most popular seafood species are in trouble. A good example in this country is cod, which has been fished for in the northeast U.S. for over 100 years and is now all but extinct. The reason is that the demand for seafood due to the rapid world population increase has prompted the global fishing fleet to severely overfish our natural wild caught seafood populations.



Commercial fishing has become so efficient that at the current pace, our ocean seafood stocks will be depleted by the year 2048

While some countries have passed laws to contain overfishing there is very little enforcement and illegal practices are rampant. It's not only overfishing but it's also wasteful fishing. Long lining and huge trawl nets are not selective, so many non-targeted species such as sea turtles and sharks are killed in the process. For every 100 pounds of seafood caught, 25 pounds of it are thrown away as "bycatch."

Seafood Savvy is an initiative of START based in Sarasota, which is a non-profit organization whose objective is to help preserve the coastal waters of Florida. The local Seafood Savvy campaign is being funded and launched by the San-Cap chapter of START. Funds for this and other local water conservation programs were raised from the proceeds of the San-Cap Cracker Fest.

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The Dunes	Sanibel	1978	1,498	539,900	500,000	703
Belle Lago	Fort Myers	2005	3,101	525,000	480,000	37
Shadow Wood At The Brooks	Bonita Springs	2000	2,496	498,500	479,000	66
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1999	2,930	474,900	448,000	31
Lake Murex	Sanibel	1976	1,940	479,974	444,000	217
Sanibel Shores	Sanibel	1984	1,521	364,900	405,000	6

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Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

It was a jam-packed meeting for Rotary last week, in more ways than one. We certainly had a larger attendance than usual; snowbird Rotarians have settled in and guest Rotarians are showing up at our meetings regularly now. Club rituals and committee reports took quite a while.

Our guest speakers were Richard Johnson, president of the board of Sanibel CHR (Community Housing and Resources) and Dorothy Donaldson, CHR board member. CHR will be celebrating over 30 years of service to the community this year.

For most of that time, this non-profit organization has gone about its business in a quiet and steady fashion. It has managed to develop and build over 70 units of below market housing for clients as varied as seniors, families with children, and members of our low-income community workforce. These housing units are in low density developments throughout Sanibel.

Dorothy Donaldson, CHR board member, and Richard Johnson, CHR board president

Johnson said, "In the last few years, as with all real estate development projects anywhere, CHR has accrued financial challenges in this economic environment. The real estate market had changed and a slowdown in sales occurred. The island economy, driven by visitors from up north and overseas, was spotty, and workforce hours were decreased. These factors caused unexpected stress to below market housing sales and rentals."

CHR real estate transactions stalled for a while and until sales of available units picked up there would be an unbalanced budget weighted on the debt side. Within the last year, the current board members have reviewed the situation and reexamined the community housing needs based upon an evaluation of the CHR Limited Equity Ownerships (LEO) plan. Other avenues addressed were taking on a proactive position toward finding qualified buyers for the unsold properties. The board has recently been successful in doing just that and LEO sales transactions have resulted in most of CHR inventory sold. Efforts are also being directed toward increasing fundraising efforts.

Now with the sales of LEO housing going in the right direction, the agency is addressing the issue of reducing its negative debt position. To help with that task, reaching out to the community and bringing awareness through speaking engagements provides a platform for giving opportunities only recently tapped by the agency.

Dorothy Donaldson has been spending much of her time trying to analyze the needs of CHR residents. Tenant meetings for each housing location are now being arranged and the outcome will help CHR plan on how to serve their client base in the future.

The agency's recent tight budget has not allowed ground keeping maintenance and some of CHR older units need interior maintenance and repairs. Two of the housing locations have a number of

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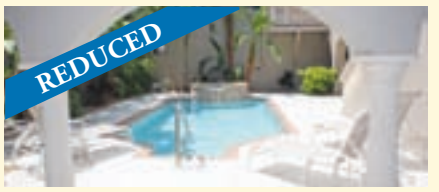

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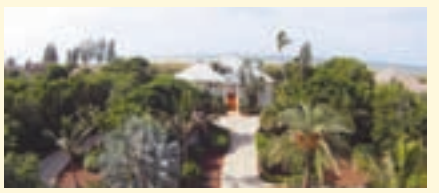

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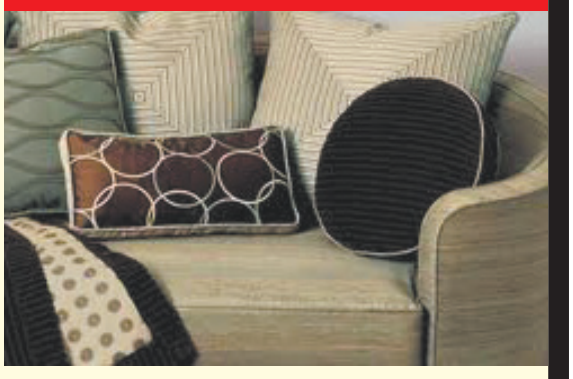

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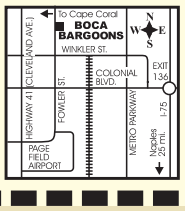

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Portraits In Print

by Jane Vos Hogg

She's called a historical actress. Meet Damaris Peters Pike, a pleasing performer who engages an audience portraying women of note. Carefully researched and appropriately attired, she may come on stage a la Doris Day… or Irving Berlin's daughter… or perhaps Bob Hope's widow. You name it and she's done it, a crowd pleaser par excellence.

For more than 25 years, she has wintered here, arriving as soon as her three-week December class at Ohio's Hiram College ends and staying until mid-March. During the warm weather months, she continues to teach two courses each year and direct the Hiram women's chorus.

Speaking of her husband, Ken Pike, she said, "Before we were married, he brought me to Sanibel with his mother. I always suspected that if I hadn't loved the place, she'd never have added her approval to his choice of a wife."

Ever curious, I wondered about her name, Damaris. Where did it come from? She explained her mother was a romantic. Her own name was Ila, and throughout her pregnancy she assumed she'd have a boy and he'd be named David. Well, labor began and as childbirth progressed it was clear this was no David. Her mother, it seems, had always disliked her own name promising "no daughter of mine will have a three-letter name." Damaris came from a short story her mother had just finished where that was the name of its most memorable character. "Lucky for me, my mother was an avid reader," said the namesake with a smile.

Along with a variety of other courses, Damaris taught music history at a small midwestern college. In her teaching preparation, she always wanted to know more about the history and lives of the composers. When she attended a performance of an actress who portrayed Lucretia Garfield, a former president's wife, an idea was born. "Why not investigate not just the lives of great composers, but of the women who were so woven into their lives."

This led her to the story of Bach's second wife. Damaris researched the subject and wrote a script which she hoped to perform, playing the part of Anna Magdalena. She tried it out at a business executive's meeting. Asking her audience, "Do you think anyone would pay to hear this done?" the answer came back "Definitely!" The idea took shape and grew.

She'd always loved Chopin and his music, which led her to his mistress, George Sand. Her attire for this presentation was complete, right down to the tux and top hat, and she wrote tales of some of Sand's most infamous love affairs.

One night, passing though her living room, Damaris heard the televised ad for United Airlines; they were playing their theme song, Gershwin's *Rhapsody In Blue*. "Great. I needed an American. But George Gershwin had never married. There were no lasting relationships with women in his life." Then, going through photos, Damaris found one of a woman, in total flapper attire. It was his younger sister… and it turned out she was a singer! From this, a new role was born.

A reviewer, Sanibel's own Frank Wagner, covering one of her shows visited backstage and said, "You must do Gertrude Lawrence." And so yet another personality was added to her swelling series.

Later, she recalled her undergrad school days when a photo of Mary Martin (another possibility suggested by Wagner) was on the wall of the voice studio at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Here, Damaris stopped to explain why, though she uses a bit of an accent for Mary Martin, she has intentionally lost much of her own Texas inflection. "When you're outside that state and people hear it, they automatically knock 30 points off your IQ."

There are near a dozen "Women Of Note" in Damaris' repertoire. She travels extensively to perform, doing numerous shows each year in Florida and a total close to 50 in some 14 other states.

On January 20, viewers at the Sanibel Center 4 Life will be in for a bit of dramatic difference. This year, Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th century nun, has overtaken Doris Day. You'll meet someone who was cloistered when she was 9, came to accept convent life, developed into a prolific composer and was clearly centuries ahead of her time, writing about science, art, politics, medicine and theology.

"How do you keep your characters apart?" I wondered aloud. "I visualize it as I learn it. That way, the lines and the actions become an integral part of the script. Sometimes I find myself thinking parts while in bed at night. If I fall asleep while I'm doing it, I wake knowing just where I was when I dozed off."

How deliciously different, I thought, trying to imagine what it must be like for her husband. Are there times when he goes to sleep with Beverly Sills, only to wake up bedded down with the second Mrs. Bach? No matter. He seems both adjusted to and enjoying his role as a starring supporter of his wife's theatrical endeavors.

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From page 1B

Community House Marks 85 Years

the current city hall, the city council met at The Community House. It has also been the birthplace of practically every club and organization on the island.

Over the years, The Community House has been expanded as population grew, most recently in the 1970s. Today, it continues to host a busy schedule of activities, classes, club meetings, dinners, luncheons and special events, including the annual shell fair and show, which has been held there since 1931. This year will see the expansion of the shell fair and show into an island-wide Shellabration event and the return of the Dancing With The Islands' Stars for its third year. As the islands' largest public meeting space, The Community House also serves as the location where many non-profits hold their major fundraising efforts, thus helping to support a variety of local charitable causes.

The goal which those 1927 residents established for The Community House continues to be met today. SCA President Marge Meek stated, "Our role has really not changed since the beginning. Our mission is to enrich our islands' unique community spirit through educational, cultural and social gatherings, and we try to appeal to a broad range of interests so that there is something for everyone. We like to think that The Community House belongs to every islander."☼

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who is the San Diego Padres' all-time leader in career home runs?
2. How many times has a Texas Ranger been named the A.L. Most Valuable Player?
3. When was the last time before the 2010 season that Green Bay and Chicago faced off in an NFL playoff game?
4. How many NCAA men's basketball championships have the UConn Huskies won?
5. Name the first Eastern bloc player to skate in the NHL.
6. Which was the last team before the L.A. Galaxy in 2011 to win the MLS Cup after being the No. 1 seed entering the playoffs?
7. In 2011, thoroughbred Rapid Redux won his 20th consecutive race, topping the North American record held by two horses. Name either horse.

Answers on page 18B

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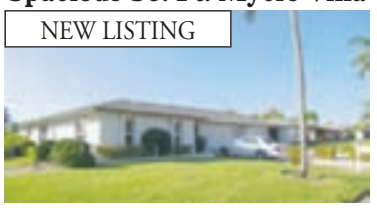

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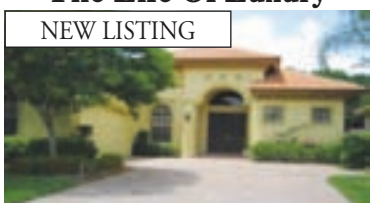

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Zonta members gather outside The Community House on Sanibel before voting to award $54,200 in local grants

Zonta Prepares To Award Grants Of More Than $54,000

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is again about to change many women's lives in Southwest Florida. Each year around this time, Zonta announces annual grants to be awarded to its partner organizations. This year, the grand total of $54,200 in grants – proceeds from the club's 2011 signature fundraiser, A Peek at the Unique – is the highest amount ever awarded for local projects.

The club's strategic plan, revisited every three years, identifies various areas in which service, advocacy and funds provided by the club can have a significant impact on women's lives, which is Zonta's mission. These areas currently are: women's health; women in transition from addiction to recovery; at-risk girls; human trafficking awareness; women's education with a focus on literacy; and a component called Serving Women on the Islands, meeting needs specific to Sanibel and Captiva.

Grants are awarded based on track record, accountability and impact on women's lives. To be eligible to apply, organizations must be recognized non-profits with a mission of helping women and must already be connected to one of Zonta's service teams. A committee reviews all applications and sends recommendations to the club board and the board of the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, the club's 501-c-3. Finally, the full membership votes on the recommendations. Recipient organizations are asked to provide reports at six months and year-end, describing how the grant money has been used.

Here are the awards for 2012:

• FISH of Sanibel – $6,700 for mammograms for women in the Helping Hands program and for any needed follow-up.

• City of Sanibel Recreation Center – $2,500 towards fees for children in after-school programs.

• Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT) – $4,400 to help pay the salary of a bilingual counselor.

• SWFAS/Women in Transitional Living – $8,900 for computer hardware, software and other educational materials.

• Human Trafficking Awareness (HTAP) – $5,000 for materials for the ArtReach program and to expand community awareness.

• GRACE (Guatemalan Rural Adult & Children's Education) – $4,400 for women's health workshops and peer education classes.

• Head Start/Parent U – $5,700 for materials, bus passes and supplies for workshops for mothers of children enrolled in Head Start.

• Literacy Council Gulf Coast – $4,300 for materials for a Moms & Tots literacy program in the 33908 zip code.

• PACE Center for Girls Lee County – $8,600 to help pay the salary of a volunteer coordinator.

• Planned Parenthood – $3,700 towards funding the mandated conversion to computerized medical records.

"The committee faced the daunting task of determining awards when we had $54,000 available to give and requests totaling $77,143," said Barbara Nagle, Zonta president. "As we go into the 2012 Peek at the Unique, our members will emphasize that only with continuing community support can we meet these needs, and that the needs are greater now than ever before."

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. This year's A Peek at the Unique is set for Saturday, March 24.

For more information, visit www.zontasancap.com.✲

Child's Original Painting To Be Auctioned At Wine And Food Fest

Butterflies and a bright purple kitten are featured in this year's signature painting created by Olivia Ramsey of Fort Myers for the 2012 Northern Trust Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest. The painting will be auctioned at the Wine Fest Grand Tasting and Auction on February 25.

Olivia "Liv" is seven years old and an oncology patient at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Now in 2nd grade, she was diagnosed with leukemia in December of 2010. According to her mom, Michelle, she is now in the maintenance phase of her 2.5-year treatment program. "Her first six months of treatment were the hardest, but she always handled everything with a smile. If you met her, you wouldn't know she was battling cancer except for having shorter hair!"

The Ramseys considered moving north, to a cancer treatment center, before meeting Dr. Emad Salman of The Children's Hospital. "We didn't know what we had in our own back yard," Michelle said. "The facility is phenomenal. The nurses, the physicians, they are so knowledgeable and they treat you so well. They've made us feel comfortable the whole way through and it's a scary ride."

The doctors and nurses at The Children's Hospital have become heroes to Liv. "They've done so much for me and they've helped me a lot. I don't have to worry. I know that I'm going to be fine," she said.

Olivia is giving back something of her own as well. She has founded Olivia's Wagon of Wonder. Throughout the year, she will be giving other pediatric oncology patients all sorts of arts and crafts items that have been donated to the wagon. When Olivia spent time in the hospital she passed the time doing many art projects and she said wants to help other children do the same thing.

Liv's original watercolor and acrylic painting will be auctioned off at the Wine Fest's Grand Tasting on February 25. Wine Fest Chairman Dr. Steve Machiz says the children's artwork is typically one of the highest-bid lots.

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is a signature event of the SWFL Children's Charities, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides funding to local charities serving local children. It begins the evening of February 24, with chef vintner dinners in private homes around Southwest Florida for invited guests donating $1,000 to $1,500 per seat. Each dinner will showcase wines by featured vintners and culinary offerings from Southwest Florida's finest chefs.

On February 25, the chefs, vintners, dinner guests and others come together again at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club for the grand tasting and auction. Participating chefs prepare their favorite signature dishes to accompany the wine tastings.

Signature poster by child artist Olivia Ramsey, age 7

Olivia and Emma Grace Ramsey

The auction features packages of unique wines, exclusive trips, and dining experiences. All proceeds from the auction and ticket sales benefit three causes benefiting children's health care in our area: The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Edison State College's Pediatric Nursing Program and an endowment to Florida Gulf Coast University to establish a pre-med student scholarship.

Last year's event netted $1.6 million resulting in a $1,250,000 donation to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and $100,000 to both Edison State College and Florida Gulf Coast University for their respective pediatric nursing and pre-medical education programs.

To view a video about Olivia and an interview with her mother Michelle, or for more information about the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest or ticket sales, visit www.swflwinefest.org or call 278-3900.✲

Janet Cohen and Luc Century at the opening of "Harv's Place"

photos by Bob Klein of FGCU

FGCU's Student Union Dedicated

On the afternoon of January 10 and surrounded by students, FGCU president Wilson Bradshaw officially dedicated the Student Union as the Harvey and Janet Cohen Center, which will be commonly known as Harv's Place.

The Cohen's had both recognized the importance of a student union where students are engaged in activities beyond the classroom. In this center, enduring friendships, lifelong leadership skills and the values of civility, cooperation and caring are developed, and these were the interactions, skills and values important to the Cohen's own success in business and in life. Janet was especially fond of this facility because it is alive with activity and laughter.

When Janet presented their lead gift to the university, through her tears she endearingly referred to the student union as "Harv's Place." Following the death of their daughter in 2010, Harvey's heartache caused his health to deteriorate quickly and he followed her death on February 27, 2011.

Sanibel Island artist Luc Century has created donor recognition art murals in four buildings at FGCU: Whitaker Hall, Holmes Hall, Music Building (Bower School of Music) and now The Harvey and Janet Cohen Center. Century also has an art in public places glass sculpture commission in Academic Building 7. The major donors of these buildings have visited Luc in his studio as he fabricates their individual donor recognition walls and murals.

"Including the donors in the designing and fabrication phases allows them to be actively creative and involved in their connection and commitment to the university," said Century. "It's been fun developing a personal relationship with them as they take such a keen interest in my etching techniques and materials."☆

Islanders Welcome Il Cielo, Newest Sanibel Restaurant

Loretta Paganini, John Boler, Joe Poppalardo, Mary Jo Boler and Paul McCarthy at one of the launch parties

More than 600 guests attended opening festivities for Sanibel's newest restaurant Il Cielo last week.

The culinary expertise behind the restaurant is chef Loretta Paganini, host of *Simply Gourmet* on the Discovery Channel and proprietor of the International Culinary Arts & Sciences Institute, and Milan's chef Marco Corricelli.

Guests at the two-night launch sampled fresh pasta with creamy mushroom and truffle sauce, duck breast with sweet and sour sauce, grilled lamb chops with herb sauce, tiramisu, cannoli and more, along with wine samplings from master sommelier Ron Edwards.

Renowned jazz pianist Jon Weber performed during the private launch and will return on Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and 26 for "A Night in Venice with Jon Weber."☆

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Part I
A War Odyssey

Greatest Generation

submitted by Charles Kelleher

I was inducted into the service in March, 1943. At that particular time I was allowed to choose the service I wanted and I chose the U.S. Navy (actually Naval Reserve). I was sworn in at the Grand Central Palace in mid-town Manhattan, which has long since been razed and replaced by the Pan Am or an adjacent building.

My first post was boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station situated on Lake Michigan. Three months later and after a two-week home leave, I was transferred to the Naval Radio School at the University Of Wisconsin (Madison). I was housed in the men's dormitory on the campus situated on Lake Mandota. After graduating from radio school four months later I had another two-week leave followed by a transfer to the Naval Communications School at Noroton Heights, Connecticut. This was a converted old folks home (originally a private estate).

After graduating from that school I joined the Armed Guard forces which consisted of a small Navy crew of radiomen, signalmen and gunners assigned to a merchant ship. The land base for this group, that is the group destined to be assigned to ships on the North Atlantic, was the Industrial City complex of piers and buildings on the Brooklyn waterfront at 36th Street. These facilities soon became overcrowded and we moved to the recently-completed Fort Greene housing project near downtown Brooklyn, about 20 men to an apartment.

Several weeks later I was assigned to the liberty ship *S.S. William Wilkins,* which was being refitted at the Todd-Erie Basin yard, also in Brooklyn. We lived on the ship while it was in dry dock and then sailed around the lower harbor one day on a sort of shakedown cruise.

I attended a top secret convoy meeting at Naval Eastern District Headquarters in a lower Manhattan office building attended by 90 sea captains and their subordinates (and, I guess, a few radiomen since I was there). It was a 90-ship convoy and my most vivid impression of the meeting was that utmost secrecy was the overriding factor. We sailed out of New York Harbor on a Sunday afternoon, maneuvering for convoy formation off the Jersey coast. The crossing took approximately a month and we were escorted by Canadian corvettes (small destroyers), which cruised up and down the columns of ships listening for submarines. The maximum convoy speed was nine knots which was the speed of the slowest ships. These happened to be several old rusty coal burners – not good companions because their telltale columns of smoke were like a flag on the horizon. On the way over we had several "GO" alerts when the escorts picked up suspicious sounds. They proceeded to drop depth charges between us and our starboard column. Nothing but vibrating water appeared on the surface.

The trip was otherwise uneventful and we landed at Swansea, Wales. The area had recently undergone several demoralization air raids where the targets were churches, a nursing home and several hospitals. We had a brief liberty one day and took a train ride to Cardiff. A meal at a small tea room consisted of a piece of stringy, nondescript meat and a couple dozen peas, half of which were black. After unloading, we sailed up the Irish sea and anchored off Belfast for several days waiting for our 80- or 90-ship return convoy to arrive and assemble. We encountered a fierce North Atlantic storm on the way back followed by a dense fog. The convoy formation turned into a free-for-all but fortunately there were no collisions – only a few near misses.

I returned to the Armed Guard Center at the Brooklyn pier when one day a week or so later, we listened to the news of the D-Day landings at Normandy.

The activity at the center seemed to suggest that it was being dismantled. Several weeks later we embarked on a long slow train ride across the northern tier of the country. We traveled on the Nickel Plate line which probably had been resurrected for war duty. I stayed at the Schumacher Naval Barracks at San Jose, California for several weeks. One day I was recruited as an armed guard to escort several navy personnel prisoners by bus to the Federal Building in downtown San Francisco. The mission was completed without incident.

We then sailed to Pearl Harbor on a huge troop transport and finally arrived at a receiving center situated alongside a sugar cane field.

This, I later learned, was on the northeast perimeter of the Pearl Harbor area. While here I enjoyed several liberties into Honolulu.

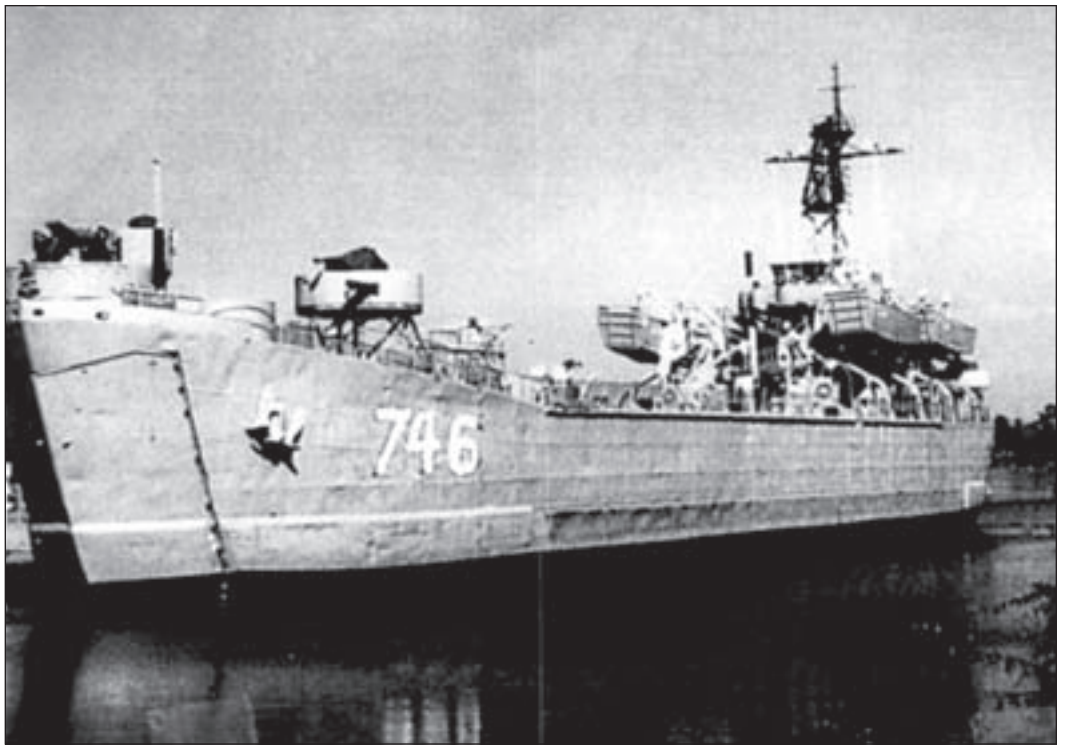
Shortly thereafter I sailed on another gigantic troop ship for the Marianas Islands in the South Pacific. While underway we spent a lot of time in the ship's radio room practicing copying (by typewriter) encoded messages. I remember copying information about a terrible hurricane that hit Long Island. That was during July, 1944. It was also during this trip that we learned that we were being transferred to the amphibious forces and, upon arriving at Saipan Harbor, I was immediately transferred to my new ship, LST 746. The designation is landing ship, tank. However, many who served on them thought it should mean large, slow target.

For the first several months our ship participated in resupplying what had recently become rear guard area, namely, New Guinea, Caroline Islands and Solomon Islands. We carried heavy equipment, food supplies and service troops. A frequent port-of-call was Hollandia, New Guinea, one of many staging areas for future campaigns up the line – Phillippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, etc. I had several interesting liberties in Hollandia when we mixed with the Papuans chewing their betal nuts.

We took aboard fully equipped combat troops at Biak Island towards the end of September, 1944. I remember this island as appearing very pretty from the harbor in spite of it"s having the dubious distinction of straddling the equator.

The initial landing in the Phillippines Archipelago was Leyte Island, about midway down the chain on the Eastern side. D-Day was October 20 and we arrived on D plus 3. We beached in a long row of about 15 or 20 LSTs in front of Tacloban, the capital city of Leyte Island. Since there was only limited resistance, we did not immediately back off the beach after discharging troops and equipment through the bow doors. We were able to watch much of the activity on the beach.

We didn't know until later that a pivotal naval battle of the war was developing 50 miles out in the gulf as a Japanese armada was attempting to decimate the toehold achieved in the recent Leyte landing. – Charles Kelleher LST 746 RM 2/C.



LST 746, Kelleher's ship, one of over 1,000 LSTs built during WWII

Next week: The Japanese attack.

Charles Kelleher, 87, a retired banker, has lived on Sanibel with his wife Phyllis since 1988. He hopes others of what Tom Brokaw calls "the greatest generation" will also relate their stories of combat.☆

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Around The Islands With Anne

Functional Art For Seaside Living At Watson McRae Gallery

by Anne Mitchell

Ed Koehler's *Big Blonde Mangrove Lamp* is as tall as a man, standing on four arched roots. It is a fine example of functional art, the kind currently on display at the **Watson McRae Gallery** on Sanibel. Koehler fashioned it – and other pieces, including his *Seagrape Table* – in painstaking detail from steel and carved clay resin. The lamp is $2,800, not outrageous for a stunning piece of art that has a true purpose.

Gallery owner Maureen Watson wants to demonstrate with this exhibit called Artful Homes: New Ideas for Seaside Living that art can be functional, even practical, additions and need not cost a small fortune.

For instance, Lacy McClary's Adirondack-inspired chairs are crafted from everyday items such as golf clubs, tennis raquets, oars, license plates and even a marine SLOW speed sign. They are structurally sound for everyday use and also weather-tolerant. They're priced at $1,150.

Then there's Katie Gardenia's whimsy gone wild, in upholstered chairs embellished with fish and carved birds, all the elements crafted by hand, even the stitching, according to Watson. Gardenia even dyes her own fabrics and felts the wool.

Other elements of the exhibit are pottery with Florida themes such as palm fronds, geckos and seashells, all functional and food safe. Mugs are $38, plates $48 and big bowls $150.

Lucy Dierks' exquisite textured porcelain items, such as teapots and salt dishes, are small in stature but big on impact. Each bears her calling card, a perky bird perched somewhere.

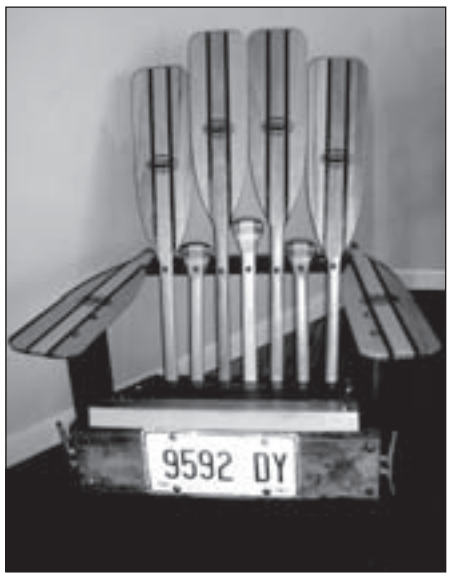
You'll also find painted floor cloths sturdy enough for outdoors and Victorian style pitchers and matching tumblers from UK native Claire Prenton, featuring birds and other wildlife.

The exhibit opened January 10 and will continue through February 11.

Watson McRae Gallery is in The Village Shops at 2340 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, phone 472-3386.

Big Blonde Mangrove lamp by Ed Koehler

Lacy McClary chair



Chair by Lacy McClary

Chair by Katie Gardenia

LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

Renowned jazz pianist Jon Weber will perform two nights in January at Sanibel's newest dining establishment, **Il Cielo.**

On Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and 26, Il Cielo will present A night in Venice with Jon Weber. Beginning at 6 p.m. guests will experience the New York-based pianist's technical ability and complex harmonic compositions while having a seven-course price fix menu.

Il Cielo is located at 1244 Periwinkle Way, phone 472-5555.

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, accoustic 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.

Cip's Place has live music from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday with Jimmy G on steel drums. Steve "Scooter" Reynolds performs Thursday and Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. Cip's is at 2055 Periwinkle Way. Phone 472-0223.

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

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

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

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

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

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Carved doves embellish a Katie Gardenia chair

Ceramic bowls made by Key West artist at Watson McRae Gallery

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Will The Ravens' Harbaugh Face The 49ers' Harbaugh In Super Bowl XLVI?

by Ed Frank

They are the first pair of brothers in the history of the National Football League to serve as head coaches at the same time. Could they become the first pair of brothers to face each other in next month's Super Bowl?

We're talking, of course, about the remarkable Harbaugh brothers, John, 49, of the Baltimore Ravens, and his younger brother, Jim, 48, of the San Francisco 49ers.

To reach the pinnacle of professional football – Super Bowl XLVI on February 5 in Indianapolis – the Ravens must defeat the New England Patriots for the AFC Championship, and the 49ers must beat the New York Giants for the NFC title.

The task is never easy, but the odds makers say it is more likely that the 49ers will travel next month to Indianapolis than will the Ravens. The 49ers enjoy home field advantage Sunday while the Ravens must journey to Foxboro, Massachusetts.

In seven of the eight post-season games to date, the home teams have emerged victorious. Only the Giants have won on the road, defeating the reigning Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers 37-20 last Sunday.

There's another parallel uniqueness to the Harbaugh boys. Brother Jim signed a reported five-year, $25 million deal last year when he took over the 49ers, and there were indications that the Ravens were likely to award John a similar package as early as this week.

That's a lot of money, but you sure can't argue against the success that these two highly-motivated coaches have brought to their respective teams.

Older brother John has guided Baltimore to the playoffs all four years of his tenure while compiling a regular season record of 44-20, including 12-4 records the last two years. He will be in the AFC Championship Game for the second time in four years having lost to Pittsburgh in the title game in his rookie season.

Jim has worked his coaching wizardry in just his first year at the helm of the 49ers, taking over a team that was 6-10 last year and quick-starting San Francisco to a 13-3 record this year. And then, in as an exciting game as you will ever see, his 49ers beat the New Orleans Saints 36-32 last Saturday to advance to Sunday's NFC championship.

The favored Saints had been picked by many to win the Super Bowl.

Should John Harbaugh face Jim Harbaugh in Indianapolis on February 5, it will mark the second time in little more than two months that the Ravens and 49ers have met. In Week 12 of the regular season, Baltimore defeated San Francisco 16-6 in Baltimore.

Perhaps it's no surprise that the Harbaugh brothers have emerged to the top of their profession in a relatively short time as they were raised in a family with a rich tradition in football coaching. Their father, Jack, served as an assistant coach at Michigan under Bo Schembechler for seven seasons in the 1970s and later as defensive coordinator at Stanford in the 1980s. He also was head coach at Western Michigan University and Western Kentucky.

One final note about the Harbaugh family: John and Jim's sister, Joani, is married to Tom Crean, head basketball coach at Indiana University.

You can bet there will be a big Harbaugh family reunion in Indianapolis next month if this historic scenario comes to fruition.

Everblades Take Two Of Three From Chicago

The Florida Everblades swept the Chicago Express last week to improve their season record to 21-14-3 and move into second place in the ECHL South Division. They started the week just two points behind first-place Gwinnett.

The three victories, 7-2, 4-2 and an exciting 4-3 shootout win Saturday night at Germain Arena in the series finale, enabled the local hockey team to leap from fourth to second in the division standings.

The victory Saturday was before 5,285 fans at Germain.

Florida is on the road this week for three games, one at Gwinnett and a pair at South Carolina. They return home next week facing Greenville on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.☆

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Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

Two Pool Teams Seeking Players

With four commanding wins over George & Wendy's Joe Martin, Carmen Senese led his Chalk & Awe team to an 11-5 victory and helped solidify Chalk & Awe's seventh place position. Both teams are new to the league and are still struggling to find players who can consistently deliver solid performances. To date, Captain Carol Johnson has considered 10 players in her search for her Chalk & Awe first string. Co-Captains George and Wendy Schapp have auditioned 15 shooters and still haven't found the winning combination. If you're warm, breathing, and know one end of a cue from the other either of these two captains might welcome you with open arms. E-mail league organizer bobbuntrock@comcast.net to volunteer your services.

Bathroom Magic had a player call in sick and was forced to pick up one of the top players in Fort Myers as a substitute. This brilliant move by Captain Dennis Bender propelled his Magic team into a 13-3 annihilation of the Odd Balls, who were missing one of its star players due to a fluke accident (a Sanibel ditch reached out and grabbed his bike, causing several ribs to crack). Without Jimbo Gaubats, the Odd Balls were even odder. Magical John Gonzalez shot his ninth 4-0 score for the winning flushers. Terry Ricotta and Rich Ennis also had 4-0 matches for Bunt's Ball Busters.☆

SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2012
Standings through January 16

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bathroom Magic	156	52
Second	Bunt's Ball Busters	155	53
Third	Odd Balls	119	89
Fourth	Sanibel Café	105	103
Fifth	Fresh Legion Crew	87	121
Sixth	Sandycappers	82	126
Seventh	Chalk & Awe	80	128
Eighth	George & Wendy's	48	160

Bunt's Ball Busters	13	Sandycappers	3
Bathroom Magic	13	Odd Balls	3
Chalk & Awe	11	George & Wendy's	5
Sanibel Café	9	Fresh Legion Crew	7

Young Sanibel Triathlete Finishes Inaugural Race

When many people think of a triathlon, they think of a long, grueling day-long event that only the fittest people on the planet can tackle. While the most famous triathlon is the Ironman World Championship that is held in Kona, Hawaii and broadcast on NBC every year, not every race is as long or as demanding as people realize.

The HITS triathlon series, currently in its inaugural season, has set out to bring shorter distance triathlon races with accessible distances to beginners across the nation, in the hopes of getting more beginners hooked on the sport.

Aidan Donovan, an 8-year-old second grader at The Sanibel School, was one of those beginners.

A few months ago, Aidan's mom Christine, a six-time Ironman triathlete, heard about the new HITS triathlon series, whose motto is "a distance for everyone." The distances for the HITS series ranged from Open (100 yard swim, 3 mile ride, 1 mile run) to Olympic (0.9 mile swim, 24.8 mile bike, 6.2 mile run) to full Iron distance (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run), with a Sprint and Half Ironman distance in between.

Targeting the Open distance, Christine asked Aidan if he would like to do a triathlon in Naples. He tentatively said yes,

Aidan Donovan, 8, recently competed in his first triathlon

and then qualified that with "but only if you do it with me." Before he could change his mind, she signed them up for the January 7 event to be held on Vanderbilt Beach in Naples. Aidan is very active in sports, playing soccer and flag football, and enjoys riding his bike around Sanibel, so Christine wasn't worried about his ability to compete in the event.

Race day came and the weather was perfect – upper 70s and sunny. The water temp was estimated at 65 degrees,

Aidan gets a congratulatory hug from his mom, Christine, following the race

which is cold for swimming, so Christine was able to borrow a wetsuit for Aidan from "Doc" Bruce Neill at Sanibel Sea School. Aidan had recently attended Sanibel Sea School's holiday camp which helped him get used to swimming in the Gulf.

Before the race, Aidan admitted to his mom that he was scared and nervous. She told him that every triathlete gets nervous before his first race, and that she would stay right next to him the whole time. The gun went off, but instead of walking calmly into the water, Aidan grabbed Christine's hand and plunged ahead, laughing as he ran into the Gulf.

They finished the swim within a few minutes and Aidan charged up the beach ahead of his mom, eager to get on his bike. The bike ride also went very well, with Aidan spotting a very cute little girl that he was determined to pass.

After the bike came the run, and then the finish line. When Aidan saw the finish line, his eyes lit up as he yelled "There it is! That's what I've been waiting for!" He blasted across the finish line with a huge smile on his face.

Immediately after finishing the race, Aidan turned to Christine and said "Mom, I feel awesome!" Later that day he said he would like to do more races this year.

So, how does Christine feel about this experience?

"Triathlon is a fantastic way for kids to stay in shape and build self-confidence," she said. "There are plenty of races out there that are beginner-friendly. Not to mention, it is a wonderful way to have fun with your kids. I couldn't possibly be more proud of Aidan."

If any parents reading this are interested in talking to Aidan or Christine about their experiences, e-mail her at cmd68@earthlink.net.☆

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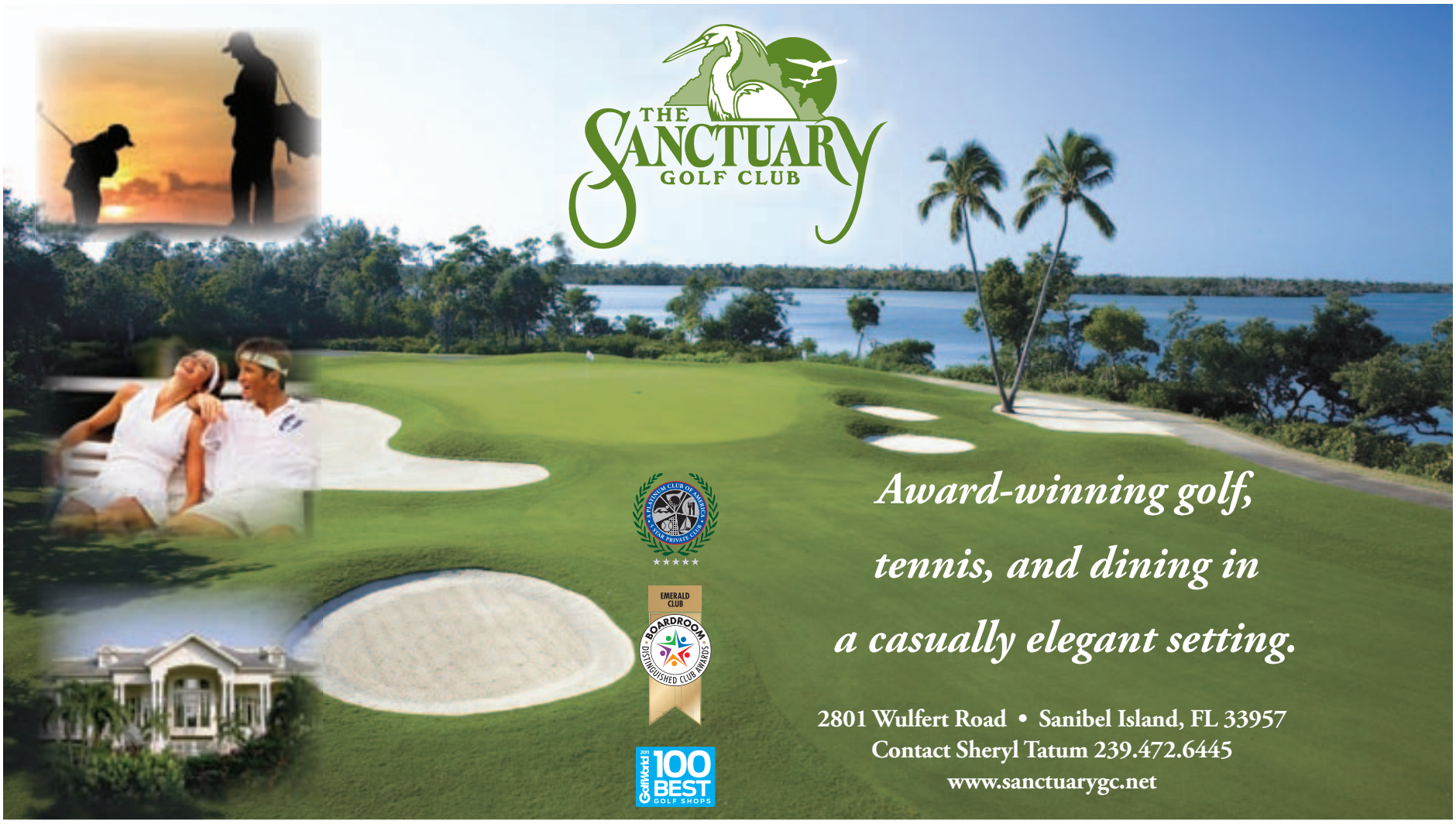

Dunes Women's Golf Rally For The Cure Results

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announces the results of the Dunes Women's Golf Association's Rally For The Cure, held on Friday, January 13, Format four-person step aside scramble

Low Score
Irmingard Markusch 35
Nancy Orr
Maureen Rains
Jeanne Mallon

Most Honest
Gussie Blue 48.75
Mike Dutton
Julie O'Neill

Skill Events
Closest to the Hole: Irmingard Markusch
Closest to the Line: Jane Gould
Long Putt: Jeanette McLaughlin
Congratulations to all the winners.☆

Irmingard Markusch

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Dunes Mixed Golf

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the results of the Mixed Golf event held on Sunday, January 15.

Format: 1,2,3 Better Ball of 4
1st Dod Wainright
Annie Wainright
Hank Humphrey
Ann Humphrey
2nd Dan Perkins
Geri Perkins
Douglas Mallon
Jeanne Mallon
3rd Robert Orr
Nancy Orr
Bob Kent
Joan Kent
Closest to the Hole
#2 Peggy Hogg
#9 Hank Humphrey
Congratulations to all the winners.☆

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club announced the Nifty Niners event results from Thursday, January 12.

Format: Flag Game/Short Course, Back Nine

Flight A
1st Jeanne Lindman 22
2nd Julie O'Neill 24
3rd Willie Winkler 27

Flight B
1st Sandra Jones 20
2nd Trudy Burkholder 27
Gerri Perkins
3rd Jeanne Mallon 28
Nancy Hopkins
Congratulations to all the winners.☆

PGA Tips

Proper Alignment

by Matt Oakley, PGA Golf Professional

If we don't know where we want to go it is hard to get there. That sounds simple enough, but proper alignment in golf is critical to both hitting good shots and being able to diagnose and correct the bad ones. Every day, I see golfers who are poorly aligned to their target and then when they hit an off-target shot blame their golf swing. Here are some ways to make sure that every shot you hit is on target and if it isn't that you will be able to correct it quickly:

Practice Time – Whenever you get a chance to practice, place clubs or anything that gives you a straight line on the ground pointed towards where you want your ball to go. That will teach you to line up every time parallel to your target line. It also helps you diagnose your bad shots that do not go towards the target.

Pre-Shot Routine – When you are on the course, make it a habit to line up every shot towards an intermediate target on the ground within a few feet of your ball. Old divots, leaves, tees and debris make a great thing to line up with. Get behind your ball before the shot and find something in front of your ball to use as an aiming guide. I can't tell you how many people I have played with that are aimed 30 yards right of their target then hit it 30 yards right of their target and blame their golf swing for it. "Jeez, I keep pushing it to the right." When actually they hit it dead straight to where they were aimed. Then they try to correct why they think they are pushing it with their swing. Then, on the next hole they mess it up and actually aim straight and pull one 30 yards to the left with the incorrect swing correction. Now what?

Error Correction – If you know you are aimed correctly and a shot does not go the direction you wanted it to the two possible errors are swing path and the clubface's relationship to that path. For example, for a pull it could be that your swing path for a right handed golfer was from outside to inside. It could also be that the clubface is pointed to the left at impact, or both.

Please stop by the Golf Shop at The Dunes and have one of our PGA professionals explain the ways to align every golf shot correctly.☆

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Sports Quiz

ANSWERS

1. Nate Colbert, with 163. 2. Six -- Jeff Burroughs (1974), Juan Gonzalez ('96, '98), Ivan Rodriguez ('99), Alex Rodriguez (2003) and Josh Hamilton ('10). 3. It was 1941. 4. Three -- 1999, 2004 and 2011. 5. Jaroslav Jirik, with St. Louis in the 1969-70 season. 6. The Columbus Crew, in 2008 7. Zenyatta and Peppers Pride.

Kouril Earns Honor Society Membership

Ken Kouril

Ken Kouril, CCM, CAM, general manager and COO of The Sanctuary Golf Club, has qualified for membership in the Honor Society of the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA).

Kouril was approved by the Certification Committee of CMAA after earning 400 continuing education credits beyond the total he earned at the time of certification. He joins a very select group of club managers worldwide who have attained this hallmark of professionalism.

Kouril earned his CCM designation as a result of fulfilling specific requirements in club management experience, education, and association activity. Since certification, he has earned a total of 400 credits in those areas to qualify for membership in the society, which represents only seven percent of CMAA's membership. The CMAA Certification Committee, consisting of active club managers, administers the certification system.

Through the certification program, CMAA encourages the education and advancement of its members and assists club officers and members in securing the most efficient and successful club operations available.✡

Beachview Men's Scramble Event For Lunch

submitted by Jack Tukey

On the first Saturday of every month, the Beachview Men's Golf Group play a scramble followed by lunch at the Beachview Bistro. Eleven foursome's participated as we always get a good turnout for a "free" lunch.

It was a tight match as two teams tied for first place. In a scorecard playoff, the winners were Bjorn "Swede" Olsson, who always plays a good steady game; Bob "Steady-Eddy" Ritchlin, who kept the ball in the fairway; "Dead-eye Dick" Waterhouse, who sank some long putts; and Hunt Ethridge, who is always in the hunt. They managed a very good net score of 42.25.

Also with a score of 42.25, but taking one more putt on the 18th hole for second place, was the team of Skip Tutor, Dave Lewis, Jack Schmidt and Al Krause. In third place with a score of 43.5 was the foursome of Bruce Cutler, Dick Chocol, Steve Tibbetts and Bill Fetherston.

By the way, the luncheon served by the Beachview Bistro was terrific.✡

Beachview Men Make Do With Only Four Clubs

by JW Boynton

This past Saturday, January 14 was a cold, cloudy, windy "New England" day on Sanibel (actually, about 50 degrees). Nevertheless, 34 die-hards showed up in long johns, ski parkas, knit caps, chemical handwarmers and thermal gloves. Club pro Gene Taylor only allowed golfers to use four clubs: driver, putter and two irons in between was the most popular choice. In the end, most played no better or worse than usual, a result which calls into question the need for a full bag of 14 clubs. I believe it was Lee Trevino who, on a dare, once beat an amateur golfer using nothing but one of those old-fashioned, 16 ounce glass Coke bottles!

When the round was over, the foursome of John Boynton, Roger Cogswell, Richard Chocol and John Kilkenny stood on top of the heap with a 30 under par score of 110. How did this team of ordinary golfers manage to come in nine strokes lower than their nearest competitor? Well, Boynton played to his handicap, but Cogswell was on fire, hitting solid shots all day and consistently sinking medium to long putts.

"I never play this well," the New England Patriot fan gushed with a bemused look on his face. "I don't know what's going on!"

Then there was the tall Kentuckian, Kilkenny. He had a number of good holes, including the tough par 4 second hole: a solid drive and an iron shot left him 5 yards short of the green, and from there he chipped in for a net double eagle score of 1.

Finally, Chicagoan Chocol was just being Chocol, parlaying his strokes into two net eagles and a bunch of net birdies.

The threesome (plus a blind draw) of smiling Bill Blankenship, cigar-chomping Joe Barbieri and gold tee phenom Jack Tukey finished second at 119. Third place at 120 went to Rich Rompala, David Lewis, Rene Lohser (the best putter in the club? Just ask him) and Bill Fetherston.

Professor Dick Arnould, Slammin' Chuck Bye, "Putt It Out" Tom Ware and Steady Bob Cushman could not explain how they finished last, a full 23 strokes off the pace. When this reporter sought a comment as the downtrodden foursome trudged out of the clubhouse together, all he got was long faces and shaking heads.

Richard Chocol leads the prestigious, year-long President's Cup standings with 70 points, with Rich Rompala and Skip Tutor 10 points behind.✡

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Jan. 28, 1855, the Panama Railway, which carried thousands of unruly miners to California via the dense jungles of Central America, dispatches its first train across the Isthmus of Panama. The track went through Panamanian jungle roughly along the route followed by the present-day canal.

• On Jan. 24, 1908, the Boy Scouts movement begins in England with the publication of the first installment of Robert Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys. In September 1909, 10,000 Scouts showed up at the first national Boy Scout meeting in London.

• On Jan. 27, 1926, John Logie Baird, a Scottish inventor, gives the first public demonstration of a true television system in London. The "televisor" used mechanical rotating disks to scan moving images into electronic impulses, which were transmitted by cable to a screen.

• On Jan. 29, 1936, the U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., elects its first members: Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Matthewson and Walter Johnson. The Hall of Fame has elected 296 individuals in all.

• On Jan. 23, 1968, the U.S. intelligence-gathering ship Pueblo is seized by the North Korean navy and charged with spying and violating territorial waters. Negotiations to free the 83-man crew of the U.S. ship took nearly a year. The crewmen reported horrific treatment at the hands of the North Koreans.

• On Jan. 26, 1979, "The Dukes of Hazard," a television comedy about two good-old boys in the rural South and their souped-up 1969 Dodge Charger known as General Lee, debuts on CBS. The show was known for its car chases, stunts and General Lee, which had an orange paint job and a Confederate flag across its roof.

• On Jan. 25, 1980, on arrival at Tokyo's Narita International Airport, Beatle Paul McCartney is found to be carrying nearly half a pound of marijuana in his baggage -- an amount he assured Japanese authorities was intended solely for his personal use. Facing a seven-year prison sentence, McCartney was instead released and quickly deported from Japan.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• During this election season, it might be good to keep in mind the following sage observation, made beloved humorist Will Rogers: "The American people are generous and will forgive almost any weakness with the exception of stupidity."

• Mountain goats aren't actually goats; they're antelopes.

• Those who study such things say that a mosquito flaps its wings 1,000 times every second.

• If you've ever been to London -- or if you've seen a movie that was set there -- you might remember the iconic black taxicabs that are ubiquitous in that city; the high roofs set them apart from other vehicles on the streets. The headroom offered did once serve a purpose. When the cars were originally designed, top hats were still de rigueur for a properly dressed gentleman, and the high roofs allowed a man so attired to enter and leave the vehicle without knocking off his hat.

• You might be surprised to learn that some ants can live more than 15 years.

• Yes, there's a name for it. The next time you're opening a bottle of wine, take a moment to consider the spiral part that is inserted into the cork: It's known as a worm.

• Washington is the only U.S. state named for a president.

• Celebrated 19th-century French poet Arthur Rimbaud wrote for only a few short years in his late teens. Despite critical success, he gave up writing when he was 20 years old and spent the rest of his life as a soldier and a merchant.

• In medieval Japan, dentists removed patients' teeth with their bare hands.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Television news is like a lightning flash. It makes a loud noise, lights up everything around it, leaves everything else in darkness and then is suddenly gone." -- Hodding Carter

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1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
Paprika

Butterfly shrimp by cutting lengthwise along the back – don't cut all the way through – spreading shrimp open to look like a butterfly. Place shrimp on a well-greased baking sheet with cut side up. Combine remaining ingredients except parsley and paprika. Blend well. Stir in parsley. Place approximately 1 teaspoon of cheese mixture on top of each Florida shrimp. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in a preheated 325 degree F oven for 7 to 10 minutes or until shrimp are no longer translucent in the center.

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Rotary Happenings

children in residence and finding outdoor recreational areas within these locations is under consideration. Donaldson also called for volunteer help with some of these pending needs… come as a team or come as an individual… come paint the interiors of some of the older units, help with ground maintenance, help in the office…however you can help will be greatly appreciated. After the meeting a number of Rotarians approached Donaldson to see how they could help.

Johnson said, "CHR helps the island to maintain a diverse population and that diversity has value in providing a richness and depth to our community."

If you have any additional question about CHR, stop by the office in the same building as the Sanibel Center 4Life on Library Way.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at The Bistro @ Beachveiw, 1100 Par View Drive. For further information, call 337-1099.☆

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Superior Interiors

Do's And Don'ts Of Furniture Arranging

by Cindy Malszycki

In all my years as an interior decorator, I am asked more questions about furniture arranging than anything else. So here are a few suggestions you might consider when facing the "furniture placement dilemma."

1. Place large furniture pieces first. It's definitely a mistake to start with your smaller pieces. I guarantee your frustration level will definitely increase if you try to start the process with small tables and accent pieces.

2. In rooms with vaulted ceilings, you might want to place your largest furniture pieces close to the highest wall. Furnishings such as oversized entertainment armoires immediately come to mind. Can you visualize a large entertainment center placed on a small wall opposite a high wall in a vaulted ceiled room? Balance and symmetry would immediately fly out the window!

3. Try angling your furniture. When your furniture pieces – chairs, sofas, love seats – are all lined up flat against a wall, you lose the opportunity to create interesting conversational groupings... let alone the fact that this room now resembles an office waiting area!

4. When selecting furniture to be placed in smaller rooms follow these rules of thumb:

- Pieces with rounded corners will work best
- Don't select large or oversized pieces
- Try to find case good pieces that are tall and shallow to give your small space more height
- Open shelving styles will help your space seem more expansive
- Opt for a more tailored look in upholstered furniture pieces

And above all, remember these three important guidelines: convenience, comfort and composition.

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

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Heating Tips For Your Home

by Bryan Hayes

It's that time of the year again when we are briefly forced to run our heaters for a couple of months before we forget that we even have them for the rest of the year. As you turn them on for the first time, you'll quickly realize just how long you haven't turned it on as the smell of burning dust spreads through your home. Open your windows for a brief period of time and you should get rid of that smell very quickly. Even better, be prepared and run your heater in advance of a cold snap. This way you can avoid having to turn it on for the first time just before you and your family prepare for bedtime and be forced to endure the smell as you fall asleep.

Now, heating bills can add a significant punch to your budget. There are a few things that you can do to avoid cardiac arrest when you receive your next bill. You don't need to turn your home into an inferno. Turn your thermostat to the

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Islands Association Of Realtors Hosts Installation And Awards Banquet

Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors Honor Society

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The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors, Inc. recently held its Installation and Awards Banquet at association headquarters, at 2353 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Incoming president Glen Simmons (VIP Realty Group), president-elect Bruce Cochrane (VIP Realty Group), treasurer Jeffery Burns (Royal Shell Real Estate), secretary Kara "KC" Cuscaden (VIP Realty Group), immediate past president Judith Anderson (VIP Realty Group) and directors Janie Howland (VIP Realty Group), Eric Pfeifer (Pfeifer Realty Group), David Schuldenfrei (VIP Realty Group) and Debbie Staley (VIP Realty Group) were installed on January 7 by William H. Poteet, Jr., 2012 Naples Area Board of Realtors president.

During the event, both Brett Brown, 2012 Florida Realtors District 5 DVP and 2012 Florida Realtors RPAC trustee, and Sherri Meadows, Florida Realtors vice president, addressed attendees providing timely Florida Realtors business updates. Additional visiting dignitaries included Bill Barnes, Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors CEO; Marion Briggs, Realtors Association of Greater Fort Myers & the Beach president; Michelle Deal, Cape Coral Association of Realtors president; Nancy Dunning, Cape Coral Association of Realtors CEO; Shirley English, Marco Island Area Association of Realtors CEO; Doreen Falcone, Realtors Association of Greater Fort Myers & the Beach president-elect; Peggy Hummel, Realtors Association of Greater Fort Myers & the Beach CEO; Weslie Kunkle, Naples Area Board of Realtors president-elect; Beth Mancini, Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors president and Gerry Rosenblum, Marco Island Area Association of Realtors president.

This annual event gives the Association of Realtors the opportunity to honor those individuals who deserve special recognition for their outstanding achievements and service to the organization and to the community. These awards and the recipients include:

- Realtor of the Year: Judith Anderson (VIP Realty Group)
- Community Service Award: Eric Pfeifer (Pfeifer Realty Group)
- Administrative Support Award: Melba Goliszeski (VIP Realty Group) and Sharon Jones (Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors)
- Affiliate of the Year: Nanci Berlin (Barrier Island Title Services).

Sixteen Realtors received Honor Society Awards in recognition of their community service activities and professionalism through education, participation and service: Judith Anderson (VIP Realty Group), Susan Andrews (SanibelSusan Realty Associates), Art Corace (RE/MAX of the Islands), Kara Cuscaden (VIP Realty Group), Margie Davison (VIP Realty Group), Marlene Donaldson (VIP Realty Group), Jim Hall (VIP Realty Group),

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Board of Directors being installed during the meeting

Judie Anderson, Realtor of the Year

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John Naumann & Associates new Captiva location

New Office Opens

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"We are very excited to be back on Captiva. This office will be the operating base for George Kohlbrenner, Loretta Geiger and the newest addition to our team, Mary O'Leary. All of these realtors know the Captiva market and have many years of experience servicing that area," said John Naumann, broker/owner of the company.☼

Historical Museum Benefit Luncheon

A benefit gala will be held for the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village on Tuesday, February 21. Titled It's In The Bag, the afternoon includes a luncheon, auction, fashion show and interesting stories about Sanibel from the 1950s to the 1990s. It will be held at The Sanctuary Golf Club. Mingling and bidding will begin at 11:15 a.m., with the luncheon and fashions to follow at noon.

Sponsors include Master Sponsor Bailey's General Store; Gold Sponsors The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille; and Silver Sponsors Barrier Island Title Services, Inc. and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank.

Tickets are $85 per person. Call Elise Hall at 472-6854 to reserve tickets.

Proceeds will benefit the Sanibel Historcal Museum and Village's future development.☼

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

My son is a seventh grade student who has just been put on an IEP due to his learning disabilities. We are learning how to handle this situation and I don't want everyone to know about it or for his teachers to talk about him with others. How can I handle this?

Alex K., Fort Myers

Alex,

There are state and federal rules about confidentiality for a student with an IEP, Individualized Education Plan. Confidentiality is required from the faculty and staff however your child's teachers must have a copy of your son's IEP in order to understand your son's educational needs and the various accommodations and services that have been identified as important for him.

Most kids with disabilities receive part or most of their instruction in general education classes taught by regular education teachers. In the past, many regular education teachers did not know that children were receiving special education services. As you can imagine, this often led to some confusion and problems. These problems are often worse at the middle school and high school levels, because schools are larger and communication can be less effective.

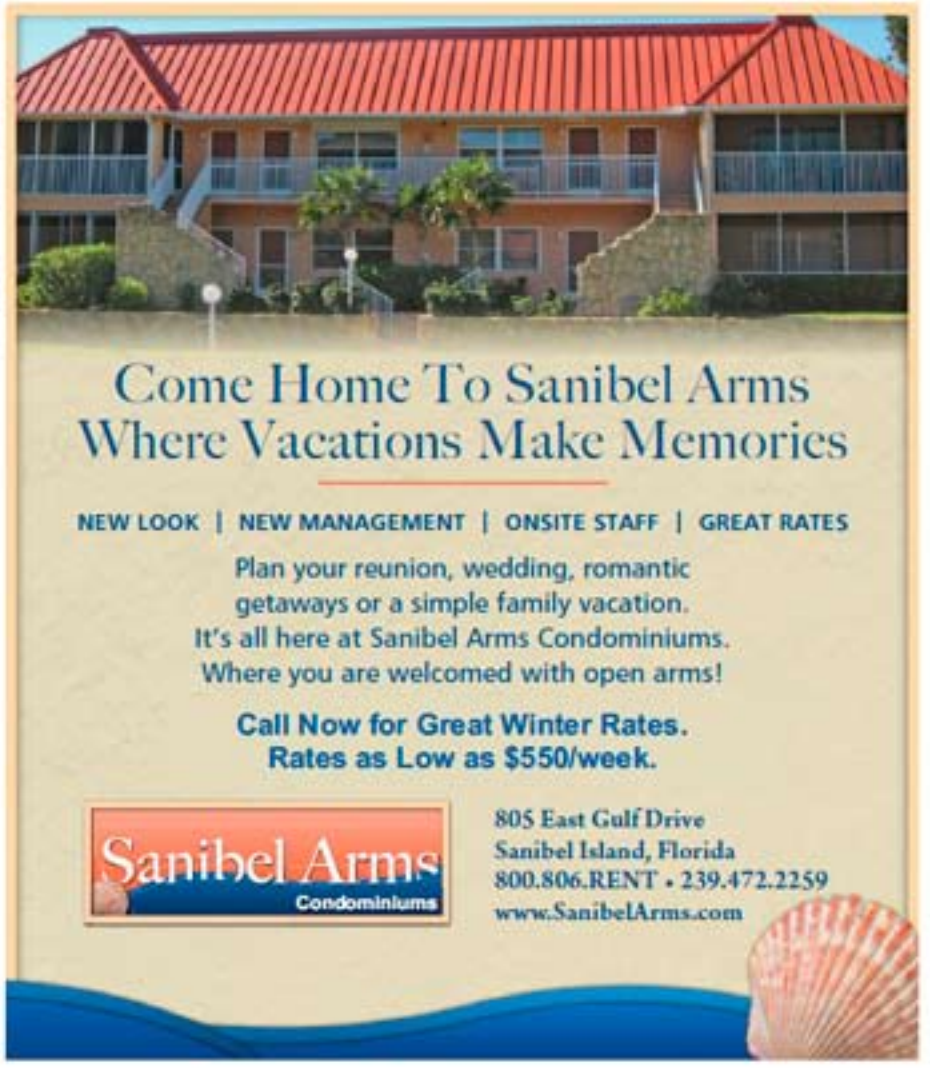
The reauthorized IDEA (Individual with Disabilities Education Act) changed the IEP process. Now, at least one regular education teacher of the child must attend IEP meetings. However, this doesn't mean the child's IEP is public knowledge. Most teachers are very sensitive to the confidentiality required with an IEP.

You may want to meet with your son's case manager at school to discuss your concerns about confidentiality. Most schools have a plan on how best to insure that any communication in regard to Special Education issues is kept confidential.

You may also want to familiarize yourself with FERPA, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. This law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. More information on FERPA can be found online at www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html

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.☼



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Will Power

That Boy Is Ringing The Doorbell!

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

Having teenage daughters, I helplessly watch as these teenage boys ring my front doorbell to pick up their date on Saturday nights. Not fondly remembering what I was like as a 17 year old, I pray that the boy taking my daughter out to dinner and a movie drives responsibly, acts gentlemanly and gets her home at a reasonable hour. My daughters are strong-willed, responsible kids who have cell phones they know they can use to call me at anytime – but there's still that feeling of losing control that every parent has experienced.

And I know that it will only get worse. Soon they'll be in college, on some campus far from home. Then they'll move away (hopefully) to get a job of their own. My daughters will get married and have their own family. Through each one of these life cycle events I'm sure that my protective instincts won't diminish.

I see it with many of my clients. Their children are grown adults, yet they worry about protecting the inheritance that they're leaving behind. They ask me a simple, yet loaded question: "How do we safeguard the hard-earned assets that our children will inherit from us?"

In order to answer that question, I need to know what dangers they foresee. Even successful children experience issues that mandate protecting inheritance. The physician daughter has to worry about a malpractice claim against her. The businessman son may be in litigation with a former partner over a business transaction. Maybe the inheritance you leave your children will exacerbate their own estate tax planning.

Some may be worried that their children (or their son-in-law or daughter-in-law) have spendthrift habits that will quickly diminish their inheritance? Worse, are they concerned that a son-in-law or daughter-in-law is only waiting for the inheritance to come through before divorcing the child and seeking a large settlement in the divorce proceedings?

Due to the bad economy, does the child have a lot of creditors? Is the son underwater on his mortgage? Has daughter been living off of credit cards? Do they have an IRS problem?

All of these are potential threats to a child's inheritance. The list goes on and on. Parents know this. The worries never end. And – we'll take our fears to the grave won't we? That's part of the job description.

So what do you do in your estate plan? The worst thing that you can do is to direct an outright distribution to your children. Once the children own the assets you leave them, generally speaking those assets will become subject to the claims of a creditor, predator or divorcing spouse.

The better way to leave the assets is to leave them in a continuing, testamentary trust for each child. Testamentary, by the way, means "after death." So your will or revocable trust will create inside of it another trust – typically dividing your estate into separate trust shares for each child. That way, the children are not tied to one another and the actions of one will not affect the other.

Some of you may believe that a continuing trust is a bad idea because you or someone in your family may have had a bad experience with one. Perhaps a bank was named as trustee and that bank was a real problem to deal with. They charged high fees, investment returns lagged the market indexes and they never seemed to want to make a distribution to the beneficiaries.

Most of these problems are a result of a trust document that names a bank as a trustee and does not give anyone the ability to fire the bank and to hire a new trustee. So the problems I describe here are very easily avoided. If your child is responsible, you can name the child as the trustee of his or her own share. We need to be cautious in so doing, because if your goal is to protect the child's inheritance, if the child is the sole trustee of his or her own share then a court could direct the child to make a distribution from the trust to satisfy a creditor.

But this problem can also be dealt with – there are a number of options. You could name a "friendly" trustee as a co-trustee with the child who is not also a beneficiary of the trust. You can even give your child the opportunity to name a special independent trustee if a creditor problem arises.

If your child is part of the problem, however – such as with a spendthrift child – you may want to name a third party trustee such as a bank or trust company. There are many good banks and trust companies that do a fabulous job for their clients. But just as your family can always hire and fire attorneys, accountants and investment advisors, when naming a bank or trust company in the trust document it is important to give someone you trust the ability to fire and rehire another institution.

So you can help protect your children. Even from the grave! Now if only I could fire that boy who just rang my front doorbell!

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Best Selling Author Coming To Sanibel

Joel C. Rosenberg, well known author and speaker about Israel and the Middle East, will be coming to speak to the Island Bible Study and others in the Sanibel community on Monday, January 30 at 7 p.m. Sanibel Community Church has offered their facilities for Mr. Rosenberg's talk on Biblical Prophecy that relates to happenings in Israel, the Middle East and the world.

Many may be familiar with Rosenberg having seen him interviewed on TV programs, including ABC's *Nightline*, CNN Headline News, FOX News Channel, The History Channel, MSNBC, *The Sean Hannity Show* and many others. In addition, he has been interviewed on hundreds of radio shows, plus has been profiled by *The New York Times*, the *Washington Times,* the *Jerusalem Post* and *World* magazine. He has addressed audiences all over the world, including those in Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Russia and the Philippines. He has also spoken at the White House, the Pentagon and to Members of Congress regarding world events related to Middle East and Israel.

Rosenberg designed and hosted the first Epicenter Conference in Jerusalem in 2008, and the 2011 conference drew more than 50,000 viewers from 113 countries to his simulcast. His most recent book, *The Tehran Initiative*, was released in October 2011 and joined his other books as a *New York Times* best seller. In addition, Rosenberg has produced numerous documentary flims. As a communications advisor, Joel has worked with a number of U.S. and Israeli leaders, including Steve Forbes and Benjamin Netanyahu, the current Prime Minister of Israel.

He will be speaking at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 30 at the Sanibel Community Church's Fellowship Hall at 1740 Periwinkle Way. No reservations are necessary, but it is recommended you come early. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Overflow seating will be in the historic sanctuary.

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The Sanibel School Fund is raffling a lease for the new Fiat parked in front of Bank of the Islands

Car Raffle Kicks Off To Benefit The Sanibel School

Rob Lisenbee and Willy Ocasio from Bank of the Islands helped Sanibel School Fund president Jeff Weigel and vice president Andy Johnson kick off the annual car raffle fundraiser with a $100 donation.

Tickets are now available for a chance to win a three-year lease for a fabulous Fiat. Tickets are $20 each, three for $50 or seven for $100. The winner will be announced at the school's Seahorse Festival on March 24. No more than 2,000 tickets will be sold, and the winner need not be present to win. The lucky winner has the option of selecting a cash prize of $7,500 in lieu of the car.

In addition to Bank of the Islands, tickets are available at Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory on Palm Ridge Road, Galeana Fiat of Fort Myers, 14401 S. Tamiami Trail, and on Sundays at the entrance of the Sanibel Island Farmer's Market.

The Sanibel School Fund is 501(c) organization of parents and friends of the school that has raised 100 percent of the funding for the school's foreign language program and has contributed arts, music, physical education and technology program enhancements. The foreign language program helped The Sanibel School earn the Blue Ribbon designation from the U.S. Department of Education.✡

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Human Trafficking Awareness At ESC

Edison State College is hosting a series of human trafficking awareness events this month. A new group on campus, Students Advancing Human Rights, has partnered with other groups and agencies to make these presentations possible.

Lauren Mueller, president of Students Advancing Human Rights at Edison State College, formed the human rights group during the fall semester. She is particularly interested in human trafficking because, as she stated, "it's a problem in our backyard."

"The reality is that Florida is number three in the nation for sex trafficking and Southwest Florida is one of the pockets of concern," Mueller explained. "I hope the public comes to these events because education is about raising social consciousness. And when you are aware of something that's when you can do something about it."

A presentation by Theresa Flores, survivor, author and advocate against human trafficking, will be held on Thursday, January 19 starting at 7 p.m. at Edison State College, 8099 College Parkway (Building U, Room 102) innFort Myers. Admission is free.

Also on Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m., Nola Theiss of the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership will moderate a "Next Step In SWFL" forum about human trafficking with local law and advocate organizations. This event will also be free and held at Edison State College's Building U, Room 102.

For more information about either event, contact the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership at 395-2635 or info@humantraffickignawareness.org.✡

Dr, Steve Geiger

Shell Museum Lecture Series

Dr. Steve Geiger of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's Research Institute in St. Petersburg, addressed an audience during his presentation, An Overview of the Molluscan Fisheries Program of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, on January 11 as part of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's 2012 Natural Science Lecture Series. The next lecture will feature Dr. William Marquardt, who will discuss the Calusas on February 8 at 2 p.m. at the shell museum. The program is free with museum admission or membership.✡

Schmelz Shows South Pacific Sealife During Friday Lunch Hour Program

Dr. Gary Schmelz wowed the audience during his "Wonders of the South Pacific Coral Reefs" program that was part of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's Friday Lunch Hour series January 13.

This particular Friday the 13th proved to be lucky for the three dozen in attendance, who "oohed and aahed" their way through the colorful presentation that included underwater photos of a dazzling array of corals, fish, octopi and other spectacular sealife.

Dr. Schmelz will also be the featured speaker on Wednesday, March 21 at 2 p.m., when he discusses mollusk fossils during the Shell Museum's Natural Science Lecture Series. The program is free with museum admission or membership.

On Saturday, March 24, Dr. Schmelz will lead a day trip (with members of the Sanibel Shell Club) so participants can learn more about the molluscan shells of Florida's past at the fossil mounds in Naples. Tickets are $40 per person.

Contact Diane Thomas at 395-2233 for more information and to register.✡

Dr. Gary Schmelz discusses underwater photography during his presentation at the Shell Museum.

Center 4 Life Programs

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

Happy Hour Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Class begins with a joke and ends with a positive thought for the day. Format is 45 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of balance exercises, core strength and flexibility exercises. Strengthen, lengthen and gain flexibility. 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. Mats are used to meet the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

Chair Yoga with Kris Brown – Tuesday adn Thursday at 11 a.m. All exercises done with use of a chair. Meets the needs of varying experience levels. Bring a towel.

Essential Total Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

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

Fitness Opportunities at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Phone 472-0345 or go to www.mysanibel.com and check under the Recreation Department for more information.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. On February 8, Kathy Lear leads a discussion of *The Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok. Ann Rodman, volunteer coordinator, welcomes ideas for books to read and discuss and for facilitators to lead the discussions. Contact Rodman at annrodman@aol.com or at 395-2191.

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

$2.50 for members and $5 for non-members. Prizes awarded.

Bridge Lessons with Bruce and Christl Smith – Tuesday and Thursday, February 7, 9, 14 and 16, 9 to 11 a.m. Must attend all four sessions. Cost is $20 for members, $40 for non-members. Audrey Grant *Beginners Bridge* books are available for additional $10. Maximum of eight students only.

Mexican Train Lessons with Katie – Monday and Wednesday, February 27 and 29, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is an exciting Domino game for four to 12 players. Cost is $5 for members, $10 for non-members. Class is limited to eight students.

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

Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m., Crystof's on McGregor, 10231 McGregor Boulevard.

Florida Travels – Ringling Museum Tour in Sarasota, Wednesday, January 25. Cost is $79 for members, $89 for 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.

Ybor City (Historic Tampa), Thursday, February 16. Cost is $69 for members, $79 for non-members. Includes round-trip transportation from Fort Myers, tour of the historic Ybor City area including the museum, lunch at The Spaghetti Warehouse. Carpool from the center at 7:15 a.m. for bus pickup in Fort Myers at 8 a.m.

Tuesday Kayaking – January 24, February 7, 14, 21, and 28. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and unlimited space for those who own their own kayaks. Leaders determine the location, pay no fees and reserve the right to change the 8:30 a.m. meeting time. Meet at the center unless an off island launch is scheduled. Everyone is encouraged to take a turn leading the group. Bring water, snack, change of clothing, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses and a hat. Cost is $5 for members, $10 for non-members per trip. Members have first priority. Come by the Center to sign up.

Introduction to Computers and Windows 7 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 and 3 p.m. February 6, 8, 13, 15, 17. 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 and $150 for non-members. Limited to six students. You must pay upon signing up.

Picasa with Patty – Wednesday and Thursday, February 29 and 30, 1 to 3 p.m. Hands-on training in Picasa, a free program from Google. Learn to copy photos from your camera or memory card to your PC, and create and edit albums to share by email. Crop, resize, sharpen and brighten colors. Class is limited to six students. Cost is $60 for members, $90 for non-members. Bring your camera with charged batteries and cable, memory card or card reader with 10 to 20 photos.

What's a Spreadsheet? – Wednesday and Thursday, February 1 and 2, 1 to 3 p.m. Balance your checkbook, manage rentals or expenses or to keep your address lists. Learn Microsoft Works or

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Center 4 Life

Excel spreadsheet programs. You need to be familiar with the mouse and keyboard. Class is limited to six students and payment is due at sign up. Cost is $60 for members, $90 for non-members.

Flu Shots January 27, 12:30 p.m. CVS Pharmacy will send their pharmacist to the center to give flu shots. Stop by anytime after 12:30.

Diabetes Screening February 3, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club will give vision screenings with the goal of eliminating preventable blindness. Club members will screen for diabetes and glaucoma.

AC Delco: Knowledge is Power When it Comes to Women and Car Care – February 3, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Terry and Kay Wynter of Terry Wynter Auto Service Center are partnering with the center for a free car care seminar. The Wynters will have a master technician on hand.

Look Good and Feel Great with Christine, Kelly and Lisa of Color Imaging – February 17, 1:30 p.m. Learn your personal colors. Find out how shopping for clothes can be more fun and less time consuming.

Grief Therapy with Dottie Morrison – February 24, 1:30 p.m. Morrison will discuss the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual effects of grief and teach you how to deal with friends who are grieving and ways to help yourself through the process.

Damaris Peters Pike as Hildegard of Bingen: A Feather on the Breath of God – January 20, 1:30 p.m. She will portray the 12th century nun Hildegard of Bingen. Cost is a $5 donation for members and $10 for non-members.

Center 4 Life Arts & Crafts Fair – February 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center. Original art, handmade crafts, jams, jewelry, exotic plants and new books by local authors. There is still room for vendors. Call Eileen Kehoe at 472-2682.

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Sabina Carsten was December's top listing agent for Pfeifer Realty Group's real estate team. Fluent in both German and English, Carsten successfully combines tremendous analytical skills with international expertise, helping clients navigate today's global real estate market.✡

Prostate Cancer Question And Answer Event

Jan Manarite

Every Monday night from 5 to 7 p.m., drop in at the Sanibel Public Libray 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.

Special thanks to the Porterfield Family Foundation for their support of these meetings.

For additional information, call 395-0995.✡

Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In

by Constance Clancy

Q: Just how much does our thinking affect our physical body? My sister and I are in a debate about this.

A: During the past 50 years, we have discovered that beyond a doubt, the mind has an enormous impact on the body. Our emotions, thoughts, attitudes and behaviors can affect us for good or ill. The most important aspect of the mind-body connection is to speak of the soul and of human spirituality because the management of stress and maximal health are impossible to attain unless the questions of life's meaning are addressed. There are more studies now that demonstrate the mind-body connection to health and illness and disease. Take breast cancer for example. There are always exceptions, however, most women who develop breast cancer have a link to an emotional trauma in their lives. I have seen it time and again with the many women I have counseled over the years. What we focus on expands. Stress can lead to illness and disease if handled in a maladaptive way, or it can teach us valuable lessons if managed effectively. Note that lifestyle diseases, those diseases whose pathology develops over a period of time – years to decades – are preventable or correctable by altering the habits and behaviors that contribute to their etiology. Although it is suggested that stress is not the direct cause of these diseases, the influence of stress weakens the body's physiological systems, thus rapidly advancing the disease process.

So bottom line: our thinking affects our physical body all the time.

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.✡

deaRPharmacist

If You Have Asthma, Take A Deep Breath

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I read your Facebook post about people with asthma and how they should be dairy free. I feel better after just one week. I also read where you recommend two supplements for asthma which I just started (Coleus Forskholii and N-Acetylcysteine). You are saving my life Suzy. What else?

JR, Rockwall, Texas

My answer will set you back about $10 per month. If you have even a flea's foot-sized interest in health matters, you've no doubt heard about the problems associated with too little vitamin D. A deficiency of this powerhouse vitamin has been implicated in just about everything from obesity, heart disease, cancer and international threats to world peace. Okay, I'm exaggerating a little. Today, let's add yet another health problem to the list of maladies impaled on the lance of this nutritional white knight: asthma.

Apparently, children reared in cold and humid climates have a higher incidence of asthma than children raised in sunnier climates. Sun provides vitamin D. Spanish researchers, headed by epidemiologist Alberto Arnedo-Pena, published these findings in the 2010 International Journal of Biometeorology. There's more, results of a study presented in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care found that asthmatics with low vitamin D levels suffered more severe attacks than those with normal levels. Participants with normal D levels also responded better to medication treatment and had better overall lung function.

So how much vitamin D should you take? Base it on blood levels. Take vitamin D until your blood levels fall between 30 and 74 ng/ml, or you feel remarkably better. I believe that anything below 50 ng/ml is too low so shoot for 50 to 70. In fact, I recommend vitamin D as Step 2 in my book *Diabetes Without Drugs* because it improves insulin sensitivity more efficiently than some medications. That alone should make you take a nice deep breath.

If you supplement with D, measure your blood levels at least twice yearly to ensure that you don't get too much. Seriously, it's really hard to do! In 1999, Dr. Reinhold Vieth reviewed dozens of studies and fount it's practically impossible to become toxic on 2,000 IUs a day. Go shopping and you'll find bottles of D supplements at the pharmacy and health food store with dosages of 5,000 or 10,000 IU per capsule. FYI, people with SAD or Seasonal Affective Disorder benefit from extra D at this time of year.

I've been a pharmacist for 23 years,

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Edison Collegiate High School Hosts Open House, Lottery Registration

Edison Collegiate High School's Open House

It's almost time to register students at Edison Collegiate High School's Lee Campus. The public charter high school, which focuses primarily on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) will be accepting applications for students entering ninth grade in the 2012-13 school year.

Interested students must submit a lottery registration to Edison Collegiate High School before Friday, March, 23. All applications will be submitted electronically and are available online at www.echslee.edison.edu. The school offers computer access to those who need it. All lottery registrations receive an equal chance of acceptance through the enrollment lottery. No preference is given for early submission, GPA or other potential criteria.

Students will be accepted and placed on a sequential waiting list by a computer generated lottery that will be open to the public.

Edison Collegiate High School is a public charter high school with an open enrollment policy. The freshman class holds 100 students and last year almost 300 students applied for a seat in the class. All Edison Collegiate High students follow an honors level curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to take college classes at Edison State College and graduate with an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously.

Edison Collegiate High School will offer an open house on Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to share information about the school. RSVP by calling 433-6982 and leave a last name and number of attendees.

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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 wife and I are very elderly, and we have many conditions that could be troublesome but with good medical care we are enjoying our lives.

We moved into a nice apartment complex with many caring neighbors around us. One thing we don't like – these caring neighbors are always giving us medical advice. Their friends died with the same condition we have, or their friends are bedridden with the same illness we have, or a friend had to have a leg amputated because of my problem. What do we say to shut them up?

Malcom

Dear Malcom,

I do not know why people are so thoughtless with their remarks. Years ago while I was working in hospitals, I would hear what visitors said to patients and I was appalled. A person struggling to live would be told how terrible they looked and the visitor would suggest to them that they should just get another doctor. A dying patient would be told, "Your color is terrible, why are you so yellow?"

In an apartment complex where you live, you want to keep friends. I suggest when you hear a remark you immediately say, "My doctor is great, he/she is doing a fine job and I am satisfied with my care." Then try to talk about the floods or the money system in China.

Lizzie

Dear Malcom,

Lizzie makes a great point – living in a community setting, you will always bump into your "advisors" and certainly you want to maintain a friendship with them. So, your situation requires diplomacy. Having a pat, well-rehearsed comment on the tip of your tongue should work well: "Bill, thanks you so much for your concern. My physician knows all about it. Have you seen any new movies lately?" Being kind but redirecting the focus of your advisors helps keep them friendly but out of your personal business.

Pryce

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

Dr. Dave

Metabolic Sin-drome

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Most of you began reading this newspaper feeling healthy and happy. My job today is to make you feel otherwise. Twenty five percent of you will close the paper sicker than before you opened it, diagnosed with a new medical condition you were unaware you had. So it might be prudent of you to stop reading now and fast forward to some of the more pleasant aspects of this paper, like the obituaries, and then make an origami sailboat of this newspaper and send it far off into the sunset.

In 1900 the average life expectancy in North America was 47. Thanks primarily to the likes of vaccination and antibiotics our life expectancy has now increased to 74 (being a pedestrian in the vicinity of my newly-licensed sons excluded). But, now for the first time ever, there has been a projected decrease in life expectancy for those born today compared to those born a generation ago. The reason is that many of us, unknowingly, have metabolic syndrome.

Metabolic sin-drome, as in the sin of gluttony, increases morbidity and mortality: Thou shalt not increase thy girth innumerable cubits by gorging thyself at the manna buffet.

Metabolic syndrome is a precursor to diabetes, which in turn is a precursor to heart attacks and strokes, which are precursors to death, which is a precursor to being reincarnated possibly as an armadillo and Who The Heck Wants To Be That.

There are five vital facts about your health that you should be able to recite cold. You need to know your fasting blood sugar, your HDL, your triglycerides, your blood pressure and your belt size. Should I approach you on the beach and say, "Quick tell me your HDL." You should be able to respond immediately with something other than "Officer!" that I get so tired of hearing.

If you have any three of the following five problems then you have metabolic sin-drome, a nasty diagnosis that does not bode well for the quality or quantity of your future.

Fasting blood sugar above 6.1mmol/L. While 6.1 is not quite sweet enough to be considered diabetic it is knocking on the door.

Triglycerides greater than 1.7 mmol/L. These are your serum fat levels, also known as your Krispy Kreme count.

HDL cholesterol less than 1 mmol/L in men and 1.3 mmol/L in women. HDL is the good (happy) cholesterol that can be increased through regular exercise.

Hypertension; specifically a blood pressure consistently greater than130/85.

Belt size greater than 102 cm in men, 88 cm in women. Increasing the length of your belt means decreasing the length of your life. Eighty five percent of pre-diabetics are overweight or obese, the so-called "diabesity" iceberg so prevalent in North America.

These are vital stats that you should be able to quote as readily as if they were the phone number of the local pizza delivery. The first four require a visit to a good doctor and the last a visit to an honest tailor.

Simply by having three of five you are suddenly at four times risk of having a heart attack or stroke. You may feel perfectly fine, with perhaps the only symptom being a touch of fatigue, but under the surface is an iceberg about to bring down HMS YOU.

So please don't get diabetes and try to avoid its precursor, metabolic syndrome. It is primarily your decision whether or not you are going to be diabetic. If you do have metabolic syndrome then you need treatment, in the form of medication and lifestyle change. Learning to "make the healthy choice the easy choice" is the key to lifestyle change. For example, having healthy food like vegetables, fruits and Snickers in the house rather than cookies, chips and kale means that it is easy to make the right choice when the midnight snacker invades your pang center. Current gas prices may be a blessing in disguise if it makes us get out of our Explorers and Pathfinders and start exploring and finding paths for our Super Flyer two-wheeler. Making 150 minutes of exercise a week needs to be a priority. Now go and sin-drome no more.

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.*✡

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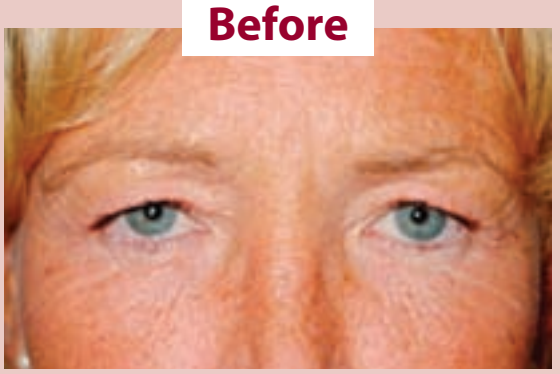

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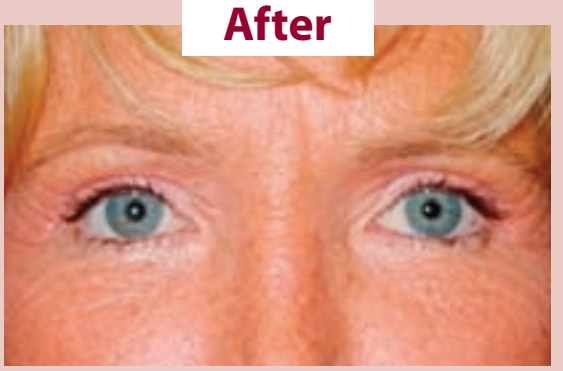

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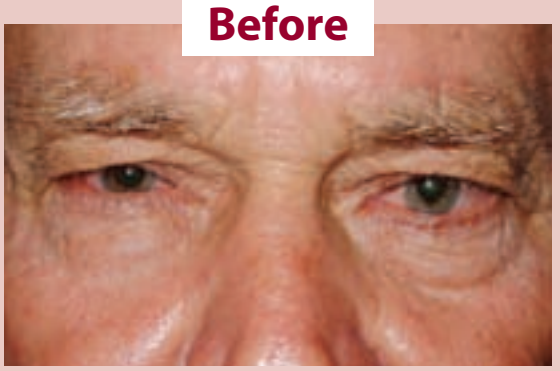

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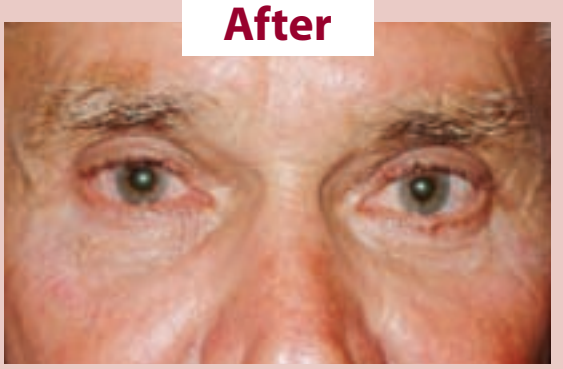

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Heating Tips

lowest and most comfortable temperature that you can bear. This move will definitely help reduce your bill. Dress warmer while you are at home: put on socks and long sleeved shirts, sleep under warmer blankets, etc. Turn that heater off when you are not at home. If you're busy or tend to forget to monitor your thermostat, get a programmable one – these have a proven track record of helping people reduce their energy bills. There are many affordable options out there.

In addition, pay attention to your water heater and reduce the temperature on its thermostat to see even more savings on your energy bill. Close doors and windows to avoid heat loss. Covering windows with curtains and blinds also helps retain heat in your home. Annually inspect your home for sources of air leaks and address them promptly.

Lastly, look for other sources of heat in your home and take advantage of them. Did you use that oven to make that delicious family dinner tonight? When you're done cooking, leave the oven door open to let some of that heat into your kitchen. Now if you have small children or someone else who might be tempted to explore the open oven, you may want to look for other sources of heat. Also if you leave that stove door open, make sure your stove is fitted with anti-tipping device. Taking a hot shower? Leave the door to the bathroom open and allow some of that heat and steam to spread to other parts of your home.

P.S. I recently read with a very heavy heart of a friend who lost a young daughter due to a television falling on her. Please, moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, secure those TV's. If you are unable to do it, call me. I will come to your home and figure out a way to make it safe at no cost to you.

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.☼

From page 29B

Asthma

so I can tell you that over-the-counter vitamin D3 (aka cholecalciferol) is totally different from the drug which is vitamin D2 (aka ergocalciferol). D2 is synthetic and less potent than natural D3 supplements. Cod liver oil provides natural D3 plus healthy essential fatty acids. But the best and cheapest way to get vitamin D3 is from sunshine. Buy a bikini because you want sun on your belly and back. Your body will convert the D3 in your body much better than it can from supplements.

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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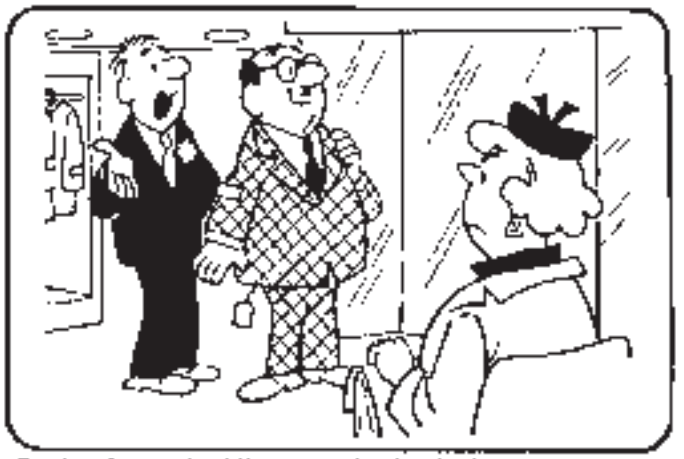


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hat's different. 2. Boutonniere is missing. 3. Earring is different. 4. Shoes are black. 5. Ceiling lights are different. 6. Clothes are missing from rack.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag.

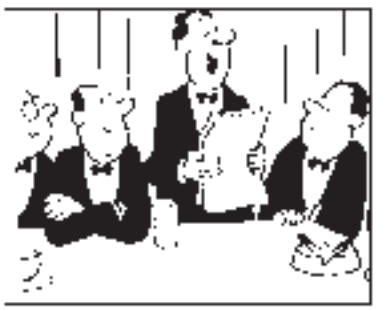
Pacify
RAMSID

Poise
POBALM

Reach
VARRIE

Grim
BROMES

TODAY'S WORD



"Gentlemen, we are gathered here tonight not only to honor a fellow

but to get away from our wives."

answer on page 35B

SUDOKU

	3		5				2	
		6		9		1		
5					8			6
		7		3			1	
6			7			9		
	8		9		2			3
		2			5	8		
	1			8				5
7			4				3	

To play Sudoku: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

answer on page 35B

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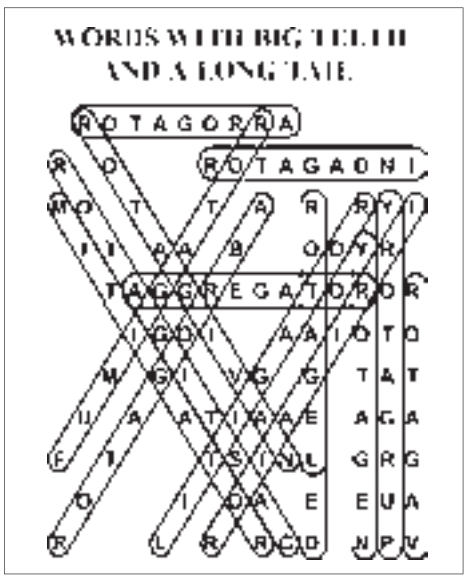

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GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday January 20 & 21, 8 a.m., 478 Lake Murex Circle, off West Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Louvered doors, picture frames, mens womens teens clothes/shoes, roller blades, baby safe pool fence (total 27 foot square inches), housewares/knick knacks, small TV, computer accessories (cards, keyboards), flower pots, decorator ceiling fans, window shades - custom, valence, shelves, bedding, figure skating/dance costumes, an much misc.
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Saturday, February 25th
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Vendor spots only $5 – FREE admission
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Pets Of The Week

My name is Buck (ID #524185) and I am an 2 year old male black and white border collie mix.

Need a walking or jogging or jogging companion? I'm energetic and love playing ball or Frisbee. I'm also irresistably cute and a good boy, too!

My adoption fee is $29.99 during Animal Services' Blue Light Special.

My name is Lucy (ID #517201) and I am a 2 year old female grey domestic medium hair.

I'm a beautiful girl with a beautiful coat. I'm affectionate and get along with other cats but I also enjoy you independence, too. I can entertain myself for hours with some fun toys. If I was your cat, I'd be sure to get plenty of naps in during the day so we could play in the evening!

My adoption fee is $19.99 during Animal Services' Blue Light Special. Cats and kittens are 2-for-1, so be sure to pick out a second kitty to keep me company.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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. 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 6 months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at $500.

Buck ID #524185 photos by squaredogphoto.com

Lucy ID #517201

Gulf Coast Humane Society Has Record Year

Continuing a two-year trend, the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) enjoyed another record year of adoptions and revenue in 2011. A total of 1,051 GCHS shelter pets found a forever home in 2011, a 16 percent increase over 2010 and a 31 percent increase over 2009. Total revenue – including donations, fundraising events and clinic proceeds – neared the $2 million mark ($1.97 million) in 2011, a 37 percent increase over 2010 and a 79 percent increase compared to two years ago.

The community support we have received over the past two years has been both humbling and gratifying," said GCHS executive director David Stroud. "Our goal at the Gulf Coast Humane Society is to rescue, provide safe sanctuary, and find forever homes for every animal entrusted to our care at our no-kill shelter. Because of the generous compassion of our adopters, donors and sponsors in 2011, we saved more animals and found more forever homes than ever before."

The Gulf Coast Humane Society main adoption center is located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers. GCHS also has four off-site adoption locations at Pet Supermarkets in Cape Coral, North Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples. For more information, call 332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoast-humanesociety.org.

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ARTS	
Arcade Theater	**332-4488**
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Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva	**274-5900**
CROW (Clinic For The Rehabilitation of Wildlife)	**472-3644**
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Sanibel Island Fishing Club	**472-7257**
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www.sanibelsoccer.org	
The Military Officers Assc. of America (MOAA, Alex MacKenzie)	**395-9232**
United Way of Lee County	**433-2000**
United Way 211 Helpline	**(24 hour information line) 211 or 433-3900**
Zonta Club	**671-6381**
ISLAND ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	**395-2233**
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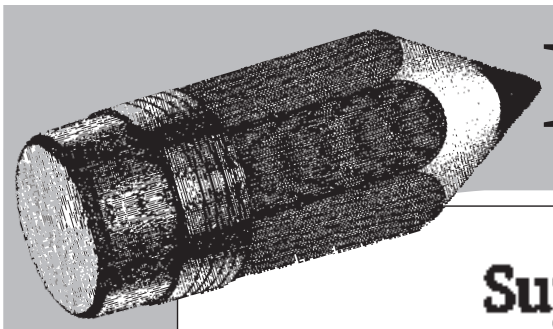

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Answers on page 35B

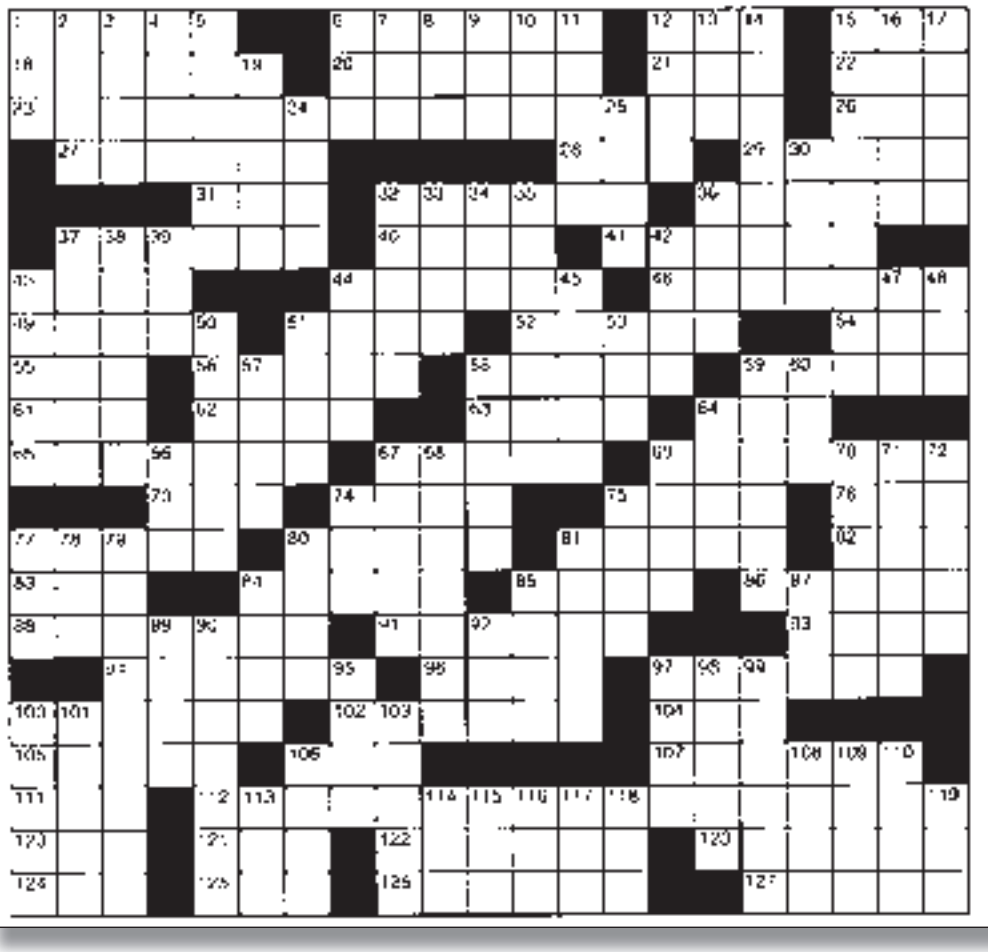
Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Hosing material
6 Ligates
12 Director Peckinpah
15 Bull's base
18 Florida resort
20 40th pres. dem.
21 Sauce-and-a-buddy
22 Napoleon novel
23 Mitch Miller hit
25 "Agnus —"
27 Thing to take to
28 She's a sweetheart
29 Bakery display
31 — Aviv
32 Clearing
35 Most mammoth
37 Elegant
40 Pebbles papa
41 — Leone
43 Black-and-white
44 Benji Crosby hit
45 Sets or shampoo?
49 T-bird's opponent
51 Seize
52 Grip at the tongue
54 Tax shelter
55 Animated Olive
56 Pro-bread-eaters slogan
58 Word with loaf or pepper
59 Gallimaufry magazines
61 Jaye of "Flower Drum Song"
62 Re- — (once more)
63 Tear to bits
64 Many
65 Palin Page hit
67 Scale
69 Andrews Sisters hit
73 Texas Slezak
74 Cumpleaños VIP
75 Burlap fiber
76 Went on a pump
77 Supposed in style
80 Pupil organelle
81 Government group
82 Winter hazard
83 TV's "Scooby — "
84 Ice-perfumed-cool
85 Flip
86 Sin —
88 Land mass
91 Wizard Harrison hit
93 Doesn't come clean
94 Onza
96 — Haven, CT
97 Exhaustec
100 Enigmatic poet
102 Lost
104 Easter exclamation
105 Cricket's stand
106 First goal?
107 Concerts
111 Bachelor's last words
112 Gladys Knight hit
120 New Deal agcy.
121 — faire date
122 Used a ewer
123 Through the nose
124 Cartoon city
125 — de guerre
126 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
127 Dutch portrait gen.

DOWN

1 Cpl.'s superior
2 Bolger-Haley co-star
3 Io — (greedily, 4 Pebble pooches
5 Builds
6 Pad payer
7 Actor Ayres
8 Musical sensitivity
9 Past
10 Wagner's "— Rheingold"
11 Look like Hoop?
12 Cash stash
13 Ally
14 Bleed
15 Marmes & Pesmo hit
16 "Gilligan, Boy" figure of
17 Dress part
19 Turns about
24 Portrait painter Peter
25 Is in cent
30 Taj town
32 S-sharp's equivalent
33 Crow
34 Creepy Christopher
35 Stretched
36 Munch poster
37 Kinder-garten-ders
38 Safest
38 Affirmative vote
42 Sacred image
43 That's the spirit
44 Make tea
45 Worm or Pupas
47 Prone to Pryor
48 Damp and chilly
50 Cleaned a lamp
51 Schwarz-enegger's birthplace
53 Colonnet color
57 Voice type
58 It's run of the mill?
59 Nutty
60 Tokyo, once
64 Power unit
66 Waylaid's whistle wetter
67 Stream
68 Lapidaries
69 Prope with a pole
70 Entertainer Kazan
71 Played soccer
72 Zones
74 Twin degree?
75 Period of peers
77 SHAEF commander
78 Letters of credit?
79 Johnny Horton hit
80 WWII unit
81 Dock of the bay
84 Put the wherry on
85 Gardeo's birthplace
87 Heidi's hangout
89 Hacer Loyendy's
90 Nocturne writer
92 Subway unit
95 Mural
97 It's a long story
98 Caustic
99 Conversation pieces?
100 Gleam
101 Classical trio
103 Excludes
106 Smith or Sandler
108 ER exclamation
109 Pants
110 Eye appealingly
113 Rebel of "Dandy Mc"
114 Sticky stuff
115 Savage soul
118 La-la lead-in
117 Asur holday
118 Nutritional plan
119 Water Pond



BRIEFLY STATED

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Dominican
5 Nylon-and-silk fabric
8 Front protector
15 Needing a stain
16 Father Divine
17 Pond scum
19 Int. cons.
20 Actress Gardner
21 Evaluation aimer
23 Dumped sight
24 Hebrew
25 Every last bit
26 Its Atomic product
28 Cuts
31 Andersen
35 — Bella Karate
39 Vast expanse
41 Hide
42 Unbecoming pet
44 Snakes
45 Stand under
46 Keyboard area
48 Take part of current?
50 Small fish-like protozoa
52 Wordy
54 Hang it
56 Looser
58 Optimistic
64 Family member
65 Participate
66 Hang-up Drake
67 Oil course?
68 Rajahs

DOWN

1 Money-say
2 Mail delivery
3 Mixed-Grill alternative
4 Gathering parties
5 Integral
6 Mr. Dombey
7 Ab-solo
8 Sandwich word
9 Chief
10 Medley
11 Income
12 Mr. Rabine
21 Turbine wash
24 Speedometer unit
27 Caught (at)
28 Ends audio
29 Run back again
29 Negligent
33 Knack
34 Billboards
36 Sunken chests
37 Collection
38 Pay for quiz
41 Threatens
42 Challenge
43 Lose-drinks
44 Jackson-ville cohic
49 De-officers
47 Tabernacle Dido-Dan
48 Run, fall
51 Sing-along duet

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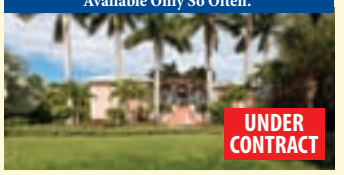

- Located on Sanibel's east end in Gated & Private Kinzie Island.
- Beautiful landscaping surrounds this 3 bedroom home w/office.
- Raised pool & spa area. Open kitchen, living & family rooms.
- Spacious Master retreat flowing out to paradise. Boat dock w/lift
- Beach cabana, Tennis, Community pool and docks.
- **Price: 1,595,000.**

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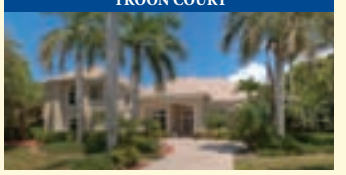


- 4BR/4BA with pool and spa
- Stunning construction details
- Newer interior and fully furnished
- Lots of bells and whistles.
- **Price: $1,695,000**

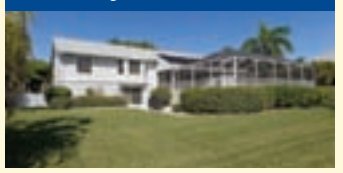
LOCATED IN THE HEART OF CAPTIVA ISLAND

- Located in Village by the Sea on Captiva Island off Andy Rossi
- Fantastic 4 bedroom/ 4 bath spacious floor plan.
- Light and Bright, wonderful pool and deck space.
- Lush landscaping, High ceilings, lots of character.
- **Price: $1,499,999.**

CAPTIVA "BUTTERFLY HOUSE"

- An Olde Florida style estate, w/ pool & guest house.
- Tween Waters locale w/ deep water dockage.
- One Acre, Main House, 1 BR Guest House.
- Steps to Beach, Close to Village, Excellent Rentals
- Reduced $300,000 or 18%.
- **Price: $1,399,000**

Charming Old Florida Beach House

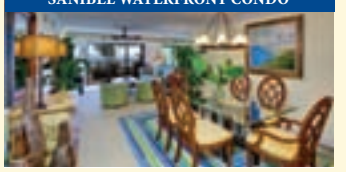


- Gorgeous lake views from this near beach Island style home.
- Elevated pool area flows from pocket sliders to covered lanai.
- Vaulted ceilings, new impact windows, updated kitchen,
- Private master suite w/sitting area and two walk-in closet areas.
- Lg Loft area for additional comfort. Meticulously maintained.
- **Price: $679,000**

THE ULTIMATE DREAM LOCATION

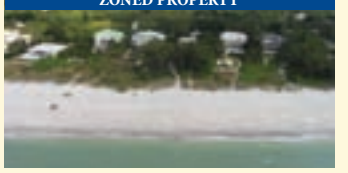
- On Pointe this Architectural Gem offers the utmost in privacy and views.
- Protected Bay locale on the edge of Ding Darling Refuge.
- Watch in awe of Sanibel's Marine & Bird Wildlife from your private beach.
- Open decks, pool, hot tub, boat dock & lift. Offers both comfort and design.
- A Collector's Gem w/sensational sunsets.
- **Price $2,995,000**

BEAUTIFUL – LIKE NEW SANIBEL WATERFRONT CONDO



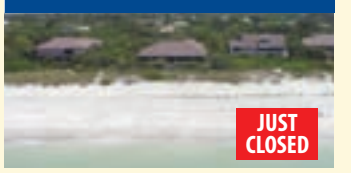
- Beach front 9 unit complex located on West Gulf Drive
- Weekly rental, pool, tennis, workout room
- Everything is new, furnished & professionally decorated
- Bamboo floors, granite counters, custom cabinetry, more
- Stainless steel appliances, high grade fixtures, tray ceilings
- **Price: $869,000**

CAPTIVA DIRECT GULF FRONT ESTATE ZONED PROPERTY



- Priced at land value only, Features a main house and guest cottage
- 102 ft of Prime Captiva Island Gulf Frontage, 500+/- ft deep
- Opportunity to build new, as construction costs are at a low
- Rare property, mature tropical landscape, Gulf views, private Drive
- Great location along Captiva's Gold Coast
- **Price: $2,795,000**

BEACH FRONT – ISLAND STYLE

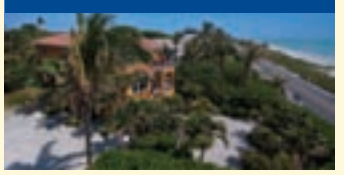


- Panoramic Gulf of Mexico & sunset views
- Unique, separate guest/studio pod, additional land available.
- Any closer to the beach, it would be part of the house.
- **Price: $2,150,000**

Captiva Island-Bank Owned Near Beach Lot

- Village area location. Offered 20% under assessed value.
- Steps to beach, close to restaurants and the Island Lifestyle
- Lot is cleared & ready to be taken advantage of.
- Bank says sell.
- **Price:$595,000.**

GULF FRONT JEWEL on CAPTIVA



- "Aloha Baby" - Newer 5BR/4BA beach home
- Mediterranean style, tropical landscaping
- Beautiful and private pool area
- Gourmet kitchen, theatre, elevator, security system
- Reduced $500,000 or 14%.
- **Price: $2,995,000**

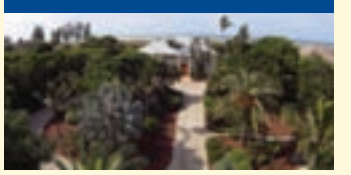
CHATEAUX SUR MER BEACH FRONT

- Furnished 3 bedroom 3 bath w/ gulf side pool
- Beautiful private setting over 1 acre
- Beach cottage feel with over 2400 sq ft
- Originally priced $3,600,000-Now Lot Value.
- Updated and shows great.
- **Price: $2,275,000**

2 Private Beach Front Lots & Cottage

- Situated in a private enclave at the very end of West Gulf Dr.
- Over 200' of beach frontage with close to 2 acres and a very cute beach cottage
- Sweeping panoramic views of the Gulf of Mexico and gorgeous Sunsets
- Available separately or together for purchase
- **Price: $3,800,000**

The Best Value On The Beach On Sanibel!



- 200 feet of beach frontage offering panoramic Gulf of Mexico vistas.
- Nestled within a very private gated community is this Key West estate.
- Gorgeous setting on **over 5 acres**. Professionally landscaped to perfection.
- Large open floor plan. Huge deck space, oak flooring, granite countertops.
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